

Welcome Message

Welcome to the 5th annual conference of the Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA) in Cebu, Philippines on February 6-8, 2014. The 1st inaugural conference of AAPA was held in Tokyo in 2010, followed by the 2nd in Jakarta in 2011, the 3rd in Hong Kong in 2012, and the 4th in Seoul in 2013.

“The Study and Practices of Public Administration in Asia and the Rest of the World” is the theme of the 2014 AAPA conference and it is to discuss the recent trends, nuances and challenges in public administration and possible innovative measures in the emerging Asian countries. This year’s conference brings together an international community of public administration professionals, scholars, and students to learn about major theoretical and practical issues in public administration around the world and in Asia.

The Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA) was established in 2010 with the aim to expand and improve research and academic exchange on public administration and public policy in the Asian region. Prior to it, a number of Asian scholars formed the Asian Management Forum and have had annual meetings since 2001, which paved the way for the establishment of AAPA. With the formation of AAPA and the recent launch of the Asian Group of Public Administration (AGPA) under the aegis of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) in 2011 as well as the long-standing Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA), Asian public administration has now become more prominently featured on the world stage so that we need to demonstrate a world-class quality of public administration in Asia to all levels of actors and stakeholders.

Therefore, I strongly believe that AAPA can provide great opportunities for networking with scholars and practitioners, as well as scholarly activities that will encourage the development of new professional relationships in the field of public administration in Asia and the rest of the world. Once again, I thank you for your participation and contributions to AAPA. Your support and dedication have ensured AAPA’s influential role in public administration for many years to come.

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