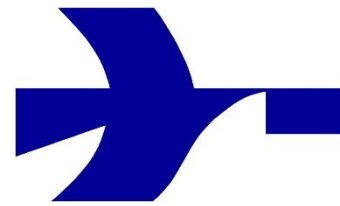


Report on the 50th Governing Board Meeting

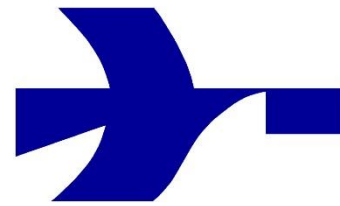
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**ASIAN-PACIFIC POSTAL UNION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
22 July 2020 , Online Session**



Introduction

- **50th APPC Governing Board meeting was held on 15 June - an online session**
- **Seven members participated - Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Pakistan and Thailand (Philippines and Sri Lanka were not present)**
- **The meeting was chaired by Mr Phuwiang Prakhammin, Deputy Permanent Secretary, MDES**
- **Bureau was represented by Mr. Lin Hongliang, Secretary of the Governing Board, and Ms Kwanjai Kajornwuttideth, Manager, Administration and APPU Affairs**



APPC's Activities for 2019 (1)

1. Staff changes in 2019

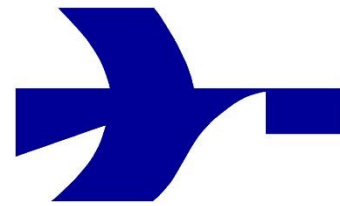
- 2 lecturers were recruited in 2019 - Ms Yu Yan and Ms Padma Mishra
- 1 lecturer, Mr. Anucha Soonglertsongpha, completed service in August 2019
- Office Assistant, Mr. Thornthan, resigned and was replaced by Mr. Ekkachai

2. Training Section Activity

- The Training Section conducted 15 courses and 13 workshops, 3 External Training Programmes, 2 special programmes, 4 UPU workshops, and hosted 2 UNI-Apro workshops.

3. Fellowship donors

- The meeting expressed warm appreciation to the generous donors and members - Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, UPU, La Poste France, Deutsche Post, Swiss Post
 - Fellowships partially or fully funded 169 participants for a total of 606 training-weeks
 - The value of fellowship funds received was 11.9 million Baht.



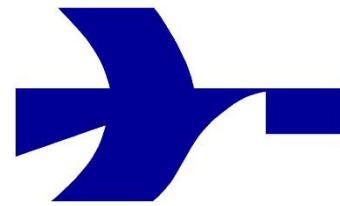
APPC's Activities for 2019 (2)

4. Participation at College

- Actual attendance at the College in 2019 exceeded initial allocations for both fellowship seats and self-funded seats.
 - fellowship seats were up 97% against allocation;
 - self-funded seats were up 12%.
- The meeting acknowledged the strong financial support of:
 - India, Indonesia, Korea and Thailand for the self-funded outcome
 - and the UPU for the fellowship outcome.

5. Consultants

- Extensive use made of consultants - 39 people in total, the main providers being
 - Thailand – 9
 - UPU – 8



Audit, 2020 Financials, Business Plan

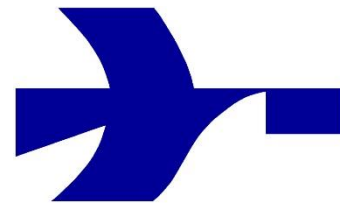
Audit

- 2019 Auditor's report 2019 was noted without comment
- College recorded a profit before unrealised items of 325,084 Baht.
- Appointment of Auditor for 2021 - the current Auditor, Kidkeng, will continue next year if services continue to be satisfactory.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for 2020

- 2020 income and expenditure in Doc 5 was noted as now being superseded by revised material in Doc 10
- This was due to the business situation of the Training Section changing significantly after Doc 5 was originally drafted.

Business Plan for 2021-2023 was noted without comment.



2021 Plan and Budget, Projects, Foreign Exchange Mgmt

2021 Plan and Budget

- The College will run 16 courses and 11 workshops
- A loss of 6.2 million Baht is forecast (already factored into the Training Section Reserve Fund).

