

## **2021 AAPA President's Report**

This report presents the major accomplishments, activities, and partnerships of the Asian Association for Public Administration for the past year from 2020 to 2021. AAPA has completed a successful transition of leadership and the Secretariat Office. With the new leadership, AAPA has organized and hosted a series of academic events in partnership, and with the strong support of universities and colleges in Asia where many of its board members are based. AAPA has also analyzed current partnerships, connect with each partner, and also try to widen the AAPA network in order to better serve all AAPA members.

### **1. Transition of AAPA Secretariat Office**

With the very kind help of the previous AAPA Secretariat Office, the AAPA secretariat office has been transferred to China Institute for Urban Governance of Shanghai Jiao Tong University led by Professor Jiannan Wu. After a lot of efforts to look for different companies through various channels, the Secretariat Office finally found the most suitable company to complete the rebuilding of the website. New Secretariat Office has transferred the website database from South Korea to China and make sure it is online smoothly in early March, 2021. The office has transferred all the important files and financial resources from the previous Secretariat. The successful transition of the AAPA Secretariat office has made sure the stabilization of the organization and its future development.

### **2. AAPA Annual Conference and Workshops**

#### **2.1 Taking off from the 2020 AAPA Annual Conference in Shanghai**

On September 24th and 25th, the Annual Conference of the Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA) 2020 online annual conference was successfully held. Hundreds of representatives from 17 different countries and regions, including South Korea, the United States, Philippines, India, Thailand, and Australia, exchanged their views on the theme of "Towards Sustainable Asian Urban Governance: Emerging Theories and Innovative Practices". This annual conference was co-sponsored by the Asian Association for Public Administration, China Institute for Urban Governance of Shanghai Jiao Tong University, the School of International and Public Affairs of Shanghai Jiao Tong University, and the China-America Association for Public Affairs.



## 2.2 Cooperation with Professor Alexander Kochegura closely for the 2021 Annual meeting in Moscow, Russia

AAPA Secretariat Office has worked very closely with Professor Alexander Kochegura and his Local Committee from 2020 to 2021, especially with the

preparation and issue of Call for Papers, the promotion of the 2021 AAPA conference, the formation of the 2021 AAPA Academic Committee as well as other organizing work of the forthcoming conference.

### **2.3 2020 & 2021 Joint Seminar with United Nations, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) on Digital Governance**

After taking office, Professor Jiannan Wu has connected with UNDESA through its Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG). Professor Jiannan Wu has also contacted Director Juwang Zhu several times. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, AAPA has hosted a seminar on Digital Governance in the 2020 Global Cities Forum with the joint efforts of Shanghai Big Data Center, Institute of Governmental Studies of Korea University, China Institute for Urban Governance of Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Director Juwang Zhu from UNDESA also gave an opening remark at this seminar at 1 a.m. EST time, which marks the great value of UNDESA and AAPA cooperation. At the same time of 2021 Global Cities Forum, AAPA plans to host a similar seminar on Digital Transformation with joint efforts with UNDESA.

## **3. Strategic Collaboration**

### **3.1 Collaboration with the United Nations (UN).**

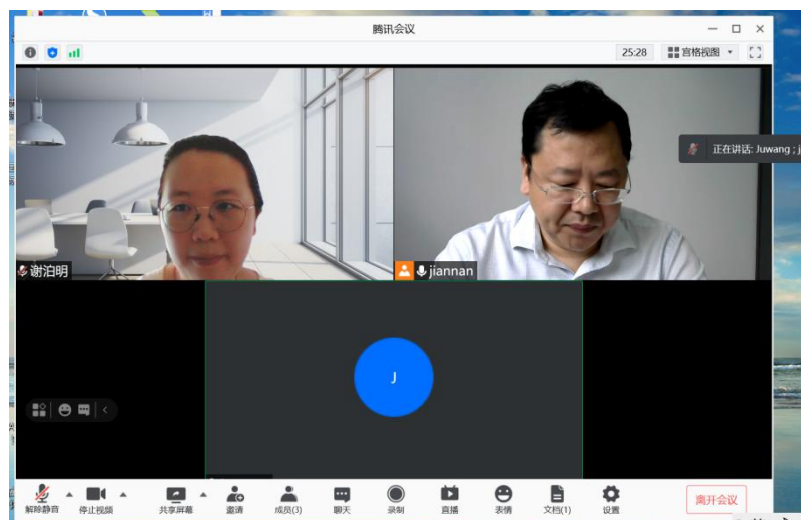
On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, AAPA Secretariat Office has virtually exchanged and signed updated MOU with the United Nations, through the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), through its Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG). Both sides have agreed to continue the cooperation and to strengthen the partnerships in support of Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

On September 7, Prof. Jiannan Wu, President of AAPA, held an online meeting with



Director Juwang Zhu of UNDESA DPIDG, and both parties reached the following consensus: 1. Director Zhu Juwang welcome AAPA members to publish the latest teaching materials, achievements, seminars, journals and other materials on the UNPAN network platform, and all outstanding achievements can be promoted on the UNPAN platform; 2. AAPA will cooperate with UNDESA in the near future to kick off conferences and other related activities, and UNDESA invite AAPA to participate in next year's UN expert committee meeting and jointly prepare next year's seminar.

