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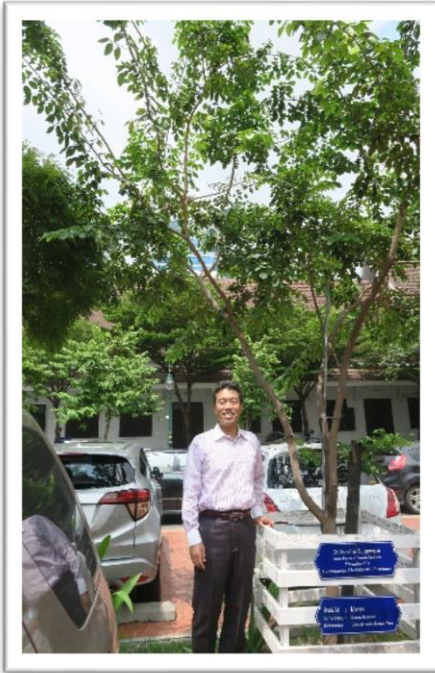


WCO Asia Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building

Foreword

Dear Readers,

Greetings from Bangkok and I hope that you had a nice summer vacation!



ROCB Tree now



ROCB tree in Nov. 2014

Bangkok is now in-between rainy season and dry season. Given the gift of the Mother Nature, the trees and flowers are growing and blooming vigorously. Some of you may recall that, on the occasion of the ROCB A/P's 10th Anniversary Ceremony in November 2014, Dr. Kunio Mikuriya, WCO Secretary General, and Dr. Somchai Sujjapongse, then Thai Customs Director General, planted so-called "ROCB Trees" to commemorate its anniversary. They also wished the ROCB A/P's capacity building activities are well-rooted at the center of the A/P region. Two years has passed since then. The trees are growing in a quite bold and healthy manner, thanks to the very kind and professional care of the Thai Customs Department. Likewise, the ROCB A/P enjoys unsparing support from the Thai Customs Department in various forms, including the secondment of capable colleagues. In this connection, I would like to introduce you Mr. Poonyawee Sroythong, nick-named "Point", as our new colleague at the ROCB A/P, succeeding Ms. Pariyabhat Ariyapongkoson (nick-named "Ae"), who returned to Thai Customs in early August 2016. Khun Ae has worked with the ROCB A/P for 4 years and 2 months and provided invaluable support and commitment to the work undertaken by the ROCB A/P. She was in charge

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of the accounting of the ROCB A/P. She also represented ROCB A/P in various meetings and contributed presentations. Taking this opportunity, on behalf of all of the ROCB A/P staff members as well as Customs colleagues in the A/P region, who knew her, I would like to extend my very special gratitude for her dedication and wish her continued success in her home administration. At the same time, we all look forward to working with Khun Point in the years to come.

This issue of ROCB A/P E-Newsletter features our activities undertaken from July through September 2016. At the same time, given that we are now in new fiscal year of 2016/17, this issue introduces you our updated Strategic Action Plan for 2016-2018 and the Annual Work Plan 2016/17, which are appended to this E-Newsletter as **Appendix 1** and **2** respectively. In this fiscal year, as co-developed with the Regional Vice-Chair (i.e. Fiji) and approved by the WCO secretariat, our capacity building focuses more on security and trade facilitation programs. Capacity building on revenue collection and protection of society, such as border enforcement against counterfeiting and piracy, are also included. With a view to organizing high quality capacity building, the ROCB A/P is going to seek collaboration with relevant development partners and stakeholders to contend with increasingly challenges in the Customs by better utilizing advance cargo and passenger information, among other things. At the same time, I would like to encourage regional Members' active participation and commitment to the WCO's concerted actions towards building more resilient supply chain security and legitimate trade.

Our 2015/16 Annual Report has been just published. For the summary of our activities, as well as the regional Members' commitment and dedication, such as contribution by Accredited Customs Experts, please kindly refer to the featured article in this E-Newsletter. At the same time, we are going to upload the full report on our homepage soon at www.rocb-ap.org. While thanking your keen interest in our activities and your contribution thereto, I would be pleased if you have some time to visit our homepage.