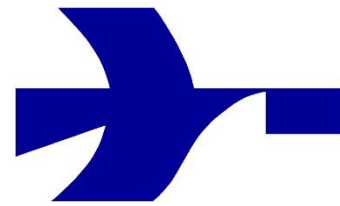
Projects

- 50th Anniversary of the College – activities are on schedule. However, a decision to proceed with the event due to COVID-19 will be made at the end of June.
- Renovation of the Bureau was on track but a decision to be made by the Board might affect timing and funds available
- Bureau IT Upgrade was at the Business Case stage and not yet submitted for approval.

Foreign Exchange Management

The Bureau will proceed with a proposal that should resolve this ongoing issue of in unbudgeted losses and gains on foreign exchange.

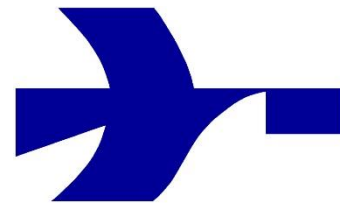
Updated Financial Position (1)



Doc 10 and its four Annexes – the most important subject for the meeting

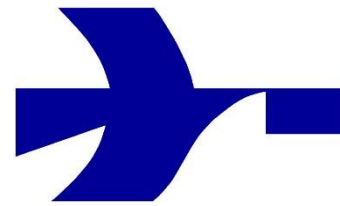
- They addressed the business situation of the College in 2020 and 2021 as a result of COVID-19 – essentially a revised plan and budget to survive the pandemic
- The Governing Board made the following decisions, without comment, on various points and proposals in Doc 10 and its Annexes.
 - (i) Noted the change in business conditions that have led to the updated financial position being presented.
 - (ii) Noted the financial details of the business option “Reassessment 3” that the Bureau proposes following.
 - (iii) Noted that the business option proposed is not without risk.
 - (iv) Further noted that mitigation of the risk is for greater certainty to be brought to the balance of revenue required in 2020 for “Reassessment 3” to work as planned.

Updated Financial Position (2)



- (v) **Approved** the risk-mitigation recommendation for the Bureau to supply the GB with greater certainty of funding of the estimated 5,195,033 Baht being obtained to ensure “Reassessment 3” works as planned in 2020.
- (vi) **Noted** that the Bureau has already secured over 11 million Baht in special funding lines for 2020.
- (vii) **Noted** that the Bureau has made adjustments to EC-approved expenditure.
- (viii) **Noted** that the overall thrust of the Bureau in 2020 is a three-point strategy to manage the TSRF to:
 - provide support to the Training Section for continuity of operation;
 - fund reduced investment in priority projects approved by the EC; and
 - maintain the fund balance above the minimum financial level required thus avoiding a call on funds from members during 2020 and 2021.

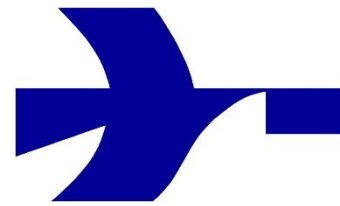
Updated Financial Position (3)



- (ix) **Noted** that, based on the securing of special funding lines in 2020 and adjustments to expenditure, the TSRF:
- can continue to operate at its current minimum financial level required of 6,405,000 Baht (US\$210,000); and
 - will not require any replenishment funds in the 2021 Training Section budget.
- (x) **Noted** that concurrent action in the HLSD assignment will focus on financial issues and opportunities for the College that will address residual or carryover issues from 2020 to 2021 for the College.

The Board also **noted**:

- (i) A request from Thailand for consideration to be given to a business funding option that would have no project expenditure as its main feature. The Bureau undertook to produce this and include it with the meeting documentation; and
- (ii) Comment from Pakistan about the need to be very careful with the use of the Reserve Fund.



Appreciation and Recommendation to EC

Appreciation

- The final action of the Board was to note Doc 11 – this was a
 - consolidated statement of the various contributions made by members, partners, and stakeholders to the operation of the College
 - in 2019, the value of such contributions was quantified as around 20.500 million Baht
 - the meeting concurred in its appreciation for the continued generosity of the parties concerned.

Recommendation to EC

- The Board recommends that the EC notes the Board's report.