With the kind efforts of AAPA US Chapter Head, Professor Bok Gyo Jeong, AAPA has updated of AAPA information in both the UN's website and the AAPA website; AAPA has also provided information needed for the review of AAPA Quadrennial Report. Professor Bok Gyo Jeong has been keeping a close eye on the reviewing of AAPA's UN ECOSOC's Special Consultative Status. On October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the AAPA's quadrennial report was taken note and the official process including correspondence with the NGO Committee is complete. Thanks to Professor Bok Gyo Jeong's consistent efforts, AAPA has successfully completed our quadrennial review process.



**3.2 Contact all partners, and try to talk with each partner and improve the cooperation.**

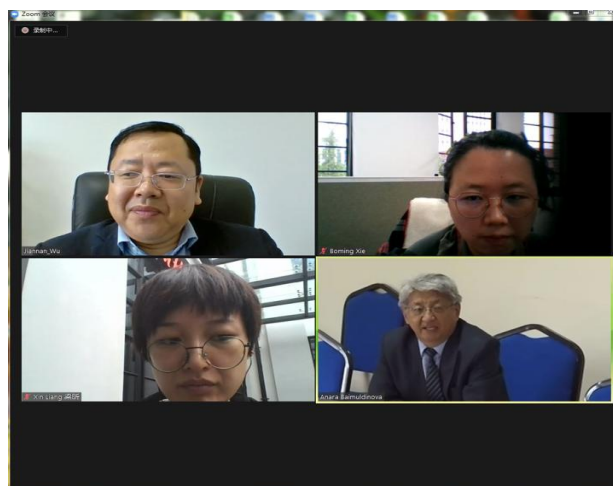
**For example, Meeting with president of The Central American Institute of Public Administration (ICAP), Professor Alexander Lopez; International Public Policy Association (IPPA), Professor Guy Peters; the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic (APAPKR) from Kyrgyz Republic, Professor AKMATALIEV Almazbek, as well as the Director of UNDESA DPIDG,**

It has been a hard year due to the COVID-19 and so we chose to meet the partners online. On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, AAPA President, Professor Jiannan Wu met Professor Alexander Lopez from the Central American Institute of Public Administration (ICAP). Professor Lopez introduced the background of ICAP and its current situation, especially its academic programs.

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, AAPA President, Professor Jiannan Wu had an online meeting with the founding president of International Public Policy Association (IPPA), Professor Guy Peters. Professor Xin Liang and Ms. Boming Xie also attended the meeting. Professor Wu introduced the history and current situation of AAPA and invited Professor Peters to join the coming 2021 AAPA annual conference in Russia. Professor Peters also introduced himself as well as IPPA briefly. He agreed to attend the coming 2021 annual AAPA conference and also invited members from AAPA to attend IPPA 2021 conference in Barcelona, Spain. Professor Peters also introduced the summer school and workshops that IPPA plans to host next year and invited AAPA to cooperate on future events.



Also, On May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, AAPA President, Professor Jiannan Wu had an online meeting with the President of the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic (APAPKR), Rector, Professor AKMATALIEV Almazbek. Department for Regulations, Protocol and External Relations (ORPER), Professor Xin Liang and Ms. Boming Xie also attended the meeting. Professor Wu and Professor Almazbek discussed about the future cooperation at the meeting. Professor Almazbek also introduced himself and APAPKR briefly. Both of the President from AAPA and APAPKR agreed to co-organize doctoral workshops in the future. At the meeting, Professor Wu and Professor Almazbek also talked about and updated the related issues Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which aims at promoting the research and the education in the area of public administration.