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The ROCB A/P will be pleased to hear any of your constructive comments and suggestions/inputs to our activities, including communication and public relations, so that we may better serve to the regional Member Customs administrations. Please rest assured that the all of the ROCB A/P staff members are going to remain committed.

Kind regards,



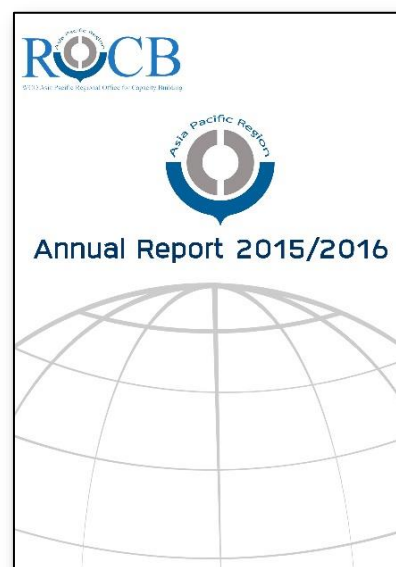
Kazunari Igarashi

Head of the ROCB A/P

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ROCB A/P Annual Report 2015/2016

The ROCB A/P published its Annual Report 2015/2016 on 26 September 2016. This Report features summaries of the regional/national workshops coordinated and organized by the ROCB A/P in cooperation with the WCO Secretariat and other development partners. The Report carries several articles on the ROCB A/P's contribution to the international meetings and workshops, representing the WCO, and collaboration with development partners. It also carries some Members' contributions on their experiences and tangible outcomes of the WCO-ADB Multi-year Project for SASEC countries on Customs Valuation Control. In addition to those activities undertaken in the previous year, the Report has annexes of ROCB A/P Strategic Action Plan 2016-2018 and the ROCB A/P's Annual Work Plan for 2016/2017, which was devised based on the results of the annual technical assistance needs survey conducted jointly with the Regional Training Coordinator (Japan Customs) early this year.



Should the readers of this E-Newsletter be interested in the full report and/or an electronic copy of this publication, please visit our homepage at www.rocb-ap.org and download it.

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ROCB A/P Annual Work Plan 2016/2017

In accordance with the ROCB A/P's Terms of Reference, the ROCB A/P is supposed to develop its 2-year term Strategic Action Plan and Annual Work Plan for the purpose of assuring its work accountability and governance to the regional Directors General. The Plans are to be worked out in close consultation with the Regional Vice-Chair with the intent of assuring effective use of limited resources and making the region's capacity building more focused and relevant to the needs of the regional Member Customs administrations. To this end, in the course of devising the ROCB A/P's Annual Work Plan, Regional Training Coordinator (i.e. Japan Customs) and the ROCB A/P jointly conduct an Annual Technical Assistance Needs Survey each year. As such, the ROCB A/P's Strategic Action Plan is closely linked with the incumbent A/P Regional Strategic Plan. The ROCB A/P's Annual Plan for 2016/2017 was subsequently approved by the WCO Capacity Building Directorate in early August 2016 and made open to the Member administrations in the A/P region and general public on the ROCB A/P's homepage (www.rocb-ap.org) under "Resources" column. The updated Strategic Action Plan for 2016-2018 and the Annual Work Plan 2016/17 are appended to this E-Newsletter as **Appendix 1** and **2** respectively.

The Annual Work Plan for 2016/2017 accommodates quite a good number of the regional/sub-regional and national workshops, both newly funded and carried forward from the previous years. These workshops seek to support improvements in the following 5 core Customs functions, namely: (1) Supply Chain Security; (2) trade facilitation; (3) revenue; (4) compliance and health and safety protection; and (5) organizational development, and they focus on implementation

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of a series of internationally-recognized good practices for Customs reform and modernization.

