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EROPA Joins UNPAN Database Management System Training

EROPA actively participated in the 3rd Training on Online Database Management that was held June 14-15 in Shanghai, China for representatives of the various Online Regional Centers of the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN). EROPA became an accredited UNPAN Online Regional Center last year.

The training was co-sponsored by the Institute of Information, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS), the Regional Cooperation Office for City Informatization (RCOCI), and the Shanghai Municipal Government. It was held at the same time with the 3rd Forum on City Informatization in the Asia-Pacific Region (CIAPR 2002). (See related story.)

Ms. Haiyan Qian of UNPAN-New York formally welcomed the participants at the Shanghai International Convention Center along with Prof. Yizhi Wang, Director of the Institute of Information Research, SASS.

Several representatives from various ORCs in the world attended the UNPAN training for the first time. Among the institutions represented were the American Society for Public Administration, the African Training and Research Centre in Administration for Development (CAFRAD), the International Centre of Innovation and

Exchange in Public Administration (CIAP), the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP), the International Institute for Administrative Sciences (IIAS), the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) and the Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe (NISPAcee).

As part of the conference training, Prof. Jianhua Wang, Chief Editor of the UNPAN Website in the Asia-Pacific, presented the experience of Shanghai in UNPAN E-Information

UNPAN participants pose in front of the welcome streamer of CIAPR III after attending the latter's closing session.

management. He detailed the process undertaken by the RCOCI and the SASS in gathering information, defining the respective responsibilities of the different sectors, and the quality control procedures that were developed to ensure that the materials being gathered are related to public administration and within the scope of the Asia-Pacific Region.

The training gave the ORC representatives a chance to report on the developments and issues their organizations had encountered in gathering and uploading information into the system, and to comment on the problems and obstacles that were faced by other ORCs.

During the training, participants were introduced to a new database management program designed by DoubleBridge Technologies. The new program was designed to enable the ORCs to input information from their end regarding Conference Service, Training Service, and Worldwide Directory.

The Worldwide Directory was further subdivided into three sub-directories, namely: contact directory; training directory; and website directory. Further, the system enables the ORCs to edit the type of data that would be loaded into the system or database.

The participants were able to explore the new features of the program, its capacities and capabilities, as well as its integrating functions that would make searching easier for its users.

Also discussed in the training was the creation of a roster of experts from each region who are specializing on various fields of public administration. It was agreed on that the information

3rd Forum on City Informatization Spotlights ICT Issues

E-government and City Informatization was the focus of the 3rd High-Level Forum on City Informatization in the Asia-Pacific Region (CIAPR) that was held June 12-14 at the Shanghai International Convention Center in Shanghai, China.

The third forum focused on the significant issues in the adoption of emerging information and communication technology in public administration and governance. The United Nations, United Nations Development Program, State Council Office for Informatization of China, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation of China, Chinese Academy of Sciences, and the Shanghai Municipal Government jointly sponsored the forum.

CIAPR was established to address the issue of informatization and to build cooperation among countries within the Asia-Pacific Region. It aims to ease the digital divide and the gap in the knowledge economy between developed and developing cities.

Mr. Chen Liangyu, Mayor of Shanghai Municipal Government, delivered the keynote speech during the forum's opening ceremony. Also present were Mr. Wu Bangguo, Vice Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, Ms.

would be gathered using a standard form to be distributed to the ORCs.

Participants also viewed the exhibition and attended the closing session of the 3rd City Informatization Forum, also held at the Shanghai International Convention Center. (See related story.) ⊠

Kerstin Leitner, UNDP Resident Representative in China, and Mr. Hu Qili, Vice-Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Assembly.

Keynote speeches were also delivered by Mr. Al Gore, former Vice-President of the United States, Mr. Liu He, Deputy Director of the State Council Informatization Office of China, Mr. Guido Bertucci, Director of the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration, UN/DESA, Mr. Jiang Mianheng, Vice President of Chinese Academy of Sciences, and Ms. Yan Junqi, Vice mayor of Shanghai Municipal Government.

They stressed the process that has to be taken to achieve and maintain progress and development in the region using information and communications technology. In particular, Mr. Liu He shared with the participants the Shanghai experience, while Mr. Bertucci gave an overview of the UN's efforts and action plan with regards to E-government.

A scheduled Ministers/CEO Forum discussed the various issues in e-government, including policy, strategy and priority in e-government development; e-government services to citizens and to business; public key infrastructure (PKI) for e-government, bridging the digital divide and bringing about universal access to the Internet; and public-private partnership building for e-government.

A Mayors' Forum was also held with various speakers from around the world. This was followed by a workshop on Solutions and Best Practices of E-Government. ⊠

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Reports on public administration and governance are now available for downloading at the UNPAN website: http://www.unpan.org.

