



Welcome to the bright and challenging new year 2021. The world will not be returned to the pre-pandemic status quo in the immediate future.

In the mean time, the “new normal” will continue until either the rest of the world gets the virus under control, or when a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine will be made available and distributed to everyone.

We are hopeful and confident that UPU will be conducting the 27th UPU Congress by end of August 2021 and APPU will be conducting the 13th APPU Congress in 2022.

Special APPC GB meeting



A special APPC GB meeting was conducted on Tuesday 22 December 2020 at 10:00 Bangkok time at APPC auditorium chaired by Dr Phuwieng Prakhammintara, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Digital Economy and Society (MDES), Thailand.

The meeting was attended physically by Mr LIN Hongliang, Secretary General of APPU, Ms Kwanjai Kajornwuttideth, Manager of Administration and APPU affairs, together with the staff from MDES.

The representative from the GB member countries, namely, Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Srilanka, and Mr Mark Lawley, APPU Consultant were attended the meeting virtually via Zoom.

The meeting discussed the financial position of APPC, the operational and financial impact due to COVID-19, the financial support of GB members and donors enabled the College to continue operating in 2020 and the proposed two scenarios of the income and expenditure budget for 2021 with the consideration of the prolong COVID-19.

The meeting noted the fee for physical training had been used due to the absence of fee for online training in 2020 and approved the 2021 tuition fee which included an online fee set at a discount rate of 33.33% of the physical training fee for courses and workshops.

The tuition fee for 2021 for member for physical training per week is USD 750 per person and for online training per week is 500 USD per person.

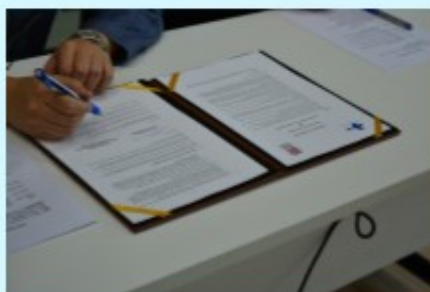


APPU / Uni-Apro Signing Ceremony

Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU) and Uni Global Union Asia & Pacific (Uni Apro) signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) virtually via Zoom on 11 December 2020.

The MOU signing ceremony began at 10 AM Bangkok, 11 AM in Singapore, 12 PM in Tokyo and 4 AM in Switzerland. It was interpreted by Ms Shiho Kawamura, English-Japanese interpreter.

The MOU for three years was signed by Mr LIN Hongliang, Secretary General of APPU and Mr Mitsugi Masuda, President of Uni Apro Post & Logistics and President of JPGU of Japan.



Witnessed by Ms Kwanjai Kajornwuttideth, Manager Administration and APPU Affairs, Asian Pacific Postal Union Bureau, Mr Rajendra Acharya, UNI Apro Regional Secretary, Ms Cornelia Berger, Head of UNI Post and Logistics and Ms Yoko Ogawa, Director of UNI Apro Post and Logistics.



Upcoming APPC IOTP Workshops

Due to the travel restriction caused by COVID-19 pandemic, it is impossible to conduct any physical workshop safely for the members. APPC is going to conduct 6 IOTP workshops in the first quarter in 2021 which are supported by UPU and funded by China.

The IOTP workshops for Q1 2021 are:

Strategic Marketing Management (SMM)	25 to 29 Jan 2021
Leadership Management (LM)	25 to 29 Jan 2021
Last Mile Delivery and Fulfilment (LMDF)	8 to 12 Mar 2021
Quality Management for Service Excellence (QMSE)	8 to 12 Mar 2021
Strategy to adapt in the "New Normal" (SNN)	15 to 19 Mar 2021
Setting Service Standards	15 to 19 Mar 2021





Upcoming APPC Courses

The training courses for Q1 2021 are:

Advanced Business Management (ABM)	18 Jan – 5 Feb 2021
Service Quality Management (SQM)	18 Jan – 5 Feb 2021
Parcel & Logistics Management (PLM)	1 Mar – 26 Mar 2021
Operations Management (OMC)	1 Mar – 26 Mar 2021



UPU Held Key Meeting during COVID-19 Pandemic

To fulfil its mandate of helping to improve postal activities worldwide, the Universal Postal Union (UPU) held two essential meetings at its headquarters in Bern, Switzerland in December 2020.

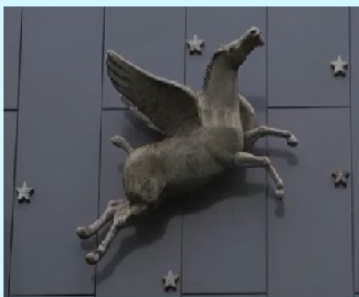
From 1 - 2 December, the UPU's Postal Operations Council (POC), consisting of a chair and 40 member countries, met to discuss how posts could modernize and upgrade their postal products and services. The body met biannually and made recommendations to member countries on the delivery of uniform postal practices.

From 3 - 4 December, the UPU's Council of Administration (CA) met. The CA was responsible for the continuity of the UN specialized agency's work between postal Congresses, held every four years. During its biannual meetings, the CA approved the UPU's budget and coordinates assistance between its member countries.



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Update of 27th Universal Postal Congress



Due to COVID-19 pandemic, Universal Postal Union (UPU) has agreed to postpone its 27th Universal Postal Congress which was set to be held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire from 10-28 August 2020 to August 2021.

The CA also agreed to review the progress of the preparation for the Congress in their forthcoming meetings in December 2020 and April 2021. If CA by 30 June 2021 concludes the event cannot be held at the designated place and dates due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Congress will be moved to Switzerland.

For update and further information, you may access the following link.

<https://www.upu.int/en/Universal-Postal-Union/About-UPU/Bodies/Congress>