Regional Training Centers (RTCs) play key roles in delivering planned regional/sub-regional workshops for the interest of the Member Customs administrations in the A/P region. Accordingly, the ROCB A/P has also consulted the WCO Secretariat and RTCs and coordinated the dates and venues of the most of these capacity building programs. For the most current calendar of the upcoming events, please kindly refer to the “Future Activities” on the very last page of this E-Newsletter or at our homepage.

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ROCB A/P joins Thai Customs Department's 142th Anniversary

4 July 2016, Bangkok, Thailand

On 4 July 2016, at the kind invitation of Mr. Kulit Sombatsiri, Director General of the Royal Thai Customs Department (TCD), Mr. Kazunari Igarashi, Head of the ROCB A/P, and his staff members joined the TCD's 142th Anniversary Ceremony held at its Headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand. The Ceremony started with a religious rite. Then Mr. Sombatsiri presented awards to TCD staff members who have demonstrated outstanding performances and accomplishments in their duties. In the margins of the Ceremony, Mr. Igarashi and his staff members greeted Mr. Sombatsiri and other TCD senior officials, as well as with Bangkok-based Customs Attachés, and thanked them for their continued support for the ROCB A/P.



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ROCB A/P participates in the Customs-Business Conference

7 July 2016, Bangkok, Thailand

At the invitation of the Thai Customs Department (TCD), Ms. Pariyabhat Ariyapongkoson and Mr. Kangsik Cho of the ROCB A/P attended the Customs-Business Conference held on 7 July 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand. Approximately 120 representatives from private and public sectors, embassies, Chamber of Commerce, relevant international and government agencies, as well as TCD officials participated in the Conference. It was the first event of this kind aiming at publicizing information about updates of Customs laws and regulations and privileges (such as Customs Incentives Schemes, Authorized Economic Operator (AEO), Advance Tariff Ruling (ATR)), as well as the National Single Window and Mobile Applications, which are of benefit to businesses in Thailand as well as foreign trading entrepreneurs doing business with Thailand.



For more information, please refer to the TCD homepage.

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ROCB A/P represented the WCO to the ASEM Eurasia Expert Group Meeting

11-13 July 2016, Seoul, Korea

Ms. Alpha WONG of the ROCB A/P, as a WCO representative, attended the ASEM Eurasia Expert Group Meeting on Transport and Logistics, which was held on 11-13 July 2016 in Seoul, Korea. Approximately 400 delegates, including government officials from ASEM member countries and Eurasian countries, representatives from international organizations, institutions, industries and academia in the areas of transport and logistics, participated in this Meeting.



This Expert Group Meeting was proposed by the President of Korea at the last year's ASEM Symposium on Transport and Logistics Network held in Seoul, Korea (please refer to the ROCB A/P's homepage at [http://www.rocb-ap.org/article-](http://www.rocb-ap.org/article-detail/170/?crmid=tt0ov6096qhr5fkdve6h7j3ks4)

[detail/170/?crmid=tt0ov6096qhr5fkdve6h7j3ks4](http://www.rocb-ap.org/article-detail/170/?crmid=tt0ov6096qhr5fkdve6h7j3ks4)). It aimed to provide a platform for the delegates to discuss the establishment of multi-modal transport and logistics network between Asia, in particular starting from Korea, via China, Russia and connecting to Europe. At the opening ceremony, Mr. Kang Hoin, Minister, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of Korea delivered a key note address and stressed the economic benefits on the integrated transport networks for connecting Asia and Europe, in particular by railway and road. During the Meeting, speakers raised the awareness on multilateral cooperation and

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harmonized Customs standards for seamless cargo and passenger flow. In this regard, WCO's SAFE Framework of Standard was referred and duly recognized as one of the key guidelines and tools to be taken into account for their future design of the integrated transport network with assurance of facilitating trade and securing supply chains.

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127th/128th Sessions of the WCO Council

14-16 July 2016, Brussels, Belgium

The 127th/128th Sessions of the WCO Council were convened on 14-16 July 2016 at the WCO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, and were attended by a total of around 500 delegates from the WCO Member administrations, the observer international organizations and business associations. Mr. Kazunari Igarashi, Head of the ROCB A/P, attended the Council as an



observer. The Council heard about the series of activities undertaken by the WCO and new tools and guidelines developed by its committees, which were adopted subsequently. The Council also discussed the way forward on a number of topical subjects such as Digital Customs, e-commerce, governance issues, Customs-Police cooperation, Customs-Tax cooperation, security initiatives, and the Customs roles in protecting cultural heritage, among other things.