**Table 1. AAPA MOU Current Situation**

| No | Institutions  | Contact            | Title     | Email  | Contact             |
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| 1  | The Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM) of the UNDESA                 | JUWANG<br>ZHU      | Director  | <a href="mailto:zhu@un.org">zhu@un.org</a>   | Renewed MOU         |
| 2  | The Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe (NISPAcee) | Gyorgy Hajnal      | President | <a href="mailto:gyorgy.hajnal@uni-corvinus.hu">gyorgy.hajnal@uni-corvinus.hu</a>                 | Sent Email          |
| 3  | The African Association for Public Administration & Management (AAPAM)                                  | Roland<br>Msiska   | President | <a href="mailto:nancy@AAPAM.org">Nancy Chiira<br/>Administration Officer<br/>nancy@AAPAM.org</a> | Sent Email          |
| 4  | The Central American Institute of Public Administration (ICAP)  | Alexander<br>Lopez | President | lopezalex100@gmail.com   | Had Virtual Meeting |

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| 5  | International Public Policy Association (IPPA)             | Guy Peters        | Founding President | <a href="mailto:icpublicpolicy@gmail.com">icpublicpolicy@gmail.com</a>     | Had Virtual Meeting      |
| 6  | The Japanese Society for Public Administration (JSPA)      | Toshiya Kitayama  | President          | <a href="mailto:jspa2020@law.osaka-u.ac.jp">jspa2020@law.osaka-u.ac.jp</a> | MOU renewing             |
| 7  | The Korean Association for Public Administration (KAPA)    | Soon-Ae Park      | President          | <a href="mailto:kapa21@kapa21.or.kr">kapa21@kapa21.or.kr</a>               | Attended KAPA Conference |
| 8  | The Hong Kong Public Administration Association (HKPAA)    | Peter K. W. Fong  | President          | <a href="mailto:hkpaa1990@gmail.com">hkpaa1990@gmail.com</a>               | Sent Email               |
| 9  | The Indian Public Administration Association (IPAA)        | Ajmer Singh Malik | President          | <a href="mailto:president@ipaa.org.in">president@ipaa.org.in</a>           | Sent Email               |
| 10 | The Indonesian Association for Public Administration, IAPA | Agus Pramusinto   | President          | <a href="mailto:sekretariat@iapa.or.id">sekretariat@iapa.or.id</a>         | Sent Email               |
| 11 | The Philippine Society                                     | Lizan             | President          | <a href="mailto:pspagovernance@gmail.com">pspagovernance@gmail.com</a>     | Attended                 |



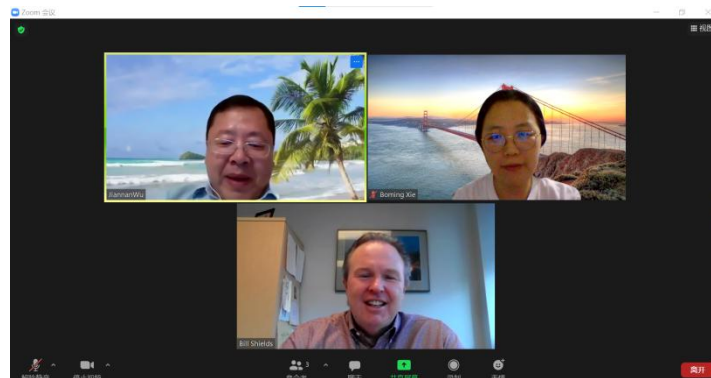
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| 12 | The Public<br>Administration<br>Association of Thailand,<br>PAAT  | Amphorn<br>Thanonglak  | President | <a href="mailto:thaipaot@gmail.com">thaipaot@gmail.com</a>                 | Sent<br>Email                          |
| 13 | The Myanmar Public<br>Administration Network<br>(MPAN)  | Saw Lu Lu<br>Htaw      | President | <a href="mailto:headoffice@mpan.org.mm">headoffice@mpan.org.mm</a>         | Sent<br>Email                          |
| 14 | The Russian Presidential<br>Academy of National<br>Economy and Public<br>Administration, RANEPA                 | Vladimir Mau           | Rector    | <a href="mailto:rector@rane.ru">rector@rane.ru</a>                         | Host<br>2021<br>AAPA<br>Confere<br>nce |
| 15 | Kazakhstan Institutions:<br>the Academy of Public<br>Administration and the<br>Regional Hub of Civil<br>Service | Alikhan<br>Baimenov    | Chairman  | <a href="mailto:baimenov.alikhan@gmail.com">baimenov.alikhan@gmail.com</a> | Invite to<br>Virtual<br>Meeting        |



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| 16 | The Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic                                     | Almazbek Akmataliev | Rector | <a href="mailto:direo.kg@gmail.com">direo.kg@gmail.com</a> | Had Virtual Meeting |
| 17 | The Smart Society Research Team (SSRT) of the Graduate School of Public Administration at Seoul National University | Kim, Dongwook       | Dean   | <a href="mailto:dong@snu.ac.kr">dong@snu.ac.kr</a>         | Sent Email          |

