

2020 APQN New Year Greeting

December 24, 2019

Dear APQN members, dear colleagues and friends: HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On the occasion of New Year, we, APQN Board Directors, are extending our festival greetings and best wishes to 241 members from 42 countries/territories, extending our sincere appreciation and deep respect to those who care and support the sustainable development of APQN! We'd like to thank you for your continual support of our goal of "*Dissolving Boundaries for a Quality Region*" and our enhancement of "Quality Culture".

Bells are ringing. New Year is the cause for celebration and reflection. In the passing year, many things are worth mentioning:

One of the most important things is the 2019 APQN Academic Conference (AAC) and Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Colombo, Sri Lanka. In March, 151 participants from 30 countries/territories attended over 20 sessions to discuss the theme of "*Quality Assurance in the Asia-Pacific Region: Insight into the Future*", we enjoyed Quality Award Ceremony, Cultural Show and Excursion Tour to Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage....

One of the most memorable things is to release "*Brochure of APQN 15-year Anniversary (2003-2018)*" at 2019 AAC in Sri Lanka. Since its inception in 2003, APQN has been continuously fighting for its ultimate goal and mission for Quality Culture. To mark the important milestone, APQN united the founding fathers, pioneers and active members at this special occasion.

One of the most remarkable things is the Amendments of APQN Constitution (version 9.0). The main amendments include: 1) adding the member category of "Individual Member"; 2) adding APQN mission, value, vision and goal implemented for more than a decade; 3) adding the benefits of APQN members according to "*APQN Procedure Manual*", etc.

One of the most crucial things is to elect the 6th Board Directors and have the 4th host of APQN Secretariat. Jianxin Zhang from China, Galina Motova from Russia, Deepthi Bandara from Sri Lanka, I-Jung Grace Lu from Chinese Taipei, Farida Nurmanbetova from Kazakhstan are the Board Directors. Shanghai Education Evaluation Institute (SEEI) in China was the 4th host after HEEC of the Ministry of Education in China. We believe the new Directors and SEEI will give their dedication and commitment for APQN sustainable development.

The impressive things are APQN published "*Anthology of 2018 AAC: Capacity Building for Next Generation Quality Assurance in Higher Education*" , "*APQN Strategic Plan (2019-2022)*" , "*APQNews (Issue 19)*" and "*APQNews (Issue 20)*" ; *Asia-Pacific Quality Register (APQR) Review to MNCEA in Mongolia, ECAQA and IAAR in Kazakhstan, Asia-Pacific Quality Label (APQL) Review to Symbiosis International University on Internationalization in India...*

Dear all, the past 16 years was full of difficulties and challenges but APQN has achieved the vision of "being a self-sustaining Network". The future is a new path for APQN to enhance "Quality Culture". We believe, if we have a strong commitment to our goals and dreams, if we wake up every day with a passion to do our job, everything is possible!

On the New Year's Day, we sincerely wish all members "*Happy New Year*", 12 months of happiness and good health, 52 weeks of love and prosperity, 365 days of non-stopping health and fun. A new year brings new beginnings. See you in 2020 APQN Annual Conference in Singapore on April 16-19, 2020!

Sincerely yours:



APQN Board Directors: Jianxin Zhang, Galina Motova, Pingping Liu, Jagannath Patil, Deepthi C. Bandara, I-Jung Grace Lu, Farida Nurmanbetova