In the course of the Council Sessions, there was a regional consultation session for the respective WCO regions, including one for the A/P region, in where the hand-over of the regional Vice Chairmanship from Malaysia to Fiji was made. The ROCB A/P is grateful to the Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD) and the fellow colleagues of the

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Vice Chair's Secretariat for their great contribution to the A/P region and to the whole international Customs community through the leadership of the RMCD Director General, Dato' Sri Khazali bin Hj Ahmad, as well as their guidance and collaboration with the ROCB A/P during their 2-year long tenure as the Vice Chair. The ROCB A/P looks forward to continued collaboration with incoming Regional Vice Chair, Fiji, for the next 2 years. In the margin of the Sessions, Mr. Igarashi saw several Directors General/ Commissioners and Secretariat officials and discussed/coordinated the Annual Work Plan and preparation of the upcoming regional/national workshops.

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WCO Sub-regional Workshop on Integrity for the Pacific

27-29 July 2016, Suva, Fiji



The WCO, in cooperation with the ROCB A/P, Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority (FRCA) and Oceania Customs Organization (OCO), organized the Sub-regional Workshop on Integrity for the Pacific on 27-29 July 2016 at the Regional Training Center Fiji, in Suva, Fiji, under the sponsorship of Japan Customs Cooperation Fund (CCF/Japan). A total of 23 high-level officials from the WCO Member Customs administrations in the Pacific region and 6 resource speakers, including Dr. Kunio Mikuriya, WCO Secretary General, and Dato' Sri Khazali bin Hj Ahmad, Director General of the Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD), participated in this important Sub-regional Workshop. In addition, 11 high-level representatives from the OCO Member administrations, who are not WCO Member administrations, took part in the Workshop with sponsorship of the OCO. Mr. Kazunari Igarashi, Head of the ROCB A/P, joined the Workshop as a facilitator.

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Workshop was opened with the remarks by Mr. Visvanath Das, Acting Chief Executive Officer of the FRCA and Comptroller of Customs, which highlighted ramifications of integrity to border security and trade facilitation, as well as the entire Customs reform and modernization process, and underlined the Customs managers' engagement to contend with a series of challenges through multi-faceted measures. The Workshop was led by the resources persons from the WCO Secretariat and Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) and contained practical exercises on the WCO Corruption Risk Mapping, as well as a High-Level Dialogue Session participated by Dr. Mikuriya and Dato' Sri Khazali.



The High-Level Dialogue Session was opened with a key note address by Dr. Mikuriya, WCO Secretary General. He elaborated that Customs no longer hesitates to talk about integrity issues, which has led to the development of the Arusha Declaration. He said that it would be difficult to counter the problems without recognizing the nature and causes of the problems. Several prominent causes of integrity

problems include high tariff rates and complex Customs procedures. In this respect, Dr. Mikuriya touched upon the importance of the use of ICT and the human resource management, as well as the need for the engagement of the officials both of top management and working levels. He also encouraged overall government approaches. Dato' Sri Khazali, RMCD Director General, told about his administration's experiences in contending with the integrity issues through introduction of a set of countermeasures. Participants took advantage of the attendance of the WCO Secretary General and RMCD Director General and had an interactive dialogue.

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ROCB A/P attends the A/P Vice-Chair's Office Opening Ceremony

28 July 2016, Suva, Fiji

On 28 July 2016, the Official Launching Ceremony of the WCO A/P Vice Chair's Office was held in Suva, Fiji, with presence of Honorable Mr. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Fijian Attorney General and Minister of Economy, Dr. Kunio Mikuriya, WCO Secretary General, Dato' Sri Khazali bin Hj Ahmad, Director General of the Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD). Around 50 other invited guests, including Fiji-based diplomatic corps and participants to the WCO Sub-regional Workshop on Integrity, which was held consecutively, and Mr. Kazunari Igarashi, Head of the ROCB A/P, attended and witnessed the Ceremony.



