Fifth APEC Architect Central Council Meeting

Summary Conclusions

1 Attendees were welcomed with a powhiri

2 The protocols for the Central Council meeting were confirmed.

3 Economies introduced their attendees, all participating economies being in attendance.

4 The Agenda was confirmed without amendment.

   The meeting agreed that the meeting summary would include references to the bilateral arrangements and MOUs entered into at the parliamentary reception of the previous evening.

5 The Meeting Summary of the Fourth APEC Architect Central Council meeting in Manila in 2010 was confirmed without amendment.

   A DVD of photographs from the Fourth APEC Architect Central Council meeting in Manila in 2010 was submitted and provided to attendees by the Philippines delegation.

6.1 The secretariat reported that no inquiries had been received regarding the establishment of any new monitoring committees.

6.2 Economies provided reports on their APEC Architect activities.
6.3 Economies discussed their various ways of promoting architects becoming APEC Architects. Ideas noted included:
- promoting the project to senior architecture students
- using the negotiation of MRAs as marketing opportunities
- participating economy websites
- using professional development activities as a promotional vehicle
- newsletters to architects
- linkages to other bilaterals
- presence at conferences, seminars and exhibitions
- good government relations
- promoting communications between APEC Architects.

6.4 Aside from the three arrangements signed in Wellington on 3 October 2012 no other bilateral or multi-lateral arrangements during the last two years were reported.

6.5 The project’s Reciprocal Recognition Framework Status was reviewed and several changes made. Specifically:
- Malaysia and Hong Kong asked to be correctly recorded as Local Collaboration
- Canada asked to be recorded as Domain Specific.

Economies reported on the form of their domain specific assessment.

7.1 A set of templates for various APEC Architect processes were adopted as reference resources, to be available on the project’s website. Also, the Reporting Form used for this meeting was adopted as amended for future reporting to the Council.

7.2 Singapore provided a briefing on the home/host economy issue. The meeting agreed to establish a task force, led by Singapore, to take the matter further, with Australia, Japan, Chinese Taipei, New Zealand, Philippines and Hong Kong.

7.3 Malaysia provided a briefing on the errant economy issue. The meeting agreed that this issue was not urgent and the current working group, comprising Malaysia, Singapore and Mexico, should continue its deliberations. Economies were encouraged to contribute idea to the working group.

8.1 The Philippines provided a briefing on aspects of an APEC Architect’s practise in a host economy, especially in relation to issues of immigration, and liabilities and insurance. Economies were encouraged to provide links on their websites to relevant information.

8.2 New Zealand lead a discussion about the future of the APEC Architect Project. The meeting agreed that for enhancing the project it would be helpful to encourage APEC Architects from different economies to seek each other out and collaborate when working on cross-border projects. Economies were encouraged to highlight on their sections of the APEC register those architects interesting in collaborating with other APEC Architects from other economies. The benefits of being an APEC
Architect were also identified and economies were encouraged to promote these to the profession and students of architecture.

9.1 The meeting noted the report of the secretariat.

9.2 The Schedule of Rotation of Responsibilities was confirmed.

9.3 The Summary Conclusions for the Fifth Central Council Meeting were adopted.

9.4 The APEC Architect Operations Manual was amended to provide for the hand over procedure to be a guideline to the outgoing and incoming secretariats and for economy reporting period agreed at the Manila meeting to be corrected to be every 12 months.

10.1 Canada invited participating economies to the Sixth APEC Architect Central Council Meeting to be held in Vancouver in the fourth quarter of 2014.

The Philippines moved to express the Central Council’s thanks to the host economy New Zealand for hosting the 5th Central Council meeting and providing secretariat services during 2011-2012.