MEDEA: Metrology – Enabling Developing Economies in Asia

Work Package Joint 3: International Cooperation Group

Objectives:

- To establish a group of representatives of the different international offices at National Metrology Institutes (NMI) and Legal Metrology Authorities (LMA) that offer or plan to offer technical cooperation programs in Asia
- To create a better understanding of the different technical cooperation programs offered by these NMI and LMAs within the group
- To ensure early stage coordination between the different technical cooperation programs to avoid overlaps and create synergies
- To provide support to those NMI/LMA that are only starting to set up technical cooperation programs

Target group:

Managers from international offices of NMI and LMA in Asia that either already provide technical cooperation in the area of metrology or plan to develop technical cooperation programs in the near future, from the following economies:

- Australia
- China
- Chinese Taipei
- Hongkong
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Korea
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- Singapore
- Thailand

Activities:

1. Kick-off Workshop and Study Visit

The international cooperation group is invited to PTB for a study visit and workshop to get to know the Technical Cooperation Department of PTB and other institutions in Germany in the area of Development Assistance and Quality Infrastructure.

The visit will also comprise a kick-off workshop for the international cooperation group which will provide participants with an opportunity to get familiar with each other technical cooperation programs and to establish a mechanism of regular communication within the group.

The tentative date is March 2015.
2. Regular Exchange of Information

The main objective of the work package is to establish a mechanism of regular communication between the members of the group to ensure coordination between the different technical cooperation programs and with the MEDEA project at an early stage of planning.

How this mechanism could be established will be discussed in the Kick-off Workshop.

3. Internships at PTB Technical Cooperation Department

PTB invites the staff of the international cooperation offices to visit the Technical Cooperation Department for longer stays on an individual basis (up to a few weeks) to get a deeper insight into the work of the department.