

Third Asia-Pacific Legal Metrology Forum

Vancouver, Canada

Program

Friday, 1 November 1996 at 9.30 am

Working Parties Meeting

Working Party on Legislative Harmonisation
Working Party on Intercomparison of Calibration & Pattern Approval Testing
Working Party on Training

Pan Pacific Hotel

Saturday, 2 November 1996 at 7.00 pm

Welcome Dinner

Shanghai Chinese Bistro

hosted by
Convenor, Asia-Pacific Legal Metrology Forum

Sunday, 3 November 1996 at 9.30 am

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Pan Pacific Hotel

Forum Meeting Agenda - Sunday, 3 November 1996

Registration of Delegates

Friday, 1 November 8.30 - 9.30 am
Sunday, 3 November 8.30 - 9.30 am

1. Welcome by Chairman Mr Richard Knapp
Former Director General of Legal Metrology Branch, Industry Canada and former member of the OIML Presidential Council
2. Confirmation of the report of the second Forum meeting held in Beijing, People's Republic of China, held on 22 October 1995.
3. Report of the APLMF by the Convenor, Mr John Birch, AM
4. Report on meetings between Specialist Regional Bodies (SRBs) and APEC Standards and Conformance Sub-Committee (SCSC):

Manila, Philippines	-	February 1996
Cebu, Philippines	-	May 1996
Davao, Philippines	-	October 1996
5. Report on progress of Forum Work Plan:
 - 5.1 Supplement to Directory of Legal Metrology in the Asia-Pacific.
 - 5.2 Consideration of Survey Report on Legal Metrology Technical Infrastructure Needs of Asia-Pacific Developing economies, conducted on 26 February - 25 March 1996, by Dr Knut Birkeland.
 - 5.3 Consideration of Survey Report on Specialised Legal Metrology Testing Facilities in the region and accessibility to these facilities.
 - 5.4 Consideration of Survey Report on National Metrological Requirements for Utility Meters.
 - 5.5 Consideration of Survey Report on Legal Metrology Industry Consultative Structures.
 - 5.6 Report of the Working Party on Legislation and Administration and consideration of a project on "Model Law" focused on the minimum requirements of legal metrology legislation.
 - 5.7 Report of the Working Party for Prepacked Articles.
 - 5.8 Report of the Working Party on Training and progress of the Joint Australia-China Measurement Skills Training Project.

- 5.9 Report of the Working Party on Intercomparison of Calibration and Pattern Approval Testing:
 - 5.9.1 Mass Standards.
 - 5.9.2 Non-automatic Weighing Instruments.
 - 5.9.3 Load Cell Intercomparison Testing.
6. Report on relationship with other Specialist Regional Bodies (SRBs) in the Asia-Pacific region (APLAC, APMP, PAC, PASC).
 - Report on the 1st APEC Conference on Standards and Conformance held in Manila, Philippines on 30 September - 1 October 1996.
7. Discussion on APEC Standards and Conformance issues.
8. Discussion on bilateral and multilateral assistance for development of legal metrology in the region.
9. Discussion on Work Program for 1996/97 and Working Party meetings.
 - 9.1 Review of work program adopted in 1995/96.
 - 9.2 Development of programs in other areas of legal metrology eg. medical measuring instruments, environmental measurements, certified reference materials
 - Consideration of project on pattern approval and verification of non-invasive electronic sphygmomanometers;
 - Consideration of project on development of working measurement standards for the verification of field humidity meters for grain and rice.
 - 9.3 Development of framework on Mutual Recognition Agreements.
 - 9.4 Development of "Model Law" and "Model" Technical Administrative Infrastructure.
 - 9.5 Seminar/workshops on high capacity fluid flow measurement and automatic weighing instruments.
 - 9.6 A training project focused on the implementation of OIML R76 for the testing of non-automatic weighing instruments.
 - 9.7 Development of a "training course module" for the verification of specific legal metrology instruments in accordance with OIML criteria.
10. Consideration of a "Memorandum of Understanding" for members of the Asia-Pacific Legal Metrology Forum.
11. Discussion on membership of APLMF - Proposal for the inclusion of membership from other economies.

12. Date and location of next Forum in 1997.

1. Welcome by Chairman, Mr Richard Knapp

The third Asia-Pacific Legal Metrology Forum was hosted by Measurement Canada, Industry Canada, at the Pan Pacific Hotel, Vancouver.

The Forum Convenor, Mr. John Birch introduced the Chairman of the Forum, Mr Richard Knapp, the former Director General of Legal Metrology Branch, Industry Canada and former member of the OIML Presidential Council.

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, Mexico, New Zealand, Russian Federation, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, United States of America and Vietnam to the third Forum meeting in Vancouver.
- Welcomed to the meeting observers from:
 - the International Organisation of Legal Metrology (OIML),
 - Western European Legal Metrology Co-operation (WELMEC),
 - and Dr Knut Birkeland.
- Noted the apologies from the economies of Hong Kong, Mongolia and the Specialist Regional bodies APLAC, APMP, PAC and PASC.

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

2. Confirmation of the report of the second Forum meeting held in Beijing on 22 October 1995

The draft report of the Beijing meeting had been circulated to all delegates and minor amendments had been made.

The delegates accepted the report of the second Forum meeting held in Beijing.

3. Report of the APLMF by the Convenor, Mr John Birch, AM

The Convenor presented a report on the achievements and development of the APLMF since the last Forum meeting in Beijing.

He noted that many of the work programs agreed to at the Beijing meeting had been carried out successfully, with the active support and participation of member economies and that there had been significant contribution by the APLMF in support of the APEC agenda for the removal of technical barriers to trade in the region and in its interaction and involvement with the other Specialist Regional Bodies.

The text of the report is attached in Appendix 2.

4. Report on meetings between Specialist Regional Bodies and APEC Standards and Conformance Sub-Committee:

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The Convenor reported on the meetings of the SCSC held during the year, and drew the attention of Forum delegates to the SCSC report on Mid-Term Technical Infrastructure Development Program.

The Forum:

- Noted the report of the draft Mid-Term Technical Infrastructure Development Program presented at the SCSC meeting held on 13-14 October 1996, which referred to the development and improvement of technical infrastructure to facilitate broad participation in mutual recognition arrangements in both the regulated and voluntary sectors.

The Forum resolved:

- *That member economies of the Forum collaborate with their SCSC representative/s to ensure that priority be given to legal metrology infrastructure development in their economies, particularly in relation to the needs identified in both the Mid-Term Technical Infrastructure Development Program and the APLMF Technical Infrastructure Survey.*

The text of the draft Mid-Term Technical Infrastructure Development Program is attached in Appendix 3.

5. Report on progress of Forum Work Plan:

5.1 Supplement to Directory of Legal Metrology in the Asia-Pacific

The Forum noted:

- That the Directory has served as a valuable document providing information on national metrology systems since its publication in March 1995.
- That Directory entries have been provided by Russia, Mongolia and Vietnam and these had been circulated to Forum members.

The Forum resolved:

- *That a 1997 APEC Handbook on Legal Metrology be published including supplements to the Directory, Report for the Third Forum meeting and other information on legal metrology in the region.*
- *That member economies provide up-dated information on their Directory entry to ensure a comprehensive and accurate publication.*