



NEWSLETTER



UNITED NATIONS STATISTICAL INSTITUTE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (UN SIAP)



UN SIAP in a nutshell

ORGANISATION

United Nations Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (UN SIAP)

TYPE

Inter-governmental Organisation

CORE FUNCTION

Premier regional training institution providing training on official statistics and a model institution for government officials dealing in statistics: statisticians and policy analysts in developing countries in ESCAP.

FORMATION

May 1970; 52 years ago

SUBSIDIARY BODY OF

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) – Regional Organisation

MEMBER STATES

53 Members and 9 associate members of ESCAP



Objectives

- To strengthen, through practically oriented training of official statisticians, the capability of the developing members and associate members and economies in transition of the region to collect, analyse and disseminate statistics;
- To produce timely and high-quality statistics that can be utilised for economic and social development planning; and
- To assist those developing members and associate members and economies in transition in establishing or strengthening their statistical training capability and other related activities.

Missions

- Practically oriented statistical training or government officials.
- Assist establishing or strengthening statistical training capability.

Modality Training Courses

E-learning Courses

Official Statistics, Health Statistics, Poverty Statistics, Basic-level System of National Accounts (SNA), Intermediate-level SNA, Fisheries and Aquaculture Statistics, System of Environmental-Economic Account (SEEA), etc.

Long Term Face-to-Face Courses

Theory and Practices in Official Statistics, etc.

Long Term Face-to-Face Courses

Short Term Face-to-Face Regional Courses

Leadership for Heads of National Statistical Offices, National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS), Quality of Statistics, Gender Statistics, Supply and Use Tables, Environment Statistics and SEEA, Big Data, etc.

Short Term Face-to-Face Sub-Regional Courses

Training for Central Asia, Training for the Pacific and etc.

HEADQUARTERS

Chiba city, Japan

MAIN STATISTICS BODY

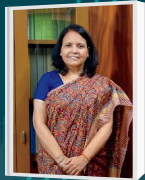
Governing Council (GC)

CURRENT ELECTED MEMBERS 2022-2024

Bangladesh; China; India; Japan (Host Country); Malaysia; Philippines; Republic of Korea; Thailand; and Viet Nam

HEAD

Dr. Shailja Sharma, Director



MEMBERS

A representative from the Government of Japan and eight (8) representatives nominated by other members and associate members of ESCAP and elected by the members of the Commission

WEBSITE

<http://www.unsiap.or.jp>



GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC)

- Established in **April 1995** under SIAP.
- The **members** consist of a representative designated by the **Government of Japan** and **eight (8) representatives** nominated by other members and associate members of ESCAP elected by the Commission.
- The **membership term** is for **three (3) years**, but **eligible for re-election**.
- SIAP is the **Secretary of the Council**.
- The Council will **meet at least once a year** and adopt its own rules of procedure.
- The Executive Secretary of ESCAP or his/her representative will attend meetings of the Council.
- The Council shall, at each regular session, elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, who shall hold office until the next regular session of the Council.
- Responsible to:
 - **review the administration and financial status** of the Institute and the implementation of its programme of work.
 - **review and endorse annual and long-term work plans** consistent with the programme of work.
 - **submit an annual report**, as adopted by the Council will be submitted to the Commission at its annual sessions.



Malaysia received the honour of being a member of the GC SIAP for the term 2022-2024 at the 78th session of the ESCAP.

The member countries of Asia and the Pacific voted overwhelmingly in favour of Malaysia.



In addition, Malaysia has also been trusted to chair the 18th Session of GC SIAP which was held in Chiba, Japan.

Malaysia is nominated by India and the Republic of Korea and supported by the Philippines.

The 18th Session concludes the meeting with the following decision:

- Training must be **designed with training needs in mind that vary by country** and depend on facilities.
- **Diversify training modalities** depending on the topic and resources, such as e-learning, face-to-face, and hybrid training.
- Stressed the need for online courses in **languages other than English**.
- **Enhanced the training on communication, user-friendly outputs, and statistical literacy** based on existing available resources to overcome the NSO challenges in disseminating data to the public, decision-makers, media, and other users.
- **Develop the Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop** that includes information on how to train for e-learning and develop interactive e-learning content to train staff to be trainers.
- Realised the **importance of long-term training course evaluation**.
- Emphasised using **practical examples** in courses and sharing best practices among NSOs through improved south-south collaboration to make training relevant and applicable.
- **Endorsed the Work Programme and Financial Plan** of the Institute for the year 2023.

