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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@yonsei.ac.kr.

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Fostering excellence in public administration research, education, and practice in the Asian region



■ President's Greetings



The Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA) was established in 2010 with the aim of enhancing the quality of research and teaching as well as to expand academic exchange on public administration and policy globally and in the Asian region in particular. Prior to its official establishment, a number of active Asian scholars formed the Asian Public Management Forum in 2001 and had annual meetings which paved the way for the formal establishment of the AAPA in 2010.

The AAPA is an individual-membership organization and invites both scholars and practitioners in the field of public administration to be a member of the AAPA and its goal is to foster excellence in public administration research, education, and practice in the Asian region.

The AAPA holds an annual meeting usually in the first quarter of the year. We hope that every Asian country could host an annual meeting of the AAPA at least once, where daunting challenges of public affairs can be discussed and feasible solutions found for effective good administration in the Asian region and beyond.

The AAPA can provide members with great opportunities for networking with other scholars and practitioners, as well as rigorous scholarly activities that encourage the development of a new era of public administration in Asia and the rest of the world. Please join the AAPA and let us promote excellence and professionalism in public administration and policy in Asia together.

PanSukKim

President
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○ 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 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 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 APMF were 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 APMF was held in Puli in 2009, leading participants discussed making this Asian forum a more permanent group. Consequently, professors Akira Nakamura, Anthony Cheung, and Pan Suk Kim 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 AAPA which would be a membership organization. Accordingly, both the last APMF and the inaugural meeting of the AAPA 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, Japan in 2010, after which AAPA Annual Conferences were held as follows: the 2nd in Jakarta, Indonesia in 2011, the 3rd in Hong Kong SAR of China in 2012, the 4th in Seoul, South Korea 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, and the 8th in Astana, Kazakhstan in 2017.

○ Call for AAPA Study Groups

Study groups should blend research leadership with institutionalization of some kind (HRM/HRD, civil service reform, e-government, public policy, public governance, public sector reform, financial administration, public leadership, local and urban administration, 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 a short proposal with a designated study coordinator and several members. Junior faculty members may form a doctorate seminar during the annual conference. If members are interested in a special book project and joint seminars, please let us know at aapa@yonsei.ac.kr.

○ Best Paper Awards

The AAPA Award Committee (composed of the members of the Board of Directors) will select the best paper(s) presented at the annual conference. The best paper 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. To be considered for the Best Paper Awards, the following eligibility must be met: (1) all submission must be a "full paper," and abstract and PPT will not be considered for the awards; (2) presenters have to complete the registration process along with the payment of the AAPA annual membership fee; (3) authors need to present the paper at the conference; and (4) all papers should be original and submitted in English. Starting from the AAPA Annual Conference in 2016, the following three kinds of the Best Paper Awards are considered for graduate students, professional researchers and scholars, practitioners and public officials: Best Graduate Student Paper Award (for graduate students); Best Conference Paper Award (for scholars and researchers); and Best Practice Award (for practitioners in the local government).

○ 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 (RANEPA); Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe (NISPACE); Indian Public Administration Association (IPAA); Japanese Society for Public Administration (JSPA); Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan; Regional Hub of Civil Service in Astana (ACSH); and Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic; the Korean Association for Public Administration (KAPA); and the UN Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM).