



**PAC Mission:** *To represent the interests of Asia and Pacific economies nationally, regionally and internationally in the area of certification body accreditation and related activities, in support of APEC, IAF and WTO/TBT aims and objectives.*

## **PAC COMMUNIQUE – JUNE 2011**

**PAC 18<sup>th</sup> Plenary a Great Success:** The 18<sup>th</sup> Plenary meetings of PAC were held in Manila, Philippines from 11 to 18 June 2011. About 80 representatives from PAC Members, certification bodies, industry, fellow regional accreditation groups and other interested parties attended the meetings.

PAC extends a warm thank you to Philippine Accreditation Office (PAO) for their hard work, superb arrangements and warm hospitality in hosting the meetings at the Manila Hotel.

**Opening Ceremony and Seminar:** The Opening Ceremony was hosted by Philippine Accreditation Office (PAO) and included a spectacular welcome dance showing the history of the Philippines and its people since ancient times. A speech by Ms Zenaida Cuison Maglaya, Undersecretary for the Department of Trade and Industry was followed by the Seminar “*Accreditation and the PAC MLA - Anticipating Market Needs*” comprising an introduction to the three existing PAC MLAs, followed by four very interesting presentations covering the development of new MLAs in the areas of FSMS, ISMS, GHG and Persons.

Our thanks go to Philippine Accreditation Office for hosting the session and speakers: Ms Azusa Nakagawa-Inoue (JAB), Mr Fei Yang (CNAS), Ms Chikako Makino (JASC) and Dr Roy Swift (ANSI) for the presentations. The afternoon session broke into 4 working groups to discuss in more detail preparations for the launch of the four new MLA programs and further the development of documentation required by each of them. A final joint session reported the outcomes of each of the breakout groups.

**Technical Committee:** The PAC Technical Committee, Chaired by Mr. Ekanit Romyanon (NSC Thailand), met during the week to review progress since the 2010 meeting, including PAC working groups, IAF and CASCO projects. Issues included peer evaluation processes for the FSMS and ISMS MLAs, new projects identified by TC Chair and Vice Chair.

A proposal to submit a discussion paper for cross frontier accreditation to IAF TC was also considered. As a result, two new Task Forces were formed to further consider new PAC projects and cross frontier accreditation. Technical cooperation with other regional bodies such as the Inter-American Accreditation Cooperation (IAAC), Asia-Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) and European Cooperation for Accreditation (EA) was addressed.

It was announced that Mr Yoshi Kameyama, a convenor of Working Groups both on GD 3 and MS certification, would retire from JAB this October, and the PAC members were appreciative of his efforts and contributions to PAC TC as well as IAF TC activities.

**Training Activities:** PAC held three workshops during Plenary.

An Experienced Peer Evaluators' Workshop held during the meetings was well attended, with PAC peer evaluators reviewing statements of findings of PAC Peer Evaluations from the past year as well as the findings of IAF Peer Evaluators during their recent re-evaluation of PAC as a regional body. The session was convened by Mr Ekanit Romyanon (NSC Thailand) and Mr Brett Abraham (JAS-ANZ Australia and New Zealand).

A workshop on ISO/IEC 17021:2011 was also held during the week. This course was hosted by Mr Fei Yang (CNAS China) and Mr Alex Ezrakhovich (IIOC). The workshop focussed on competence of auditors and competent auditing, in addition to reviewing changes of ISO/IEC 17021:2011.

A workshop on Communication and the Promotion of Accreditation was also held during the week. This course was introduced by Mr Graham Talbot, the Chair of IAF CMC and ILAC MCC (UKAS England) and presented by Mr Jon Murthy (UKAS England). The workshop showcased the existing IAF promotional and communications tools available for use by members, a preview of future tools, and demonstrated ways of communicating to interested parties and promoting accreditation, which interested many participants in the Workshop.

**Developing Programs Committee:** This Committee Chaired by Mr B Venkataraman (NABCB India) also met during the week, and discussed training courses held since the last meeting as well as the training program for the next year. Training programs on Organic certification will be hosted in August by CNAS and in February 2012 by NABCB. These programs are funded by PTB. Ms. Anna Cypionka of Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB Germany) made a very interesting presentation on the operations of PTB.

A working group (WG) was also formed to develop a funding proposal for APEC SCSC to fund two training courses on GHG for late 2011 and early 2012. These courses would mirror the very successful workshops held in 2010 for the FSMS program, with one being for AB staff and one for CB staff. The WG hopes to submit its proposal in time for consideration at the third APEC meetings in San Francisco this September.