DOSM's Commitment

As a member, under the capacity of the Malaysia Statistical Training Institute (ILSM), DOSM has expressed its **readiness to organise SIAP regional courses and seminars** in collaboration with SIAP and ESCAP in the future.

DOSM will also continue to **actively participate in courses organised by SIAP** and be prepared to **provide technical assistance or experts** in the field of statistics.

The 8th Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific (the Network)

THE NETWORK

- SIAP is the **secretariat of the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific**, which was created in September 2013 on the recommendation of the Committee on Statistics of ESCAP to facilitate the coordination of statistical training in the region.
- Members of the Network are **13 countries and 13 international organisations**.
- The Network has identified the following **priority areas**:
 - Coordination, including the **development of common training programmes** in response to the requirements of key regional statistics development programmes;
 - **Share information on the work of statistical training** providers, to facilitate cooperation among the providers and relevant stakeholders; and
 - Periodically **review the implementation of the proposed coordination activities**, and identify and implement further actions required.

Composition of the Network members:

- Heads of statistical training institutions of ESCAP member and associate member States;
- Representatives of ESCAP member States, regional and international organizations, and sub-regional cooperation entities in the Asia-Pacific region;
- The Chair or Co-Chair of the Partners for Statistics Development in and Asia and the Pacific Group; and
- The Chair of the Governing Council of SIAP.

NETWORK MEMBERS

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GOVERNMENT

- Australia
- China
- India
- Indonesia
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Japan
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Republic of Korea
- Russian Federation
- Thailand

ORGANISATION / AGENCY

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Eurostat, European Commission
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- International Labour Organization (ILO)
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- International Statistical Institute (ISI)
- PARIS21
- The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESERIC)
- Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)
- United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)
- The University of the South Pacific (USP)
- World Bank

8th Network discussed on:

Session 1: Report from the subgroup on gender statistics training

A representative of UN Women provided a comprehensive explanation of gender statistics training at the meeting. The course syllabus has been made available online, and efforts are being made to organise the course through the formation of a ToT among relevant members.

Session 2: Training modalities post COVID-19 pandemic

The Economic Statistics Sub-group reports that the economic statistics training package has been coordinated with related SIAP courses, including the ToT course. In addition, the meeting was informed that the sub-group on Environment & Agriculture Statistics and Disaster Statistics has been discontinued and all training materials related to the sub-group are available on the SIAP website.

Session 3: Looking ahead - review of the functioning of the Network

The meeting also addressed the overlap of functions between the Network Group and the Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (GIST), whose driving force consists of personnel from SIAP and ESCAP. It is difficult for the Network & GIST to carry out the activities it has planned due to contributors' allocation restrictions. Despite this, the expertise possessed by personnel in the two groups is a valuable asset to SIAP and ESCAP's efforts to boost capacity and course organisation.

17th Management Seminar for the Heads of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in Asia and the Pacific

Theme: Managing Evolving Data Ecosystems- Governance, Stewardship and Changing Roles of the NSOs

Overview and Aspirations

The overarching goal of the management seminar is to improve statistical capability in leadership and management for the Heads of National Statistics Offices (NSOs) in support of economic and social development. It is intended to create a forum in which heads of NSOs can identify, discuss, share valuable insight and propose joint solutions for dealing with the rapidly changing environment in which they operate.

"Managing Evolving Data Ecosystems: Governance, Stewardship, and the Changing Roles of the NSOs" was the focus of this year's Management Seminar. Insights and country experiences were shared by participants from around the world on data governance and data stewardship, allowing for the identification of best practices and doable long- and medium-term approaches that can be adopted by NSOs as well as aiding SIAP in terms of developing training, knowledge sharing or additional guidance on the matter.

The seminar modality was transformed into new approaches by encouraging all countries to contribute, speak and share experiences in a series of round table discussions (breakout groups) that began with a keynote presentation on a broad theme, followed by the discussion of six topics as follows:

Session 1: National Data Strategy - Data Ecosystem, Governance and Stewardship (Plenary)

Chaired and Co-chaired by: Mr. Kaveh Zahedi Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCAP & Ms. Rachael Beaven Director, Statistics Division, ESCAP

Session 2: Assessing the Role of NSOs in Data Governance and Stewardship

Chaired by: Mr. Batdavaa Batmunkh Chairman, National Statistics Office of Mongolia

