

## 2017 APQN Quality Award

In the evening of May 26, 2017, six winners in four categories for 2017 APQN Awards were given at the Awarding Ceremony in Zero Floor of Building 6 at RANEPA, Moscow, Russia (see the following table).



The process in 2017 Quality award is fair and transparent, which consists of 4 steps: 1) the APQN Secretariat issued a "Nominations for 2017 APQN Quality Awards"; 2) All members submitted their nominations to the Secretariat; 3) The review of 8 experts reviewed and voted on the nomination; 4) the Secretariat informed the nominations about the result. It last for 4 months to get the result and all APQN Board members have been involved in it.

S/N.	Category	Winner
1	<i>I. APQN's Best/Model Internal QA Award</i>	<i>Macao Polytechnic Institute(MPI)</i>
	<i>II. APQN Award of International Cooperation in QA outside the APQN region</i>	Quality Beyond Boundaries Group
2	<i>II. APQN Award of International Cooperation in QA within the</i>	1) Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan (HEEACT)
		2) National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)
3	<i>III. APQN Best Benefactor Award</i>	Mr. Zhang Jianping
4	<i>IV. Successful Hosting APQN Annual Conference</i>	National Center of Public Accreditation(NCPA)
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>

Below are award speeches from the winners at the awarding ceremony in the evening of May 26, 2017:

1. Macao Polytechnic Institute (MPI): "We are truly and honestly thrilled to be awarded the APQN Best Internal Quality Assurance Award. We are honoured that the award recognises the efforts devoted by Macao

Polytechnic Institute in the field of quality assurance. We are very happy that the majority of our programmes have already undergone successful professional/academic accreditation by authoritative academic review agencies from the UK, Portugal, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Taiwan and other regions. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to APQN for your support and encouragement. With your great help and support, MPI will continue to strengthen its quality assurance endeavours and promote the sharing of good practices among APQN members. Thank you very much.”

**2. Quality Beyond Boundaries Group by TEQSA:** On behalf of the Quality Beyond Boundaries Group (QBBG), is pleased to accept this award in recognition of QBBG’s achievements in creating a platform to share information and best practices to develop and enhance quality assurance systems in the Asia Pacific region and beyond. The QBBG will continue to embrace and strengthen relationships and work collaboratively with the global quality assurance community.

**3. Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan (HEEACT):** For the past years, HEEACT has been striving for international collaboration, and thus achieving recognition by QA community. Several achievements have been made by HEEACT, including having an agreement and partnership with more than 13 leading QA agencies, conducting oversea and joint accreditation, hosting annual international conferences, publishing HEED journal and APQN proceedings, reaching Mutual recognition with MQA, participating and serving international QA networks actively, completing successful exchange programs with NIAD-QE, undeniably , which all required great time, effort, talents, particularly APQN’s long term support. On behalf of HEEACT, we are deeply honored to have received this award and appreciated the reviewers’ decision. Without the strong determination to change and achieve in quality assurance in higher education and quality assurance, we do not think we can achieve the goal we set since establishment in 2005. We are continue to contribute and work with APQN for the prospect of Asian QA development. Thank you APQN once again for inspiring HEEACT to move into this new milestone.

**4. National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC):** India being among largest sender countries of internationally mobile students and also one of the major receiving country of students especially from South Asia, quality assurance of higher education and internationalization is an important concern for NAAC. As one of the founder agencies of Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN) and The International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE), the NAAC has played pro-active role in international quality assurance scenario. Similarly NAAC and its faculty have worked with UNESCO on various projects, events and publications. In the recent past NAAC has also joined hands with various European partners for collaborative projects sponsored by European Commission. NAAC faculty have held important position of presidency in Governing boards of APQN, APQR and INQAAHE highlighting the acclaimed status of NAAC in International QA circle. Bengaluru Statement – 2016 on Next - Generation Quality Assurance of Higher Education Facilitated by NAAC together with APQN and 16 global quality assurance bodies re-enforced global leadership role of India in higher education quality assurance scenario. In Short NAAC has played a great role in strengthening co-operation in QA at level of Asia-Pacific as well as at Global level since last two decades. The Confering of APQN’s International co-operation in QA award to NAAC is recognition of NAAC’s continued efforts as facilitator of quality culture and co-operation within and outside Asia-Pacific region.

5. Introduction of APQN Best Benefactor Award- Mr. Jianping Zhang: Mr. Jianping Zhang from China is the first donator of APQN's first self-fundraising project. In August, 2016 Mr. Jianping Zhang donated 50,000 CNY (=7500 USD) to APQN's project of "Dissolving Boundaries for a Quality Region: APQN' Sustainable Development" under the leader of Prof. Jianxin Zhang. The research project can help APQN realize its sustainable development for real, which is also what we are working for. APQN urgently hope more members can do QA projects under the local context for APQN's value of "being committed to quality higher education, and supportive of quality agencies in the region".