

Message from Hyeun-Suk Rhee for the SIAP 40th Anniversary



On behalf of UN-APCICT/ESCAP, I would like to congratulate SIAP on its 40th anniversary, and extend my best wishes to Director, Ms. Davaasuren Chultemjamts, and all the members of SIAP, for their continued success. The accomplishments made by SIAP over the past four decades have done much to facilitate understanding and advancement of official statistics in Asia-Pacific countries, and have

positively motivated other development organizations, bodies and agencies in the region to emulate SIAP's method and success.

Established in 1970 to train and build the capacity of statisticians and national statistical offices in ESCAP member States, SIAP has taken many commendable steps to address the gaps and shortages of skilled statisticians and technical institutions that previously existed. SIAP is to be roundly applauded for the 12,000 statisticians from 124 countries that have benefited from SIAP's training and capacity building projects and programmes.

Without SIAP's effort and determination, many other development initiatives in this field would have suffered from a lack of adequate training and capacity building. The technical ability and institutional capacity fostered by SIAP's trainings and workshops throughout the Asia-Pacific region have contributed to producing high-quality statistics that in turn have significantly impacted the United Nation's work to achieve the Millennium Development Goals in the region and beyond.

APCICT commends SIAP for its achievements and once again extends its congratulations on SIAP's 40th Anniversary. APCICT, in working to strengthen ICT human resource and institutional capacity in the Asia-Pacific region, will continue to look to SIAP for partnership and collaboration in achieving a more prosperous and vibrant Asia-Pacific region.

Yours Sincerely,

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