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AAPA Young Scholars Forum (AYSF)

The purpose of the AAPA Young Scholars Forum (AYSF) is to strengthen academic and social exchange mechanisms for young scholars (ranging from graduate students to assistant professors) in the field of public administration and public policy in the Asian region. The AYSF will organize timely panels or workshops for young scholars at the AAPA Annual Conference, whose Coordinator is Dr. Rosa Minhyo Cho. Dr. Cho is an Associate Professor of Graduate School of Governance at Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU) in Seoul, South Korea and she can be reached at chomh@skku.edu

National Chapters

AAPA encourages forming a "National Chapter" of AAPA. A "National Chapter" of AAPA can be formed in a country where a professional public administration association has not been established. In such a case, a number of professionals in the field of public administration and public policy in a country could form a "National Chapter of AAPA" and promote public administration research, education, and practice in their country and promote participation of its members in annual conference and activities of AAPA. Interested professionals or groups in the field of public administration could send a proposal of forming a national chapter to the AAPA Secretariat. A formal establishment of a "National Chapter" of AAPA must be approved by the AAPA's Board of Directors. For more details, please contact the AAPA Secretariat at aapa@skku.edu

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UN Special Consultative Status

The United Nations Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) granted Special Consultative Status to the AAPA in 2016. AAPA is also a partner of the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN).

Join AAPA

AAPA is made up of individual members only. Interested academic peers and Public Administration practitioners are welcome to fill in the online AAPA Membership Application Form which can be downloaded from the AAPA website. New memberships must be approved by both the general meeting and the Board of Directors subsequently mentioned. If you are interested in joining AAPA, please contact the AAPA Secretariat at aapa@skku.edu

Publications

Asian Review of Public Administration (ARPA)
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Fostering excellence in public administration research, education, and practice in the Asian region



President's Greetings



On behalf of the Asian Association for Public Administration, may I extend our warm greetings to you.

The AAPA, though still a relatively young association, has carved a niche in the discipline of public administration in Asia. It has made its modest contribution to the process of knowledge creation by providing the enabling frame-

work for the continuing debate and discourse – at the level of theory and practice – on important public administration and governance issues, locally and globally. Through its many international conferences, fora, and linkages, the AAPA continuously seeks to be a platform to discuss, debate and analyze the most pressing contemporary issues like the Fourth Industrial Revolution, Internet of Things, populism, smart cities, new media, and sustainable and inclusive development amidst an era mediated by fast-changing events, yet addressing classic public administration concerns such as public sector reform, decentralization, poverty, leadership, ethics and accountability among other things.

Since its foundation in 2010, the AAPA has convened 9 international conferences and has entered into memoranda of understanding with 17 partners in 15 different countries. It has indeed gone a long way since the seeds of its foundation were planted by a small group of like-minded public administration scholars including Akira Nakamura, Anthony Cheung and Pan Suk Kim whose visionary leadership led to the creation of AAPA. We are grateful to them for their hard work and commitment that has brought AAPA to where it is today. We continue to build upon their hard-earned gains and knowledge creation through what Aristotle has referred to as phronesis or practical wisdom. That is what our discipline is all about. Theory, practice: Praxis. Thesis, antithesis: Synthesis. Episteme, techne: Phronesis. Continuous discourse.

The coming years promise to be as exciting and fulfilling as we push the envelope of knowledge creation in partnership with our many local and international partners. That membership in AAPA is on an individual basis continues to be its strength enabling maximum diversity. We look forward to planning and working with you as we come together – physically or virtually – in regional and annual conferences, study groups and publications within the context of the continuous creation of knowledge. Equally important, where appropriate, knowledge that is created finds its way into action and implementation where it matters and for those that matter. Indeed, that is what public administration is all about.

AAPA continues to do its modest share.
Our greetings of solidarity to all.

