

## **SUMMARY REPORT OF APPC GB**

### *Paper by the Chairman of APPC GB*

1. Since the 11<sup>th</sup> APPU Congress held in New Delhi in 2013, four meetings of the Asian-Pacific Postal College Governing Board (APPC GB) had been convened. These meetings were held at Colombo in 2014, Islamabad in 2015, Langkawi in 2016 and Tehran in 2017. The main thrust of the APPC GB meetings since the last Congress was to ensure that APPC becomes more relevant to the postal administrations of the region and financially self-sustained. It is worth to note that that during the last four years, the APPC has excellent performance in generating a surplus or excess income of Baht 13,659,391.54. The amount has been accumulated in the Reserve Fund.
2. The 44<sup>th</sup> APPC GB Meeting was held on 15 September 2014 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. It was attended by 10 member countries. During the meeting, India Post suggested that due to the financial constraints faced by the College may be met by increasing the cash contribution that has remaining the same for many years. The meeting took note of APPC's activities, endorsed the business plan and approved the 2015 budget.
3. The 45<sup>th</sup> APPC GB Meeting was held on 24 March 2015 in Islamabad, Pakistan. It was attended by 11 member countries. It was pointed out by India Post that the income from training fee has been running down in the recent years. Therefore, APPC should try and increase the number of lecturers.
4. The 46<sup>th</sup> APPC GB Meeting was held on 16 May 2016 in Langkawi, Malaysia. The meeting was attended by 11 member countries. The College's vision on 'Educate, Inspire, Motivate' has been acknowledged. The meeting noted that the external legal adviser concluded the issue on retirement-based loan program that it was the problem of administration of the Bureau rather than the unlawful acts.
5. The 47<sup>th</sup> APPC GB Meeting was held on 3 July 2017 in Tehran, Iran alongside the 12<sup>th</sup> APPU Congress. A detailed report of the 47<sup>th</sup> APPC GB appears as Annex 1 to this document.

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

The 47<sup>th</sup> Asian-Pacific Postal College (APPC) Governing Board Meeting was held on 3 July 2017. It was attended by 10 member countries out of 11 members, namely China, Japan, Korea, India, Pakistan, the Philippines, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Thailand. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Virasak Kittiwat, Principal Advisor for Foreign Affairs of the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society of Thailand, Acting Chairman of the Governing Board. Mr. Lin Hongliang, and Ms. Penchan Manawanitkul represented the APPU Bureau.

Representatives from Iran, Swiss Post, La Poste, APP and RTCAP also observed the Meeting.

Mr. Virasak, in his opening remarks, welcomed the participants to the meeting. The Chair expressed his appreciation to Mr. Lin's leadership in making APPC profitable and sustainable despite the current economic circumstances. The Chair also urged member countries to keep nominating participants, particularly on self-funded basis, to the courses and workshops currently offered by the APPC; and sought continued support from strategic partners, both in fellowship grants and lending the experts to the College.

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1. The meeting noted the developments and changes in personnel-related matters as reported by the Secretary as follows:
  - Two Lecturers namely: Mr. Anucha Soonglertsongpha, from Thailand Post, will complete his term in August 2017; while Mr. Amitabh Singh, from India Post, will complete his service with APPC in December 2017.
  - Ms. Penchan Manawanitkul, who succeeded Ms. Araya Prasittiboon, reported to work as Manager Administration & APPU Affairs since 1 November 2016.
2. The meeting took note of the following key APPC's activities for the year 2016:
  - a. The College organized 15 courses and 7 special programmes.
  - b. Special training programmes were conducted at the requests of State Post Bureau of China, China Express Association and India Post (2 batches), and Qatar Post (3 batches).
  - c. 2016 witnessed another year of great success of the APPU Business Forum. The Forum was participated by 18 officials from 8 member countries.
    - a. The overall performance was well beyond the planned target with self-funded seats attendance of 109 seats, or a 10% increase compared to 99 seats as planned.
    - b. The impressive results were primarily due to special support from UPU, visiting lecturers. outreach programmes to APPU as well as non-APPU member countries and the continual success of the APPU Postal Business Forum.
    - c. The College engaged Consultants, Guest Lecturers, Speakers and resources persons to share technical knowledge, best practices and experience to inspire participants with practical business vision at the regular courses, workshops, seminar and business forum.

3. According to the audited financial statements for the year ended 2016:
  - a. APPC recorded 'income over expenditure' amounting to Baht 4.19 million, or a 40% decrease from that of 2015 (Baht 7.02 million). This was primarily due to significant increase in expenditure namely airfare and subsistence allowance, and loss on exchange rate.
  - b. On the 'Statement on the Proposed Use of 2017 Fellowship Grant', Australia pointed out that the fellowship grants by Australia on document page 29 should be recorded as 'received'. This was noted and will be corrected by the Bureau accordingly.
4. Mr. Lin drew attention on key challenges facing by the APPC namely (i) limited lecturers; limited; (ii) outdated training facilities and dormitory; (iii) duration of the courses, which is now considered as key constraint for postal operators to nominate personnel to travel overseas to attend the courses; and (iv) difficulties in attracting high to middle level personnels to attend the courses at APPC.
5. India raised some concerns over the lean structure of the APPC i.e. only 2 full-time lecturers. India further stated that APPC would play key roles in strengthening human capital in the region, and that having part-time lecturer will have limitations.
6. Faculty of Applied Sciences of Post and Telecommunication, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology delivered a presentation on capability and experience of the ICT Regional Training Centre. The Faculty look forward to establishing collaboration with the APPC and APPU in the areas of online e-learning courses and curriculum.
7. The outcomes of the meeting are summarized as follows:
  - a. The meeting approved the audited financial statements for the year ended 2016.
  - b. The meeting agreed to appoint IAC Audit Limited as the Bureau's auditor for the year 2018.
  - c. The meeting endorsed, in principle, the Business Plan of the APPC (2018 – 2020).
  - d. The meeting approved for the APPC to conduct 15 regular courses and 10 special training programs in 2017.
  - e. The meeting approved the 2018 APPC's budget.
  - f. The meeting expressed heartfelt thanks to Thailand Post for her generosity in waiving of rental fee amounting to THB 1,500,000 for the year 2017.
8. The meeting thanked Iran, as the Host, for their hospitality and excellent arrangements, and thanked APPU Bureau for excellent preparation for the meeting.

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