

**Association of Asia Pacific GDLN Centers
Governing Committee Meeting**

Videoconference: February 12, 2010

Sydney and Canberra, 13.30; Tokyo, 11.30; Manila 10.30; Bangkok, 9.30; Colombo, 8.00

Governing Committee members:

Present: Maree Tait, Dr. Pimrumpai Premssmit, Ryu Fukui

Apologies: Nizam, Phil Karp

Others present:

Shalika Subasinghe, Distance Learning Center Ltd, Sri Lanka

Nishantha Kamaladasa, Distance Learning Center Ltd, Sri Lanka

Elizabeth Ingram, GDLN Australia

Arist Caruana, GDLN Asia Pacific Treasurer

Ivia Martinez, GDLN Asia Pacific Organization and Development Coordinator

Daria Jayme, Asian Institute of Management-WB Global DLC

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 9.30 GMT +7 by acting Chairperson: Dr. Pimrumpai Premssmit.

Manila GDLN Asia Pacific Regional Meeting

- **GDLN South Asia participation:** Shalika Subasinghe from the Distance Learning Center Ltd, Sri Lanka, and Vinod Bhargahva from the TERI DLC, India will participate in the Manila regional meeting. All South Asia GDLN affiliates have been invited to join in via videoconference.
- **Special guests:** The Governing Committee reviewed and approved the list of special guests to the meeting. A request was made to invite the Asian Development Bank.
- **Governing Committee roles:** The Governing Committee discussed their presenting and chairing roles during the entire Manila meeting, and the outline for the ‘GDLN AP Regional Business’ and the ‘GDLN AP New Business’ sessions. Members indicated that they would prefer there is flexibility in the way that the ‘GDLN AP New Business’ session is conducted. The proposed changes in presenters and chair persons were noted and a new Manila meeting agenda draft will be circulated.
- **GDLN Secretariat participation:** Maree Tait updated the Governing Committee on behalf of the GDLN Global Steering Committee. There will be a presentation to WBI’s Senior Management on February 17th about the reform in the GDLN, the Global Board and also on how the GDLN can enhance WB programs. Maree indicated that it would be highly likely that the Steering Committee would ask GDLN Asia Pacific to nominate its member to the Global Board during the Manila meeting. She also proposed inviting the

Steering Committee members to participate in the Global Governance session via videoconference in Manila.

GDLN Asia Pacific Governing Committee member rotation

Governing Committee members agreed to inform Sunjidmaa Jamba and Dodi Doiwa of the possibility of inviting them to join the Governing Committee as representatives of the Mongolia and Papua New Guinea DLCs respectively.

Changes to GDLN Asia Pacific Articles of Association

- Dr. Pimrumpai Premssmit reported that the Chulalongkorn University approved to be included in GDLN Asia Pacific's Articles of Association as the Thai charity to receive GDLN Asia Pacific's assets in the event of its dissolution.
- Furthermore, the solicitors in Thailand suggested the following language to include in the Articles of Association: *“If the Foundation is dissolved by the resolution of the Board of Directors or by whatsoever reasons, all the property of the Foundation shall be given to Chulalongkorn University for the benefit of the Center of Academic Resources of the Chulalongkorn University only”*. The Governing Committee agreed to this language and the Articles of Association will be amended and the application to become a Foundation under Thai law will continue to be processed at the Thai Ministry of the Interior.

Next meeting:

In March, date to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 11.30 GMT +7.