The following documents can now be downloaded:

- Database on Public Service Ethics in Africa
- A Worldwide Survey on E-government
- World Public Sector Report: Globalization and the State
- A Manual on Online Procedures Enhancement for Civil Applications
- National Program for Strengthening Good Governance for Poverty Reduction in Rwanda
- Global Perspectives on E-government
- Joint Publication with CAFRAD on African Institutes of Public Administration: New Challenges, New Role, New Perspectives
- UNDESA-IIAS Joint Publication on Managing Diversity in the Civil Service
- Report on the Workshop on Financial Management, Transparency and Accountability
- Liberia's Governance Program

The following will soon be available:

- An Online Manual on Public Service Professional Ethics for Developing Countries

- Online Modules on Conflict Resolution Management ✉

PROFILE

Chinese Public Administration Society

The Chinese Public Administration Society (CPAS) is a nationwide academic institute that specializes in public administration and administrative sciences. It was established in October 1988 to meet the demands of China's more open and reform-oriented situation.

Drawing on numerous experts, scholars, administrators and other excellent talents on public administration all over the country, the CPAS enjoys a wide representation and authoritative reputation. It has become an academic institute for uniting and organizing experts in China to conduct public administrative studies.

The CPAS devotes itself to uniting and organizing national research staff, academic groups, institutes, colleges, and universities working on public administration to carry out administrative studies, promote administrative reform, improve administrative efficiency. It plays the role of an advisor and consultant in the gradual realization of China's public administrative scientification, legalization and modernization.

It is devoted also to the progress of international administration and study of administrative sciences, the promotion of academic exchanges and friendly mutual visits. On behalf of China's administrative academic circle, it joins relevant international organizations and participates in their activities.

The broad mission of CPAS covers at least the following dimensions:

1. Study public administration and provide consultancy to the government;

2. Launch the study of as well as push forward the development of administrative science;

3. Improve the quality in administrative science teaching and popularize the knowledge of modern administrative science and of the related legal science;

4. Carry out academic activities and translate and edit administrative periodicals, monographs and books;

5. Promote international academic exchanges.

Twenty-four (24) Regional Sections or Local societies that have activities in the field of public administration at the provincial level (autonomous region and municipality), are adopted as regional branches of the CPAS.

It also has five professional groups as its specialized affiliated sections, namely: Teaching Research Association in Public Administration, Research Association for County Administration, Association for Policy Science Research, Association of Administrative Communication Research, and National Association of Logistics Administration.

Members also include 95 academic units, including colleges, schools, departments, teaching and research sections, research centres and institutes.

Over 800 distinguished members are affiliated individually, plus more than ten thousand individual members in respective affiliated sections and branches across the country.

The CPAS is located in Beijing, capital of the People's Republic of China. ✉

The ***Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration*** **(EROPA) *Bulletin*** is published quarterly by the EROPA Secretariat to update its members of the latest news and developments in the field of public administration and governance.

EROPA is an organization of state, groups and individuals in the general area of Asia and the Pacific, which came into being in 1960, devoted to the development of public administration in order to advance the economic and social development of countries in Asia and the Pacific.

EROPA endeavors to achieve its objectives through regional conferences, seminars, training programs, special studies, surveys, researches and publications. Its activities are carried through the EROPA headquarters in Manila, as well as through its three regional centers, namely, the EROPA Local Government Centre in Japan, the EROPA Training Centre in India and the EROPA Development Management Centre in the Republic of Korea.

EROPA has been accorded consultative status by the United Nations, further emphasizing the cooperative relationship between the UN headquarters in New York and EROPA.

EROPA has also been accredited as one of the Online Regional Centers of the United Nations On-line Network of Regional Institute for Capacity Building in Public Administration and Finance (UNPAN).

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People, Places and Events

Appointments/Transitions

1. **AUSTRALIA**. Mr. Andrew Podger is the new Public Service Commissioner of the Public Service and Merit Protection Commission, replacing Ms. Helen Williams, who is now assigned at the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

2. **JAPAN.** Mr. Masashi Tamura is the new President of the Local Autonomy College. Mr. Tamura replaces Mr. Tatsuzo Sato who has completed his term.

3. **THAILAND.** Associate Professor Preecha Jarungidanan is the new President of the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA), following the completion of the term of Dr. Juree Vichit Vadakan.

4. **CAMEROON.** Mr. Jean-Marie Atangana Mebara was elected President of International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) for a three-year mandate. Mr. Mebara is likewise Cameroon's Minister for Higher Education.

Conferences/Events

1. The Chinese Public Administration Society (CPAS) and the Renmin University of China will sponsor the 2002 Beijing Conference to be held 15-18 June.

The theme of the conference is " Public Admministration and Transitional Governance." Expected participants will come from Mainland China, the areas of Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau, as well as from a number of other countries such as South Korea, Japan, the United Kingdom, Holland and the United States.

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2. The Second Specialized International Conference organized by the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) and the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Ministry of Personnel, India will be held 5-9 November this year.

This year's conference has for its theme, Towards Quality Governance for Sustainable Growth and Development. For more information, contact: Mr. Michael Duggett, Director General of IIAS (iias@iiasiisa.be) or Dr. V. K. Agnihotri, Vice Chairman of the Organizing Committee (vka@nic.in).

3. Tens of thousands of participants, including heads of State and Government, national delegates and leaders from NGOs, businesses and other major groups, will gather for the World Summit on Sustainable Development to be held 2-11 September 2002 in Johannesburg.

Participants are expected to discuss sustainable development issues and agree on further action to implement Agenda 21 and other related agreements.

Information on participation at the Summit can be obtained at http://www.johannesburgsummit.org, the official website of the United Nations Secretariat for the World Summit on Sustainable Development. ✉