

## **REPORT OF THE ASIAN-PACIFIC POSTAL COLLEGE GOVERNING BOARD**

The 46<sup>th</sup> Asian-Pacific Postal College (APPC) Governing Board Meeting was held on 16 May 2016. It was attended by 11 member countries namely Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, New Zealand, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Mr. Virasak Kittivat, Principal Advisor for Foreign Affairs of the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology of Thailand: Acting Chairman of the Governing Board, Mr. Lin Hongliang: Director of APPU Bureau and Ms. Araya Prasittiboon: Manager Administration and APPU Affairs were present.

Representatives from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, La Poste-France and Deutsche Post were also present at the Meeting as observers.

Mr. Virasak Kittivat, in his 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. He sought the support to this plan and announced that the Royal Thai Government would continue contributing Baht 2,000,000 to the APPC. He urged member countries to make best use of the College. He also thanked and urged member countries to contribute more, in cash or in kind so that the College could provide larger member of fellowships to postal managers from LDCs in the region.

1. The Meeting took note of the Report on APPC's activities for the year 2015 as follows:
  - 1.1 Mr. Anucha Soonglertsongpha of Thailand will complete his service on 17 August 2016. His contract will be extended for another year.
  - 1.2 Mr. Amitabh Singh of India Post will complete his service on 10 December 2016. His contract will be extended for another year.
  - 1.3 Ms. Araya Prasittiboon will complete her extension service on 31 December 2016. Her successor will start on 1 November 2016.
  - 1.4 In 2015, a total of 15 training courses were conducted with 198 participants. Moreover 10 ETP were carried out for 195 participants.
  - 1.5 Three special programs were conducted namely Equalization on Universal Service for State Post Bureau of China, Express Management Course for Chinese Express Association, and Accrual Accounting Course for India Post.
  - 1.6 Five UPU workshops were conducted and attended by 112 participants.
  - 1.7 In 2015 the College received the services of the visiting consultants from Thailand Post, Japan Post, UPU IB, RTCAP, Deutsche Post, Escher Group, La Poste-France, ITU and Silapakorn University. The college is thankful for their contribution.
  - 1.8 The College's vision on "Educate Inspire Motivate has been acknowledged by participants who attended the regular training courses.

2. The outcome of the Meeting can be summarised as follows:
  - 2.1 The Auditor's report for the year 2015 was presented and approved;
  - 2.2 The Meeting agreed to appoint IAC Audit Limited as the Bureau's auditor for year 2017 at the auditing fee of Baht 42,000 for APPC and Baht 32,000 for APPU;
  - 2.3 The Meeting endorsed in principle the Business Plan of APPC (2017-2019);
  - 2.4 The Meeting approved 15 courses and 10 special programmes to be conducted in 2017;
  - 2.5 The Meeting approved the 2017 APPC budget;
  - 2.6 Thailand Post kindly offered to waive the rental fee of Baht 1,500,000 for 2017 and it is 10 consecutive years;
  - 2.7 An external legal adviser concluded that the issue of retirement based loan program which started in 2012 became the problem of the administration of the Bureau rather than the problem on unlawful acts.