

2016 APQN Quality Awards

APQN Quality Awards were initiated in 2013 for those doing much more outstanding work individually, institutionally, as well as internationally, which was intended to identify and distinguish extraordinary or prominent QA contributions and good practices that have potential of replications in the Asia-Pacific area. This is the first year to use combination of popular votes and expert review to finalize the awards. 7 winners in five categories were finally selected. At the Awarding Ceremony in InterContinental Fiji Resort Golf & Spa, Natadola, Fiji in the evening of May 26, 2016, Dr. Jagannath Patil, APQN outgoing President expressed his sincere congratulations to all the winners and invited the distinguished guests on stage to award the trophies and certificates.

1.APQN's Best/Model Internal QA Award. This award is awarded to both American International University from Bangladesh and Riphah International University from Pakistan, which have committed to internal quality assurance mechanisms and quality culture building.

2. APQN Quality Champions Award. This award is awarded to Mr. Muhammad Ismail, Higher Education Commission (HEC) from Pakistan as expert within the region. He has made outstanding contributions in promoting quality and excellence of higher education nationally and internationally in his research achievements and leadership of QA activities.

3. APQN Cooperation in QA Award within the Region . This award is awarded to Yunnan Higher Education Evaluation Center (YHEEC) from China and Fiji Higher Education Commission from Fiji, which have engaged in successful cooperation with other agencies internationally to further cross-border education and quality assurance of international initiatives.

4. APQN Strengthening Quality Assurance as a Profession. This award is awarded to Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP) from Philippines, which has taken steps to strengthen quality assurance as a profession by various means such as contributing to formal qualifications in quality assurance, providing professional training, courses to staff for professional development, offering sabbatical to employees to gain formal qualifications in quality assurance, introducing short/ long courses for assessors/reviewers for empaneling on database etc. .

5. APQN International Cooperation in QA Award Outside the Region. This award is awarded to European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA), which has have engaged in successful cooperation with agencies and institutions within the Asia-Pacific region to further cross-border education and quality assurance of international initiatives.



Seven winners in five categories for 2016 APQN Awards were given at the Awarding Ceremony in InterContinental Fiji Resort Golf & Spa, Natadola, Fiji in the evening of May 26, 2016 (see the following table).

S/N.	Category	Winner
1	APQN's Best/Model Internal QA Award	1)American International University, Bangladesh 2)Riphah International University, Pakistan
2	APQN Quality Champions Award	Mr. Muhammad Ismail, Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan
3	APQN Cooperation in QA Award within the Region	1) Yunnan Higher Education Evaluation Center (YHEEC),China 2) Fiji Higher Education Commission(FHEC), Fiji
4	APQN Strengthening Quality Assurance as a Profession	Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP), Philippines
5	APQN International Cooperation in QA Award Outside the Region	European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA)
Total	5	7