**3.3 Try to build new connections with other organizations.**

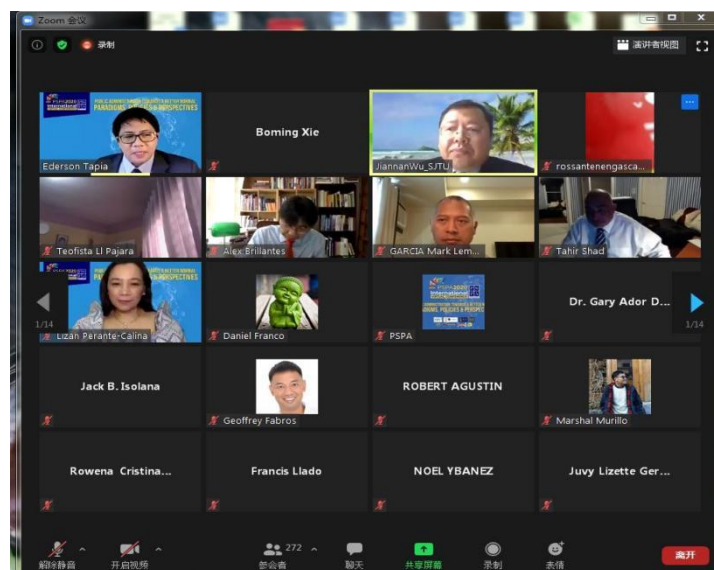
Professor Allan Rosenbaum, as the president of ASPA, has attended the 2020 AAPA Annual Conference and gave an opening remark. Professor Jiannan Wu has then communicated with the Secretary General of ASPA, Professor William Shields through virtual meeting to promote the future cooperation between ASPA and AAPA. They have reached some oral agreements. Both Professor Allan Rosenbaum and Professor William Shields will attend the 2021 AAPA Annual Conference. Also, Professor Sofiane Sahraoui, the Director General of IIAS will attend the 2021 AAPA Annual Meeting.



### 3.4 Attend meetings hosted by PSPA, ASPA, KAPA and etc.

We have been invited to participate in the annual meeting of partnership organizations to continue the friendly relationship.

On October 23, 2020, Professor Jiannan Wu has been invited to the annual meeting of 2020 Philippine Society for Public Administration (PSPA) with the theme of “Public Administration Towards a Better Normal: Paradigms, Policies and Perspectives”. He delivered a keynote speech with the theme of ”Valuing Our Communities and Cities: People-Centered Digital Urban Governance”.



From April 9-15, 2021, we participated in the 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) which was held online with the theme:



"Picking up the Pieces: Pandemics, Protests and The Future of Public Services". At the invitation of Professor Pan Suk Kim, International Director of ASPA, Professor Jiannan Wu, Executive Vice Director of the China Institute for Urban Governance, Shanghai Jiao Tong University and President of the Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA), served as a keynote speaker at International Assembly with the theme of "Public Administration Professional Associations and COVID-19: Serving Members and Advancing the Greater Good" held on the morning of April 14, Beijing time. He delivered the keynote speech with the theme of "Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Experiences from East Asia".



From June 23-25, 2021, we were also invited to participate in the 2021 Korean Public Administration International Conference was held online with the theme "Restructuring Government and Public Service to the Era of Digital Transformation and Pandemic". At the invitation of Korean Association for Public Administration (KAPA) International Director of ASPA, Professor Jiannan Wu, Executive Vice Director of the China Institute for Urban Governance, Shanghai Jiao Tong University and President of the Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA), served as a keynote speaker at the Korean Public Administration International Conference with the theme of "International Presidential Plenary" held on the morning of June 24,

Beijing time. He delivered the keynote speech with the theme of “People-centered Digital Transformation: The Practice of “YiWang TongBan” in Shanghai”.



## 4. Improve services for AAPA members

**4.1 Build the database of members, rebuild and update the website and launched three issues of newsletter to members monthly**

**4.2 Share information with members, for example the International Cooperation Funding**

The National Natural Science Foundation of China has international cooperation projects with many Asian countries and regions throughout the years. The office have collected some projects in 2021 including one project focusing on the management science area. The AAPA Secretariat has included the information in the newsletter as the platform of information sharing and try the best to match the corresponding partners for members.

It has been and always will be the goal of AAPA to expand and improve research and academic exchange on public administration and public policy in the Asian region



and beyond. The AAPA leadership and the Secretariat Office sincerely look forward to building AAPA as a more vibrant and active community with all of the member's contribution. We will continue to work toward this goal in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to express sincere gratitude to the Board for the very kind support provided to the AAPA team. It has indeed been a privilege. Gratitude to Dr Pan Suk Kim, Dr Anthony Bing Leung Cheung, Dr Akira Nakamura and Dr Alex Brillantes for their continued support and advice. Thanks to the previous Secretariat Office for their very kind assistance for the smooth transition and also Dr Bok Gyo Jeong for his special contributions of leading the US chapter. And gratitude and thanks likewise to the AAPA Secretariat consists of Dr. Xin Liang and Ms. Boming Xie on their hard work and unselfish dedication.