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**Project Management Update from Nepal**

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**ProMAC Symposium 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand concludes with resounding success**

ProMAC Symposium 2009, sponsored by Society of Project Management Japan, was held at Twin Towers Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand during three days of stimulating insights and extensive sharing from October 28<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>. It was attended by more than 100 project management thinkers and leaders, project managers, researchers, consultants, senior corporate executives, practitioners, academicians, trainers, enthusiasts, and students from 11 countries namely, Singapore, Australia, India, Malaysia, Germany, Nepal, Indonesia, Vietnam, Iran, Thailand, and Japan. It was a gathering to contribute and witness the importance of project management discipline in every aspect of our social and professional lives.

It was the first Symposium on Project Management, organized with the objective of promoting "Project Management" in Asia and was supported by the ProMAC International Project Management Conference which hosts an international conference every 2 years again promoted through The Society of Project Management (Japan).

The Symposium Co-Chairs were Dr. Shin-ichiro Yokoyama, President of SPM, Tokyo City University, Japan; Dr. Pongsak Angkasith, President of Chiang Mai University, Thailand; Dr. Yeo Khim Teck, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; and Prof. Ali Jaafari, President of Asia Pacific International College, Australia

The International Advisory Board was chaired by Mr. Hirokazu Uejima, Fujitsu Limited, Japan. The Local Organizing Committee (Thailand) was chaired by Dr. Sermkiat Jomjunyong, Chiang Mai University and Local Organizing Committee (Japan) was Chaired by Ms. Satsuki Shimada, Fujitsu Limited. The Program Committee was Chaired by Dr. Tetsuro Seki, Bunkyo University, Japan and Co-Chair by Dr. Yuichi Kanda, Toyo University, Japan.

There were 6 Keynote Sessions, 2 Special Lectures, and 47 General Sessions out of which 8 were on Regional/International Collaboration in PM; 23 on New Challenge of Projects and Organizations; 4 on Government, Social, and Economic Transformation; and 12 on Development of PM Training and Education.

The Keynote Speakers were Dr. Chee-Yoon Yue, Professor, Nanyang Technological University; Dr. Ali Jaafari, Professor and President, Asia Pacific International College; Mr. Nguyen Trung Kien, Vice Program Manager, PMI (Project Management Innovation) Program, FPT Software; and Dr. Kazushi Kuse, Vice President, Yamato Laboratory, IBM Japan Ltd.

Special lectures were offered by Ali Jaafari, Asia Pacific International College; Mr. Joji Tateishi, Vice President of IPA/SEC; and Mr. Hiroshi Ohtaka, Chairman of Project MIERUKA, IPA/SEC.



From Nepal we had 3 representatives: Mr. Ram Krishna Nirala, Chairperson of Underprivileged Children's Educational Programs (UCEP), Nepal; Mr. Keshav Suwal, Training Officer, Sano Thimi Technical School; and Suraj Dahal, General Secretary of Project Management Association Nepal (PMAN) who also served as the Co-Chair of the International Advisory Board, presented a paper entitled "Prospects of Project Management Profession in Nepal" and Chaired a session (pictured above right).



The 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Project Management sponsored by the Society of Project Management - Japan, ProMAC 2010 is being held in Chiba, Japan in October 13-15, 2010.

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