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DRAFT REPORT

26TH MEETING OF APMP DEVELOPING ECONOMIES' COMMITTEE (DEC)

Hotel TAJ SUMADRA, COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

25 June 2013

1. **Introductions and welcome remarks : Acting DEC Chair**
2. **Matters arising from last GA meeting (DEC minutes have been circulated) :**

Dr Samuel summarised actions; there were no issues raised at this time.

3. DEC activities & organisation

3.1 Communication and leadership of DEC:

As Acting Chair, Mr Probo proposed that he be cc'ed into communications with the DEC Chair; also due to Dr Penandito's workload, he suggested that the DEC workload be distributed.

Mr Shaheen suggested that there be a mechanism either within the DEC or APMP overall to identify someone who has retired or is nearing retirement to help drive activities, who should have funding support and authority. Dr Samuel supported this suggestion, noting that the DEC should seek Rashid's support in this way. Ms Kimura noted the importance of clearly identifying tasks to be handled in this way. Mr Probo added that it might be difficult for some institutes to implement as they may not be able to allow retired staff to take on these roles. Other strategies will also be needed.

Dr Samuel suggested that another possibility is for the DEC Chair to identify staff within their NMI to provide the support needed.

Mrs Gao Wei agreed with sharing responsibilities. The question with asking for help from retired staff is whether the budget can provide them with support. Ms Kimura proposed that priority tasks be identified to be delivered among the Committee.

Mr Hung suggested that all DEC members put forward needs to the DEC Chair. The DEC also needs to draw the attention of the advanced NMIs to the problems of developing NMIs: comparisons, training, establishing new laboratories. Dr Samuel noted the importance of taking advantage of attending APMP Technical Committee meetings to raise these issues.

Mr Shaheen also suggest that, rather than an individual, APMP should elect an NMI to take on the role of Chair and the NMI should then decide *who* should take the role on, rather than this simply being the Director.

Actions:

- All DEC Chair correspondence to be cc'ed to Mr Probo (probo@kim.lipi.go.id)



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- *Strategies for further discussion: suggest that the APMP EC review support from retired NMI experts from APMP member economies to help drive APMP activities; also request that the EC consider ways to enhance support from NMIs for staff taking lead positions in APMP.*

3.2 Specific issues:

DEC budget

The DEC is seeking a report from the Treasurer on the current state of the DEC budget. The DEC also requests that application forms and guideline documents for the use of these funds be posted on the DEC webpage of the APMP website.

Action: APMP Treasurer to provide the DEC Committee with a status report on the DEC Budget.

Action: APMP Secretary to be asked to post DEC budget documents on APMP DEC webpages.

APMP School of Metrology:

It was agreed that this would be discussed later in the week with Rashid.

DE Award:

Mr Shaheen noted that the criteria should be transparent. It was agreed that this was intended for any promising metrologist who has contributed to objectives of the DEC.

Action: Committee members are requested to send suggestions to DEC Chair for nominations for this Award.

DEC-PTB Metrology User Relations:

This agenda item included a briefing by the PTB Evaluation Team.

The next steps in the PTB project were to be discussed later in the week at the PTB-DEC Workshop. Mr Probo will be the contact point for the DEC working with Anna to seek interest, proposals, and identify issues from all DEC NMI Directors.

4. Feedback from Lead TC Chair on TC projects related to the DEC

Mr Shaheen asked Dr Takatsuji whether the TCs could coordinate the scheduling of CMC reviews, eg, to be twice per year. Dr Takatsuji noted that this would mean a lot of work at one time for the TCs but will consult with the TC Chairs as well as check the status of any delayed CMCs.

The NMIJ DEC representative noted the training provided by Japan for ASEAN countries and that this is also open to engineers from calibration laboratories. NMI staff can be supported to attend.

5. Other Matters: 2014 Mid-Year meeting

It was noted that the mid-year meetings in 2014 may be hosted by Indonesia.



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