



## Asia Pacific Quality Register (APQR website related at Macau)

*Dear Colleagues,*

We have great pleasure, to inform that official website of APQR (i.e. [www.apqr.co](http://www.apqr.co)) is formally released for the use of stakeholders in higher education quality assurance.



The formal release of website took place in presence of APQR founder Chairperson **Dr. Jagannath Patil**, Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN) President **Prof. Dr. Jianxin Zhang** and Macao Polytechnic Institute (MPI) Vice President **Prof. Marcus Im**, on the occasion of International Conference jointly organised by MPI and APQN at Macau during 23-24 November, 2016. APQR set up by APQN is a Register of external quality assurance agencies (QAAs) that demonstrated certain thresholds of maturity. An independent external review by peers would be the backbone of the APQR.

The Pilot review was conducted for the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council (QAAC) in Sri Lanka in June, 2012. The APQR document with a three year-long consultation with various stakeholders was released in special meeting at Macao during 22-23 January, 2015. Thus, APQR came into

effect from January 2015, and the first meeting of APQR Council was held in Kunming, China during 17-19 April, 2015. The first formal review for the APQR was conducted for the Fiji Higher Education Commission (FHEC) in Suva during 24-26 June, 2015.

The APQR Council nominated by APQN Board for 2016-2019 comprises following experts:

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After initial mentoring of APQR of 2-3 years it is expected that APQR would be an independent entity on lines of European Quality Assurance Register (EQAR). A good number of APQN members have expressed interest to undergo review by APQR and some applications are already under process. The Quality Assurance Agencies (QAAs) interested in International recognition are encouraged to join APQR.

For further details please visit APQR website ([www.apqr.co](http://www.apqr.co))

Best regards,

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