

REPORT OF THE ASIAN-PACIFIC POSTAL COLLEGE GOVERNING BOARD

The 45th Asian-Pacific Postal College (APPC) Governing Board Meeting was held on 24 March 2015. It was attended by 11 member countries namely Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, New Zealand, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Mrs. Songporn Komolsuradej, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology of Thailand: Chairperson of the Governing Board, Mr. Lin Hongliang: Director of APPU Bureau and Ms. Araya Prasittiboon: Manager Administration and APPU Affairs were present.

Mrs. Songpornin her opening address welcomed members and mentioned that Mr. Lin Hongliang, Director of APPU Bureau would continue with the 3-year business plan aiming at improving the quality of training services. The Business plan has yielded the tangible outcome through an increase in self-funded seats. She sought the support to this plan and announced that the Royal Thai Government would continue contributing Baht 2,000,000 to the APPC. She urged member countries to make best use of the College. She also thanked and urged member countries to contribute more, in cash or in kind so that the College could provide larger number of fellowships to postal managers from LDCs in the region.

The Meeting took note of the APPC's Activities in 2014 and agreed the following:

1. The Auditor's report for the year 2014 was presented and approved;
2. The Meeting agreed to appoint IAC Audit Limited as the Bureau's auditor for year 2015 at the auditing fee of Baht 40,000 for APPC and Baht 30,000 for APPU;
3. The Meeting endorsed in principle the Business Plan of APPC (2016-2018);
4. The Meeting approved 15 courses and 10 special programmes to be conducted in 2016.
5. The Meeting approved the 2016 APPC budget;
6. The Meeting took note of the financial position of APPC. The contribution fixed for the GB members has remained constant for some years now. In view of inflation and rising cost, India suggested that APPC may come up with a proposal to increase cash contribution. The Asian-Pacific Postal College will make a proposal to the effect in the GB meeting next year.
7. The Governing Board took note of the extensive discussion on the issue of retirement based loan program which started in 2012. The meeting directed the Director of APPC to stop the practice immediately as it was not provided for under the staff regulations or the financial rules of APPC. It was agreed that the College will seek an external legal adviser on this matter to ensure the concerning matter is in line with the law and accordingly Director APPC should come up with a proposal to retire the loan. A decision in the matter should be taken by circulation.

8. India Post pointed out that the income from training fee has been running down in the recent years and it is because of reduction of international staff-Lecturers at APPC from 5 to 4 to 3 to 2. The College gets its income mainly from training fee and therefore APPC should try and increase the number of lecturers. Specialized lecturers will also help to fulfill its obligation of providing information and consultancy services to the members.
9. Thailand Post kindly offered to waive the rental fee of Baht 1,500,000 for 2016 and it is 9 consecutive years.