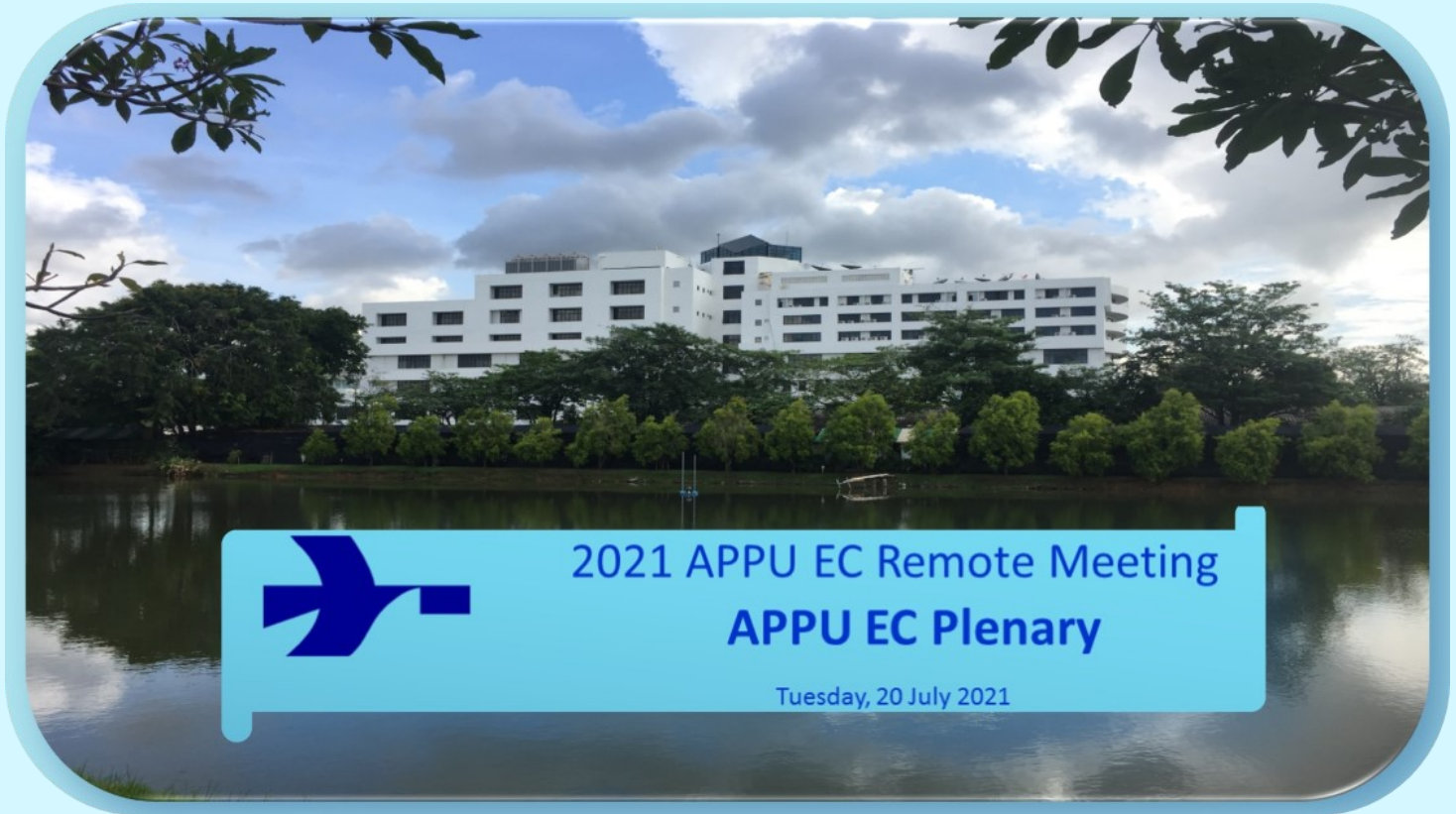




Update of APPU EC 2021

The APPU EC 2021 meeting is organized virtually. The date of the EC 2021 Plenary meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, 20th July 2021. It would be a session of report presentations from various Committees, Working Groups and individual parties. The various meetings have been started via Zoom on 21st June 2021.



The schedule of APPU EC 2021 meeting is as follow.

APPC Governing Board	21 June 2021	13:30-15:30
Finance Committee*	22 June 2021	13:30-15:30
Physical Services Working Group	23 June 2021	13:30-15:00
Market Development and E-Services Working Group	28 June 2021	13:30-15:00
Supply Chain Integration Working Group	29 June 2021	13:30-15:00
APPU/UPU Reform Working Group	30 June 2021	13:30-15:30
APP General Assembly	05 July 2021	13:30-15:30
Postal Financial Services Working Group	06 July 2021	13:30-15:00
UPU CA Matters Working Group	07 July 2021	13:30-15:00
2021 APPU EC Plenary	20 July 2021	12:00-16:30

*Finance Committee members only.



Upcoming APPC Courses

The training courses for July to August 2021 are:

E-Business and Technology (EBT)	28 June - 16 July 2021
Digital Financial Services (DFS)	28 June - 16 July 2021
Marketing and Innovation for Posts (MIP)	16 Aug - 10 Sep 2021
Postal Management (PMC)	16 Aug - 17 Sep 2021



Upcoming APPC IOTP Workshops

APPC is organizing 7 IOTP workshops which are supported by UPU in the second and third quarter of 2021. The upcoming IOTP workshops are as follow:

Corporate Level E-commerce Strategy Workshop	23 to 27 August 2021
Leadership and Innovation Management	23 to 27 August 2021



Update of 27th Universal Postal Congress



Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the 27th Universal Postal Congress would now be held from 9 to 27 August 2021 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire located on the south coast of West Africa.

The CA meetings in April 2021 proposed the legal, logistical, technological and other arrangements including "Plan B" that would be required to host the 27th Congress with the possibility of remote representation.

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





Last-Mile Delivery: Introducing PostPal, SingPost's smart letterbox



Singapore Post (SingPost) had launched a one-year public trial of its PostPal next-generation smart letterboxes as part of its Future of Post vision since December 2020. SingPost has seen an increase in productivity for its postmen since the trial was launched in December last year.

PostPal is an upgrade from the traditional letterboxes in terms of functionality as well as aesthetics deployed in high-rise residential buildings.

Each PostPal machine will store mail for an entire housing block, with items auto-sorted into storage slots. The letterboxes include customizable storage modules that can be easily adjusted to the mail profile of individual residential blocks. For example, smaller modules can be replaced with larger ones that can hold larger postal packages if the block sees consistently high e-commerce volumes, or during the year-end online sales peak season.

Each PostPal letterbox is equipped with an auto-sorting machine capable of accurately arranging and storing mail for individual residences. This minimizes misdeliveries due to human error while relieving the postman's daily burden.

Please refer to the following URL link to find out more.

<https://www.singpost.com/postpal>

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/consumer/smart-letterboxes-to-be-trialled-at-2-hdb-blocks-in-clementi>

<https://youtu.be/7NKSImr5rdc>