



## Golden Jubilee of APPC

APPC celebrated her solemn 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary online via Zoom on 10 September 2020 from 13:30 – 14:45 Bangkok time.

The celebration was officially opened by Mr LIN Hongliang of APPU. He welcomed the distinguished guests, APPU members and partners who were attending the 50<sup>th</sup>-anniversary celebration online and those who were physically present at the APPC auditorium from the representatives of MDES, THP, UPU, APT, WCO and ITU.

Namely, Dr Phuwieng Prakhammintara, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Digital Economy and Society (MDES), Ms Ariya Thongbai, Senior Executive Vice President, Thailand Post (THP), Mr LIU Zhonglin, Regional Project Coordinator, Universal Postal Union (UPU), Ms Areewan Haorangsri, Secretary General, Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT), Mr Norikazu Kuramoto, Head of the Asia Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building, World Customs Organization (WCO) and Mr Ashish Narayan, Programme Coordinator, International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Regional Office for Asia and Pacific.



Dr Phuwieng Prakhammintara



Ms Ariya Thongbai



Ms Areewan Haorangsri



Mr LIU Zhonglin



Mr Ashish Narayan



Mr Norikazu Kuramoto



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It began with a short video of 7 minutes and 47 seconds produced by the staff of APPU, especially for this special occasion. It served as the time machine to bring everyone into the journey of APPC travelled through the past 50 years in every blink.

From Asian Oceanic Postal Training School (AOPTS) founded in 1970, renamed to Asian-Pacific Training Centre (APPTC) in 1981, and renamed to the present Asian-Pacific Postal College (APPC) in 2001.

It followed by the invited speakers who were speaking on this special memorable celebration. They were founders of APPC, previous lecturers, visiting lecturers and participants including member of APPC GB and our valuable supportive partners.

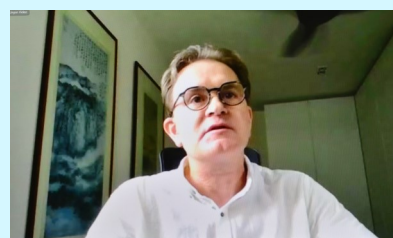
They were Dr Phuiwieng Prakhammintara, Deputy Permanent Secretary from MDES, Mr Masahiko Metoki, Senior Vice President for International Affairs from Japan Post, Mr Carl Schelfhaut, Head of Corporate Deutsche Post International for the Asian Pacific Region, Mr T S Sinha, Coordinator, Asia-Pacific and South-South Cooperation from UPU IB, Dr ZHAO Shuanliang, the Vice President from Shijiazhuang Posts and Telecommunication Technical College, Mr Derek Osborn, APPC Visiting Course Director, Mr Vira Timbachi, Acting CEO from Vanuatu Post Limited and Mr Prannoy Sharma, Deputy Director General of International Relations & Global Business from India Post.



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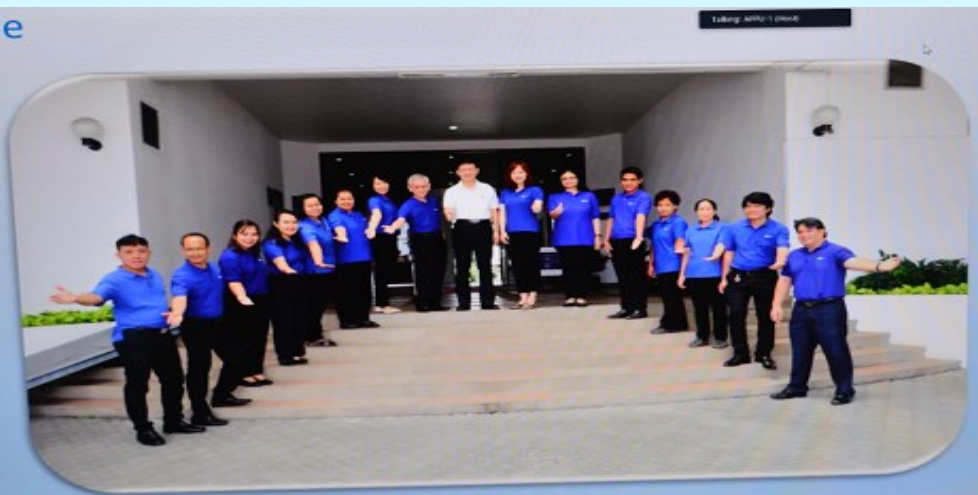






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### Our people



Continued with the slide show presentation prepared by the APPU staff before the closing of the celebration gave the audience a glimpse of the facilities of APPC and the hidden side of its staff.



It ended traditionally with the singing of birthday song and cutting of birthday cake.

See you all next time at APPC. Bye-bye.







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## UPU



Due to the global spread of COVID-19, the UPU and the Government of Côte d'Ivoire have decided to postpone the 27th Universal Postal Congress. New dates will be proposed once it is felt that the event can be held safely.

UPU will be organized an exceptional session of UPU CA meeting physically on 26 October 2020 in Berne, Switzerland with the possibility of remote representation of CA members and observers

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

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

## APPU



APPC has rescheduled the following training courses to be conducted interactive online tentatively for the rest of the year.

