

Second Asia-Pacific Legal Metrology Forum

Beijing, People's Republic of China

Program

Sunday 22 October 1995 at 9.30 am

Forum Meeting

Beijing International Convention Centre

Sunday 22 October 1995 at 6.00 pm

Welcome Dinner

Fang Shan Restaurant in Beihai Park

hosted by

China State Bureau of Technical Supervision

Forum Meeting Agenda - Sunday 22 October 1995

Registration of Delegates

Saturday 21 October 1400 - 1700

Sunday 22 October 0830 - 0930

1. Welcome by Chairman Dr. Gao Jie,
Deputy Director, China National Institute of Measurement Testing and Technology,
Member of CIPM.
2. Confirmation of the report of the first Forum meeting held in Sydney from 27 - 30
November 1994
3. Report on meetings between Specialist Regional Bodies (SRB) and APEC Standards
and Conformance Sub-Committee:

 Fukuoka - February
 Tokyo - October
4. Report on progress on Forum Work Plan:
 - 4.1 Directory of Legal Metrology in the Asia-Pacific

 -First edition published March 1995
 -Consideration of content and publication of 2nd edition
 - 4.2 Survey on Legislative Harmonisation

 -Consideration of Survey Report
 - 4.3 Survey on requirements for prepacked articles

 -Consideration of Survey Report
 - 4.4 Survey on Training

 -Consideration of Survey Report
 - 4.5 Intercomparison of Calibration and Pattern Approval Testing
 - 4.5.1 Consideration of proposal for intercomparison of mass standards.
 - 4.5.2 Consideration of proposal for intercomparison of approval testing of
non-automatic weighing instruments.

5. Consideration of a proposal for Load Cell Intercomparison Testing.
6. Report on relationship between APLMF and OIML Presentation by OIML.
7. Discussion on proposal to amalgamate Treaty of Metre and OIML.
8. Report on relationship with legal metrology bodies in other regions.
 - Consideration of linking intercomparison testing between regions.
 - Development of a framework for mutual recognition agreements.
9. Report on relationship with other Specialist Regional Bodies (SRB) in the Asia-Pacific region (APLAC, APMP, PAC, PASC).
 - Consideration of a proposal for a Conference in 1996 on Standards Conformance and Measurement issues.
10. Discussion on APEC Standards and Conformance issues
 - 10.1 Technical Infrastructure Survey
 - Consideration of needs of legal metrology in region.
 - 10.2 APEC Standards and Conformance Sub-Committee - Medium and Long Term Action Plan
 - Consideration of specialist regional testing facilities
 - Pan-APEC Conformity Assessment Centre
 - Survey on testing facilities in the region and accessibility to these facilities.
11. Discussion on bilateral and multilateral assistance for development of legal metrology in the region.
12. Discussion on Work Program for 1996 and Working Party meetings.
 - 12.1 Review of work program adopted in 1994/95.
 - 12.2 Extension of program to other areas of legal metrology eg. utility meters, environmental measurements, certified reference materials.
 - 12.3 Development of competency standards for legal metrology.
 - 12.4 Survey of legal metrology testing facilities.
 - 12.5 Translation of measurement legislation of member economies into English.
 - 12.6 Working Party on Mutual Recognition Agreement
 - 12.7 Relationship of Forum with Industry

- 12.8 Proposal for Working Party meetings.
13. Discussion on membership of APLMF - Proposal for the inclusion of membership from other economies.
 14. Next Forum meeting - Vancouver, Canada, Sunday 3 November 1996.

Agenda Item No. 1 - Welcome by Chairman, Dr. Gao Jie

The second Asia-Pacific Legal Metrology Forum was hosted by the China State Bureau of Technical Supervision (CSBTS) at the International Convention Centre, Beijing.

The Forum Convenor, Mr. John Birch introduced Dr. Gao Jie, Deputy Director, China National Institute of Measurement Testing and Technology, member of CIPM, and Chairman of the Forum.

The Chairman in his opening address:

- Welcomed delegates from legal metrology authorities of Australia, Canada, People's Republic of China, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand and the United States of America to the second Forum meeting in Beijing.
- Welcomed observers from Romania, Russia, Mongolia, Vietnam and the thirty observers from local and provincial organisations of the China State Bureau of Technical Supervision, People's Republic of China.
- Welcomed to the meeting observers from:
 - International Organisation of Legal Metrology (OIML),
 - Asia-Pacific Metrology Program (APMP),
 - Pacific Area Standards Congress (PASC), and
 - Western European Legal Metrology Co-operation (WELMEC).

The list of delegates and observers is attached in Appendix 1.

The text of the Chairman's address is attached in Appendix 2.

Agenda Item No. 2 - Confirmation of the report of the first Forum meeting held in Sydney from 27 - 30 November 1994

The report of the first Forum held in Sydney was confirmed.

The Chinese delegate requested that consistent with APEC procedures, "economy" be used in referring to Forum members.

The Convenor presented a report on the achievement of the Forum since its establishment, noting that there has been significant development of the Forum and widespread acceptance of its role by both APEC communities and other regional organisations.

The text of the report is attached in Appendix 3.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Report on meetings between Specialist Regional Bodies (SRB) and APEC Standards and Conformance Sub-Committee (SCSC):

Fukuoka - February

Tokyo - October

The Forum noted:

- The report by the Convenor of the APEC SCSC meeting in Fukuoka published in the Forum Circular in April 1995. Dr. Katsuo Seta (NRLM Japan) also represented the Forum at the Fukuoka meeting, and the report by Dr. Grahame Harvey, Deputy Director of the National Standards Commission, who attended the Tokyo meeting in October with Mr. Yutaka Yoshimoto, the Deputy Director of Weights and Measures Office, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Japan.
- That the APEC Survey Report on technical infrastructure development in the region made extensive reference to the roles of the specialist regional bodies.
- The importance of the role of legal metrology has been included in the paper on medium and long term action plan of the SCSC.
- That presentations were made by representatives of specialist regional bodies to both meetings of the SCSC.

The text of the report is attached in Appendix 4.

Agenda Item No. 4 - Report on progress on Forum Work Plan:

- 4.1 Directory of Legal Metrology in the Asia-Pacific**
 - First edition published March 1995
 - Consideration of content and publication of 2nd edition

The Forum:

- Noted that the Directory of Legal Metrology was published in March this year, and that it provided useful information on legal metrology in member economies. A number of economies had not contributed yet and consideration will be given to the publication of a second edition in the future. However, in the next twelve months it was recommended that the Report of the Second Forum meeting together with a Directory supplement and papers presented at the Forum meeting be produced.
- Members were encouraged to distribute the Report to their Ministers in order to raise the profile of legal metrology, and those members who would like to obtain additional copies should contact the Secretariat.

4.2 Survey on Legislative Harmonisation - Consideration of Survey Report

- Forum received the draft report of the survey on measurement legislation. Whilst requirements for trade measurement appear to be reasonably harmonised, there is significant variation with regard to broader requirements for legal metrology. Forum requested the Secretariat to finalise the report including an analysis of the responses.