Session 3: Data and Analytics as a service - Enhancing the Relevance of NSOs

Chaired by: Ms. Orié Hirano, Director of International Statistical Affairs, Office of the Director-General for Policy Planning on Statistical Policy, Japan

Session 4: Strengthening NSO's Legal and Administrative Mandate in Data Governance

Chaired by: Mr. Claire Dennis Mapa, Undersecretary, National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, Philippines Statistical Authority, Philippines

Session 5: Professional Services in Data Stewardship

Chaired by: YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia

Session 6: Strengthening Human Resources Capabilities

Chaired by: Ms. Anupam Bhatnagar, Assistant Director General, Training Division, MoSPI, India

DOSM Contributions

Throughout the session, DOSM shared its experience with the effort taken to emerge as the central agency in Malaysia responsible for data stewardship and data governance. Among others, DOSM's action in the amendment of the Malaysia Statistical Acts 1965, the establishment of the Chief Data Officers (CDO) at all government agencies at the federal and state levels, the National Statistics and Data Council (MSDN), the National Big Data Analytic Center (NBDAC) and the State/Regional Statistics and Data Council (MSDNgW) received overwhelming encouragement and support from the member states of the Asia Pacific region.

During the seminar, Malaysia highlighted the significance of social media in disseminating statistics to the public. In addition, using interactive dashboards and data portals to publish statistics has also become a priority for Malaysia to reach the users of the statistics. Professor Paul Cheung, former Director of UNSD, expressed his enthusiasm for DOSM's initiatives and achievements in advancing statistics at the national and international levels. The member nations anticipate that Malaysia's approach to data governance and stewardship will serve as the industry standard for NSOs in the Asia and Pacific region, serving as a model for national-level NSOs.

Networking Sessions



Dr. Uzir with Mr. Sakamoto Katsuhiko, the Director-General for Policy Planning (Statistical Policy), Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC)



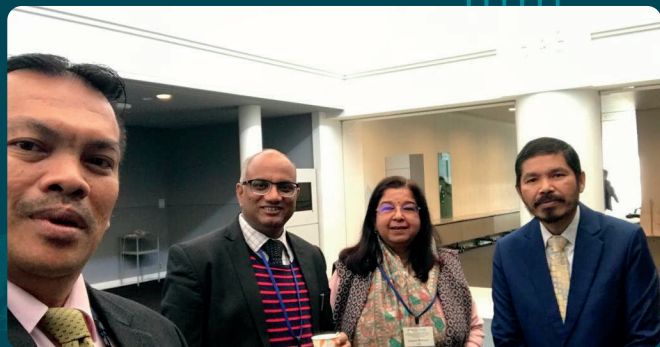
Dr. Uzir with Dr. Shailja Sharma, Director of UNSIAP



Dr. Uzir with Ms. Rachael Beaven, Director, Statistics Division at UN ESCAP

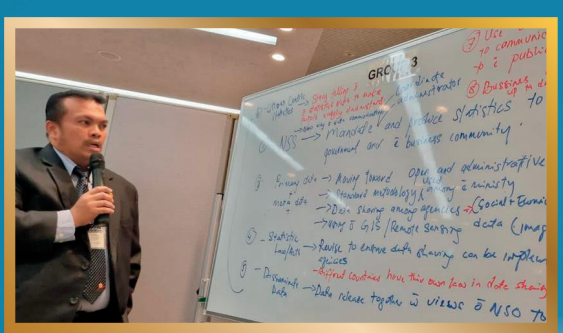
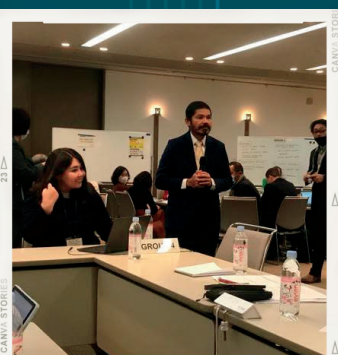


From left: Professor Paul Cheung (former Director of UNSD), Undersecretary Claire Dennis S. Mapa (National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority), Mr. Gogita Todradze (Executive Director National Statistics Office of Georgia) and the delegations of Malaysia





Round-table discussions during the Management Seminar



MEDIA COVERAGE OF GC SIAP IN MALAYSIA

Media Coverage

MEDIA STATEMENT

Malaysia was voted in as a member of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (GC SIAP) for the term 2022 – 2024

PUTRAJAYA, May 27, 2022 – Malaysia has been given the honour to be a member to the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (GC SIAP) for the term 2022 – 2024, following elections held during the seventy-eighth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) on 24th May 2022 in Bangkok. Malaysia received overwhelming votes from member countries of Asia and the Pacific.