Alex B. Brillantes, Jr
President, Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA)

History

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 the official establishment of the Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA) in 2010, a number of Asian scholars formed the Asian Public Management Forum (APMF) and had annual meetings for ten years from 2001, which paved the way for the establishment of AAPA. The 1st Asian Public Management Forum (APMF) was held at the City University of Hong Kong, in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China, initiated by Professors Anthony Cheung (City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR of China), Akira Nakamura (Meiji University, Japan), Pan Suk Kim (Yonsei University, South Korea), and Jon Quah (National University of Singapore, Singapore). Initially, they met at the City University of Hong Kong to publish a book together and, later, agreed to have continuous meetings together. Accordingly, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd APMFs were hosted by the City University of Hong Kong in 2001, 2002, and 2003. After that, annual conferences of the Asian Public Management Forum have held in different Asian locations: Tokyo (2004), Seoul (2005), Singapore (2006), Jakarta (2007), Bangkok (2008) and Puli (2009).

Over the years, many Asian participants expressed the need to organize a permanent professional organization of public administration in the Asian region. When the Asian Public Management Forum was held in Puli in 2009, leading participants discussed making this Asian forum a more permanent group. Consequently, professors Akira Nakamura (Meiji University, Japan), Anthony Cheung (Hong Kong Institute of Education, Hong Kong SAR of China), and Pan Suk Kim (Yonsei University, South Korea) had follow-up meetings and discussed a number of issues to prepare for the establishment of a formal professional association. This resulted in Professor Akira Nakamura being tasked with organizing an inaugural meeting the following year in Japan and drafting a charter for the proposed Asian Association for Public Administration which would be a membership organization. Accordingly, both the last Asian Public Management Forum and the inaugural meeting of the Asian Association for Public Administration were held at Meiji University in Tokyo, Japan during 29-30 January 2010. As a result, AAPA was formally established and a charter was approved by conference participants present in 2010.

The 1st inaugural conference of AAPA was held in Tokyo in 2010, after which AAPA Annual Conferences were held as follows: the 2nd in Jakarta in 2011; the 3rd in Hong Kong SAR of China in 2012; the 4th in Seoul in 2013; the 5th in Cebu, the Philippines in 2014; the 6th in Xi'an, China in 2015; the 7th in Chonburi Province, Thailand in 2016; the 8th in Astana, Kazakhstan in 2017; and the 9th in Jogjakarta, Indonesia in 2018. The 9th annual conference will be held in Manila, Philippines in May 2019.

Call for AAPA Study Groups

Study groups should blend research leadership with institutionalization of various issues: public management, civil service reform, e-government, public policy, public sector reform, human resource management in government, budgeting and financial administration, organization theory and behavior, public leadership, social welfare, local and urban administration, administrative law and regulation, disaster and crisis management, etc. This being so, members can make a panel proposal and identify who is interested in what. Study groups can work together on their area of interest as co-authors. Interested members should write one page proposal including a designated study coordinator and several members and send it to AAPA Secretary at aapa@skku.edu anytime

Akira Nakamura Award and Anthony Cheung Award

The AAPA Award Committee (composed of the members of the Board of Directors) will select the Akira Nakamura Award and the Anthony Cheung Award among paper(s) presented at the annual conference. The awardee(s) will be announced during the closing ceremony and the certificate of accomplishment will be presented by the AAPA President to the authors/presenters at the annual conference. Starting from the AAPA Annual Conference in 2019, the Akira Nakamura Award is for graduate students, professional researchers and scholars, and the Anthony Cheung Award is for practitioners and public officials.

Networking and Collaboration

AAPA will keep friendly rapport with other partner organizations involved in public administration in the Asian region and beyond. So far, AAPA has signed Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) with the following organizations (chronological order): Indonesian Association for Public Administration (IAPA); Philippine Society for Public Administration (PSPA); Public Administration Association of Thailand (PAAT); Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPAN); Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe (NISPAcee); Indian Public Administration Association (IPAA); Japanese Society for Public Administration (JSPA); Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Regional Hub of Civil Service in Astana (ACSH); Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic (APAPKR); Smart Society Research Team (SSRT) of the Graduate School of Public Administration at Seoul National University; Hong Kong Public Administration Association (HKPAA); Myanmar Public Administration Network (MPAN); African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM); Korean Association for Public Administration (KAPA); UN Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM); and the International Public Policy Association (IPPA).