

Seventh session of the Governing Council of SIAP was held at Chiba, Japan

The seventh session of the Governing Council of SIAP was held at its premises in Chiba, Japan, on 8- 9 December 2011. The session was attended by 43 people, including 13 officials representing all nine members of Governing Council: Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Republic of Korea and Thailand, 23 representatives from 18 member and associate member States and seven representing international organizations as observers.

At the opening session, Mr. Shun-ichi Murata, Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCAP, delivered opening address on behalf of Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Under- Secretary – General of the United Nations and the Executive Secretary of ESCAP. Mr. Takao Ito, Director General for Policy Planning (Statistics Standards), Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications – the representative of the host government of Japan –made a welcome speech to the participants. The sessions were chaired by Mr. Trevor Sutton, Deputy Australian Statistician - the representative from Australia



Ms. Heyzer, expressed her deepest appreciation to the host Government of Japan for its unwavering financial and logistic support provided to SIAP in 2011 despite the enormous challenge of reconstruction following the massive damage and loss caused by the unprecedented Tsunami in March 2011.

The Council reviewed the institute's responses to the matters arising from the sixth session of the council, progress in the implementation of the work plan since the sixth session of the council, administrative and financial status and work plan of the institute for the academic year 2012. After the intensive discussion, the council made fundamental recommendations to improve SIAP training programme and its financial situation. Full report of the meeting will be on the SIAP webpage in due course.

The meeting documents and other information on the Council meeting are available at SIAP webpage: http://www.unsiap.or.jp/about_siap/gc7.php

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