SIAP is a professional statistical training center for government officials from developing countries operated since 1970 and granted as the regional institution of ESCAP with the establishment of the Governing Council (GC) in 1995, located in Chiba city, Japan. It has been assisting developing countries in their human resource development through training officials in the Asia and Pacific region and also in other areas of the World. The GC aims to review the operations and endorse the annual and long-term programmes of work of the Institute consisting of a representative of the Government of Japan and eight representatives nominated by other members and associate members of ESCAP elected by the Commission. In addition to the host country (Japan), the current elected members of the Governing Council are **Bangladesh, China, India, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand dan Viet Nam.**

Malaysia's election to the GC SIAP is a testament to the international community's recognition and confidence in the country's endeavours as a supporter and facilitator for the advancement of human capital in the Asia-Pacific region. During its membership, Malaysia plans to prioritise constructive engagement, cooperation and transparency to accelerate human capital development nationally and globally. Malaysia will work closely with UN SIAP to build sustainable statistical capacity and develop sufficient qualified professionals in member countries in order to produce timely and high-quality statistics for inclusive and sustainable economic development and to ensure that No One is Left Behind.

YBhg Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) will represent Malaysia as a member of the Council.

Malaysia dipilih sebagai anggota Majlis Pentadbiran Institut Statistik bagi Asia dan Pasifik - Jabatan Perangkaan



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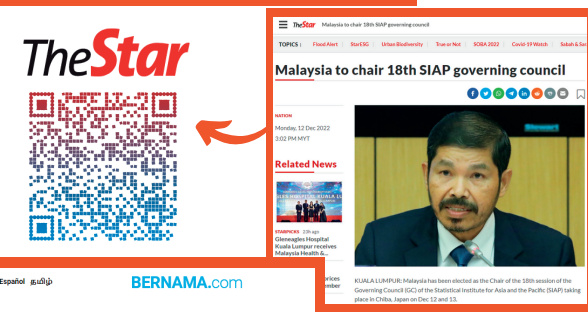


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Media Coverage

The Kuala Lumpur Grid



BERNAMA



MEDIA STATEMENT

Malaysia has been elected as the Chair of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute of Asia and the Pacific (GC SIAP) for the Eighteenth Session in 2022

PUTRAJAYA, DECEMBER 12, 2022 – Malaysia is honoured to be elected Chair of the 18th Session of the Governing Council (GC) of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) held in Chiba, Japan from 12th – 13th December 2022. Malaysia through the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is represented by Chief Statistician, YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin and Mr. Zuraiddi Zainal Abidin, Director of Malaysia Statistics Training Institute (ILSM).

After ten (10) years joined as an observer, Malaysia was elected to the GC SIAP as a member for the term 2022-2024 during the Seventy-Eighth Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) on 24th May 2022 in Bangkok. Malaysia received overwhelming votes from member countries of Asia and the Pacific.

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The 18th session will discuss matters regarding the provision of training according to the needs of different member states, including matters arising from the Seventeenth Session of the Governing Council; new challenges related to training; the Director's report on his achievements in 2022; and the proposed work plan for 2023.

In his Chairmanship Statement, Dr. Uzir stated, "I sincerely hope that we can create a welcoming environment as well as provide the leadership and experience required to continue the important work of this council over the next three years. Malaysia will continue to work with the entire team of the Asia and Pacific statistical community to expand statistical capacity-building programmes and activities to assist Member States in improving the quality and availability of statistics, particularly in implementing and

APPRECIATIONS

Malaysia would like to thank the UN SIAP and all Member States for the success of the 18th Session of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (GC SIAP), 8th Meeting of Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific (the Network) and the 17th Management Seminar for the Heads of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in Asia and the Pacific.

Hopefully, the newly elected member of the Governing Council of SIAP will continue to strive to make statistics is the essence of life.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR
THE WONDERFUL AND EXCELLENT
PREPARATIONS!**

**DOSM AS THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY
WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED AND
SUPPORTIVE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE COVERAGE
OF MANY IMPORTANT STATISTICAL INDICATORS
AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE RELIABLE OFFICIAL
STATISTICS THAT ARE RELEVANT TO THE POLICY
THAT WILL BENEFIT THE NATIONAL
STATISTICAL SYSTEM
AND THE WELL-BEING
OF SOCIETY.**

THANK
YOU!

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