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SIAP Turns 40

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I would like to join the many countries in Asia-Pacific as well as regional and international organizations in congratulating SIAP on the occasion of its 40th anniversary. SIAP has established itself as a leading institution in the region in promoting the compilation and dissemination of high-quality statistics through the provision of relevant, practical, and hands-on training to national statisticians. Given the IMF Statistics Department's (STA) objective of supporting the development and implementation of international statistical methodology in macroeconomic statistics in member countries of the IMF, we see SIAP as an important partner in statistical capacity building in the Asia-Pacific region.

Indeed, STA and SIAP have a long history of successful collaboration in training activities. This year, for example, we are pleased to be able to send two very experienced economists to conduct the sessions on government financial statistics, rest-of-the world sector (or balance of payments statistics), and monetary and financial statistics in the *First Group Training Course in Analysis, Interpretation, and Use of Official Statistics*.

We continue to look for opportunities to strengthen our excellent cooperation with SIAP.

I wish management and staff of SIAP all the best for continuing its great success story in the coming years.