

2018 APQN New Year Greeting

Dear APQN members, dear colleagues & friends: HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In a few days, the bell of New Year will be ringing. We'll say goodbye to the year of 2017 & greet the first ray of sunlight from 2018. On the occasion of New Year, APQN Board members, we are extending our festival greetings & best wishes to 204 members & your families, extending our sincere appreciation & deep respect to those who care & support the development of APQN! We would like to thank you personally for your continual support of our goal of "*Dissolving Boundaries for a Quality Region*".

Looking back in the year of 2017, we are very proud. This year, APQN entered its 14-year-old blooming age, showing its vibrant, vigorous tendency of sustainable development.

This very year, 2017 AAC & AGM was co-hosted by NCPA on 25-28 May in Moscow in Russia under the theme of "New Horizons: Dissolving Boundaries for a Quality Region" with 114 participants from 27 countries & regions. 6 members were awarded at Quality Award Ceremony. 86% of the participants are satisfied with AAC & have positive impressions & unforgettable experience.

This very year, "APQN Procedure Manual (version 3)" with 14 chapters was completed & released in November. It is the product of the Self-fundraising Project titled "APQN's Sustainable Development", acting as administration rules for APQN, lays guidelines for its function, & will make APQN working smooth, question free & transparent & benefit for its sustainable development. Meanwhile we've completed new website.

This very year, the International Conference on "New Developments of Teaching & Learning Quality Assurance" was jointly organized by MPI & APQN on 22-23 November in Macao. More than 30 renowned experts from U.K, Portugal & other 9 countries & regions gathered to discuss the various factors affecting the quality of teaching & learning & to present the latest innovations & frontier QA developments.

This very year, "Russian Register" (RR) & NCPA in the Russian Federation have been approved for inclusion on APQR. In July & November, two review panels did on-site visit to RR & desk-review to NCPA. Based on its review results, RR & NCPA have been accepted onto APQR.

This very year, APQN published "APQNews (Issue 15)" & "APQNews (Issue 16)" with a total of 53 articles. **Higher Education Evaluation & Development (HEED)**, APQN membership journal, jointly published in Emerald Publishing Group by HEEACT & APQN, has published 2 volumes of 8 academic papers.

This year, APQN took part in the following events: "the 30th Annual National Conference of AACCUP", UNESCO-ICHEI's "Regional Conference on Quality Assurance of Higher Education in Asia-Pacific" in Shenzhen, "INQAAHE-APQN Survey on the Landscape of IQA & EQA", "Application for Erasmus-plus-Programme of INTEGRA", "Faculty & Staff: Creating Universities for Students" hosted by NIAD-QE in Tokyo, "the 4th Training Workshop of Program Evaluators" by NAEAC in Pakistan...

New Year's footsteps are approaching; APQN will also enter its new year. There is no doubt that in the upcoming New Year, APQN will face more difficulties & challenges, but will also face new opportunities. Strength & weakness co-exist; opportunity & threat go hand in hand. Based on the solid foundation of APQN's 14-year development, together with all members, APQN will work harder for our mission. APQN is sure to achieve the ideal of sustainable development.

Finally, on the New Year's Day, **APQN Board sincerely wishes all members "Happy New Year", 12 months of happiness & good health, 52 weeks of love & prosperity, 365 days of non-stop fun. & See you in APQN Annual Conference in Nagpur in India!**

Sincerely yours: APQN Board

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