

2021 APQN New Year Greeting

December 24, 2020

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 242 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 coming. It's time for us to reflect the past year and to celebrate the new year. It is an unusual year in 2020 for all the persons in this planet as well as APQN, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Just as World Bank says "The pandemic has already had profound impacts on education by closing schools almost everywhere on the planet, in the largest simultaneous shock in our lifetimes." Due to the pandemic, APQN had to cancel 2020 AAC, 2020 AGM, 2020 Global Summit and other face-to-face activities.

Fortunately, under the leadership of the 6th Board, APQN carried on the following 6 activities: 1) from March to May: "Survey on the COVID-19 Impact in HEIs"; 2) from April to June: "Survey on the COVID-19 Impact in QAAs; 3) from June to July: interviews with 7 Board Directors on the COVID-19 impact on quality; 4) on July 28: the 8th online forum entitled "Influence of COVID-19 on HE Quality Assurance: the New Normal of Higher Education 4.0; 5) in July: "Survey on Effectiveness of On-line Teaching"; 6) during 25th to 2^{6th} November: "the 1^{2th} Higher Education International Conference(online) on Teaching and Learning Quality Assurance in HE under the Pandemic" held by MPI-APQN. Meanwhile, in January the APQR Panel reviewed Finance Accreditation Agency (FAA) which has been accepted onto the Register. APQN also published "APQNews (Issue 21)" and "APQNews (Issue 22)", and APQN Annual Report (2020) will be published very soon.

Dear all, the passing year was full of difficulties and challenges but APQN still sticks to its four principles- procedure-based, capacity building, self-reliance & information-sharing; and sustainable development for final goal. As we all know, The post-COVID-19 era 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. A new year brings new beginnings. See you in 2021 APQN Annual Conference in Singapore on November 16-20, 2021!

Sincerely yours,



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