

Status Report on the Project

Indicators of Quality (30 September 2007)

The background document and the survey questionnaire were developed in 2006 as a part of the project and they were discussed in the APQN annual conference at KL. Fine tuning was done based on the feedback received in the KL workshop.

Survey questionnaires were sent only to the full members and intermediate members. This was done intentionally since many members in the associate membership category as well as the observers come from backgrounds that might not directly contribute to the objectives of the project at this stage. The project primarily aims to understand the way QA agencies use indicators of quality for QA decisions. Therefore, it was decided that for the first level preliminary analysis the survey may focus on full and intermediate members. If the project proceeds to the next levels, at that stage, screening the associate members for the value they can add to the survey might be considered.

Out of the twenty full members who were sent the survey questionnaire the following twelve responded:

1. Australia Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA)
2. Australia National ELT Accreditation Scheme Ltd (NEAS)
3. China Shanghai Educational Evaluation Institute (SEEI)
4. Hong Kong Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation (HKCAA)
5. Hong Kong University Grants Committee (UGC)
6. India National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)
7. Japan National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation (NIAD-UE)
8. Japan Japan Accreditation Board for Engineering Education (JABEE)
9. New Zealand New Zealand Universities Academic Audit Unit (NZUAAU)
10. New Zealand New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA)
11. Philippines Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAASCU)
12. Russia The National Accreditation Agency of the Russian Federation

The response rate as of now is 60% which is satisfactory and a few more contact persons have indicated that the filled questionnaires will be returned after this weekend.

Out of the eight intermediate members who were sent the survey questionnaire the following two responded:

1. Sri Lanka Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council of Sri Lanka
2. Vietnam General Department of Education Testing and Accreditation

The response rate as of now is 25% which is not satisfactory. Reminders have been sent and unfortunately there is no response to the reminders. Further follow up has been initiated.

Based on the responses received so far the outline for the draft report has been prepared. Trends that emerge from the responses have been identified. Incorporating a few more responses expected soon, the final report will be submitted by mid-October.

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