Human Resource Management (HRM)	19 Oct - 30 Oct 2020
Marketing and Innovation for Posts (MIP)	19 Oct - 13 Nov 2020
Postal Management (PMC)	19 Oct - 20 Nov 2020
International Postal Services (IPS)	23 Nov - 18 Dec 2020
Express Mail Service (EMS)	30 Nov - 18 Dec 2020
International Mail Accounting (IMA)	30 Nov - 18 Dec 2020







## The Journey of APPC

*Asian Pacific Postal College (APPC) was established with assistance from UPU and contribution from UNDP in the form of expert/consultant services, fellowships and equipment. The Government of Thailand generously provided the necessary premises for APPC.*

### Founded in 1970

The Asian Pacific Postal College (APPC) was formally known as Asian and Oceanic Postal Training School (AOPTS). It was established on 10 September 1970 in Bangkok following the resolution adopted by the first Congress of the Asian-Oceanic Postal Union (AOPU), held in Manila in December 1965, which recommended the establishment of a Regional Postal Training School for middle-grade postal staff.

The recommendation was followed up by the central office of the AOPU and the Universal Postal Union (UPU), which requested the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to assist in setting up the School.



Phase I of the project (1970-1974), the training programme consisted essentially of postal management courses for middle-grade staff.

The project was approved by the UNDP Governing Council in 1970. A plan of operation was signed in the same year by the participating governments. They were Indonesia, Philippines, Republic of Korea and Thailand. But AOPTS was providing training services to all the countries throughout the region. Thailand offered to host the School at Bangkok.

The first course was designed for high-level education so that its certificates were comparable to a Master Degree. The first course conducted at AOPTS was the Postal Management Course (PMC) with the duration of 12 months, and attended by 32 participants from 4 countries, namely, China (Taipei), Korea (Rep. of), Philippines and Thailand.

Experience gained in the first phase of the project suggested the need to train senior managerial staff as well, and to diversify the School's training programme to include all sectors of postal activity.

Phase II of the project (1975 - 1977) was approved in October 1974 to expand its activities by organizing, in addition to postal management courses for middle-level staff, specialization courses for all interested postal administrations in the region.

UNDP/UPU institutional support to the School was terminated in 1977. It was the responsibility of the AOPU of which it became an organ in May 1977. Nevertheless, the assistance of UPU and the co-operation of UNDP continued.



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### Renamed in 1981

The name of AOPTS was changed to Asian-Pacific Postal Training Centre (APPTC) by AOPU Congress in 1981 in Jogjakarta, Indonesia. The AOPTS was then moved from city to Laksi (Bangkok) in the new buildings provided by the host country.



In 1981, it argued that the duration of PMC was too long. The one-year course reduced to 6 months and the content narrowed down to concentrate only on postal topics. PMC is reduced to 6 weeks now.



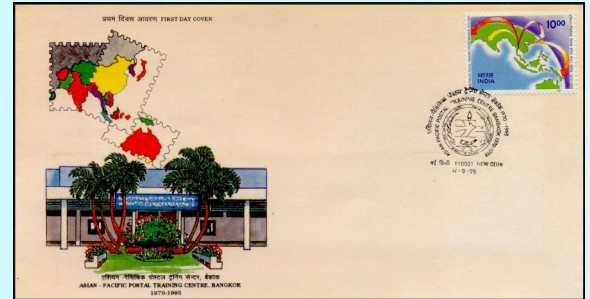
APPTC had renamed as Asian-Pacific Postal College (APPC) in year 2001 when the Central Office of APPU moved from Manila, Philippines to Bangkok, Thailand.

Up to the end of 2019, the total number of participants trained by APPC is 7772. The number of courses conducted by APPC has been increased averagely to 15.





## The Journey of APPC



### Beyond 2020

Besides the regular training courses, APPC is conducting special workshops and programmes training regularly to meet the challenge in the rapid changing postal business environment and the change of postal regulations every four years after the UPU Congress. APPC also offers on-site External Training Programs (ETP) at member country upon request.

Though APPC is facing the same threat and disruption of COVID-19 that everyone is facing. APPC has responded to conduct its training programmes online with the strong support from APPU member countries and partners.

APPC must continue to stay relevant and to keep herself viable and sustainable in the accelerating rapidly changing logistic and mail industry. The training programme of APPC is focusing on the trends of the postal market, globalization, e-commerce, e-substitution and digitalization. It demonstrates in the vision of APPC.

The vision for the Asian-Pacific Postal College is moving from [Educate, Inspire, Motivate] to [Motivate, Connect, Innovate].



Aims to be a highly valued centre of excellence for all postal and related training for the Asia Pacific region and beyond. APPC inspires all attendees to the college through practical and innovative training methods to meet the future challenges with the new vision of *Motivate, Connect and Innovate*.

We often wondering how many Jubilee can we celebrate in our lifetime.

For APPC, we are looking forward to her Diamond Jubilee celebration.

*Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary APPC.*







## The Directors of APPC



**Mr. Sa-Arn Disyaput**  
1 July 1970 – 31 May 1977



**Mr. Chirayus Kanchanindu**  
1 June 1977 – 31 December 1985



**Mr. Kanes Schmarakkul**  
1 January 1986 – 31 December 1989



**Ms. Sumana Pavarajarn**  
1 January 1990 – 30 September 1993



**Mr. Thawin Bunmark**  
1 October 1993 – 8 January 1996



**Ms. Joan C. Coulter**  
8 January 1996 – 31 December 1998



**Mr. Gordon R. Maher**  
1 January 1999 – 31 December 2005



**Mr. Somchai Reopanichkul**  
1 January 2006 – 31 December 2013



**Mr. Lin Hongliang**  
1 January 2014 -