**Communications & Marketing Committee:** Dr Il-Geun Oh (KAB Korea) chaired this meeting, which discussed updating existing PAC promotional materials. A small WG was formed to progress the work of the CMC between meetings. Members noted that the PAC brochure and DVD should be updated and reissued as soon as possible after the meetings. The action plans for updating the brochure and DVD will be discussed by the WG and presented to the members later this year.

The PAC / APLAC / IAAC joint newsletter and the fourth newsletter of IAF will be published electronically in August and November respectively by the PAC CMC. Interested parties are welcome to contact the PAC Secretary to be added to the newsletter distribution list.

**PAC Membership:** PAC was pleased to welcome IA Japan as its latest Full Member and Bangladesh Accreditation Board (Bangladesh), Pusat Standard Kebangsaan (PSK) Brunei and International Organic Accreditation Service Inc. (IOAS) as an Associate Member during the Official Dinner held on 16 June. The number of PAC Members is currently 33, with 28 Full Members and 5 Associate Members.

**PAC Executive Committee:** Elections were held during the Plenary. Mr Vu Xuan Thuy (BoA, Vietnam) was elected as a Full Member representative on the Executive replacing Mr Xiao Jianhua (CNAS China) who had served the maximum allowable term. Members thanked Xiao for his contribution to the work of PAC since its inception. Mr Lane Hallenbeck (ANSI USA) was re-elected as a Full Member representative for a further 3-year term. Mr Mah Lok Abdullah (STANDARDS MALAYSIA) and Mr Timur Nurashv (NCA Kazakhstan) were also elected to the Financial Oversight Committee to fill the vacancies created by the resignations of Mr Jeff Chen (TAF Chinese Taipei) and Ms Rachada Isarasenarak (NSC Thailand). Members also thanked Jeff and Rachada for their work over the past two years.

**PAC MLA Activities:** The PAC MLA Management Committee (MLAMC) and MLA Group both met during the week to discuss issues related to the PAC Peer Evaluation process. Following a ballot, HKAS (Hong Kong) joined the PAC MLA for EMS and Product, and IAS (USA) and JAB (Japan) joined the PAC MLA for Product at a signing ceremony on 16 June.

- **Product:** There are currently 14 signatories of the PAC MLA for Product: JAS-ANZ (Australia and New Zealand), SCC (Canada), CNAS (PR China), KAS (Rep. of Korea), ema (Mexico), SAC (Singapore), TAF (Chinese Taipei), and ANSI (USA), KAN (Indonesia), STANDARDS MALAYSIA (Malaysia), NSC (Thailand), JAB (Japan), HKAS (Hong Kong) and IAS (USA).
- **Environmental Management Systems (EMS):** There are currently 13 signatories to the PAC MLA for EMS being: JAS-ANZ (Australia and New Zealand), SCC (Canada), CNAS (PR China), NABCB (India), KAN (Indonesia), JAB (Japan), KAB (Korea), STANDARDS MALAYSIA (Malaysia), ema (Mexico), PAO (Philippines), NSC (Thailand), TAF (Chinese Taipei) and HKAS (Hong Kong).
- **Quality Management Systems (QMS):** There are currently 15 signatories to the PAC MLA for QMS, being: JAS-ANZ (Australia & New Zealand), SCC (Canada), CNAS (PR China), HKAS (Hong Kong, China), NABCB (India), KAN (Indonesia), JAB (Japan), KAB (Korea), STANDARDS MALAYSIA (Malaysia), ema (Mexico), PAO (Philippines), SAC (Singapore), NSC (Thailand), TAF (Chinese Taipei) and BoA (Vietnam).

**Cooperation with international organizations:** PAC welcomed the Chair of EA, Mr Graham Talbot to the meetings, which were also attended by the APLAC Chair, Ms Chang Kwei-Fern and Secretary, Mr Michael Fraser. The revised MoU between PAC and APLAC was signed by APLAC and PAC Chair Mr Shinichi Iguchi at the welcome party on Monday night.

**Further information** on PAC and PAC activities is available on our Website – [www.apec-pac.org](http://www.apec-pac.org) or by contacting the PAC Secretary, Ms Belinda Mort at Ph +612 6345 5828 or email [pacsecr@email.com](mailto:pacsecr@email.com).

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KAN (Indonesia)	IAS (Iran)
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JASC (Japan)	JIPDEC (Japan)
NCA (Kazakhstan)	KAB (Korea)
KAS (Korea)	STANDARDS MALAYSIA (Malaysia)
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PAO (Philippines)	SAC (Singapore)
SLAB (Sri Lanka)	TAF (Chinese Taipei)
NSC (Thailand)	ANSI (USA)
IAS (USA)	BoA (Vietnam)

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AACBF (Asian Accredited Certification Bodies Federation)	IIOC (The Independent International Organisation for Certification)
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