In the wake of the singing of the Fijian national anthem and the devotion, Mr. Visvanath Das, Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority (FRCA) and Comptroller of Customs, made a speech in the capacity of new A/P Regional Vice-Chair. He expressed FRCA's honor to succeed the new role

or the next 2 years as the first WCO Member in the Pacific region to take over the important tasks, which would lead to raising the profile of the FRCA as well as other Member administrations in the Pacific region amongst the international Customs community, and reassured his determination to continue to foster close

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communication and coordination among the regional Member administrations with a view to contending with a series of challenges ahead of the Customs community. Dr. Mikuriya, WCO Secretary General, expressed his confidence on FRCA to maintain and further elevate such important roles of the A/P Regional Vice Chair, and stressed the imperative needs for connectivity among all relevant stakeholders, including Customs to Customs connectivity, to fulfill evolving roles of the Customs. Dato' Sri Khazali, RMCD Director General, offered continued support and collaboration with FRCA and wished all the best for the undertaking under the leadership of FRCA Acting CEO.



Honorable Mr. Sayed-Khaiyum, Fijian Attorney General and Minister of Economy, endorsed his political support for the FRCA to undertake the roles of the A/P Regional Vice-Chair for the next 2 years. Minister called for further enhancing international cooperation and collaboration in exchange of information and experience, as well as technical capacity building support from the WCO Secretariat and the regional WCO Member administrations. The Minister also touched upon the Integrity Workshop and reiterated the importance of integrity for upheaving the region's economic growth and securing the border from the threats posed by transnational organized crime and terrorism. In the wake of speeches, the A/P regional flag, which was officially handed over from RMCD to FRCA at the A/P regional consultation session held in the margin of the recent 127th/128th Sessions of the WCO Council, was unfolded and the plaque of the A/P Regional Vice Chair was unveiled.

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WCO reaffirms enhancing collaboration with OCO

28 July 2016, Suva, Fiji

On 28 July 2016, at the invitation of the Oceania Customs Organization (OCO), the WCO Secretary General, Dr. Kunio Mikuriya, and Head of the WCO ROCB A/P, Mr. Kazunari Igarashi, visited the OCO Secretariat in Suva, Fiji. Mr. Seve Paeniu, Head of the OCO Secretariat, and his colleagues warmly welcomed the visit of the WCO representatives. WCO Secretary General appreciated the OCO for their continued collaboration with the WCO in capacity building delivery and outreaching of the WCO Instruments and tools in the Pacific region. In particular, Secretary General welcomed this week's collaboration for the consecutive organization of the sub-regional workshop on Single Window and the one on Integrity respectively, through logistical coordination between the OCO and the ROCB A/P. Mr. Paeniu of the OCO welcomed the Secretary General's first visit to the OCO Secretariat and took this opportune occasion to give a briefing on the OCO's policy and priorities to the WCO delegation and consulted way forward towards future collaboration based on the existing Memorandum of Understanding. Both WCO and OCO reaffirmed their commitment to close consultation and future collaboration for the sake of the Customs administrations in the Pacific region, complementing Fiji's taking on the office of the WCO A/P Regional Vice Chair for the next 2 years.



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WCO fosters high-level support for the continued modernization of Samoa Customs

29 July 2016, Apia, Samoa

On 29 July 2016, Dr. Kunio Mikuriya, WCO Secretary General, and Mr. Kazunari Igarashi, Head of the ROCB A/P, visited Apia, Samoa, to pay courtesy calls to the Samoan political leaders with a view to calling for continued high-level support for on-going Customs reform and modernization of Samoa Customs, including expeditious accession to the Revised Kyoto Convention. In Apia, Dr. Mikuriya and Mr. Igarashi paid a courtesy visit to Samoan Prime Minister, Mr. Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesollai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi, who warmly welcomed the WCO delegation that were visiting Samoa for the first time. Prime Minister recognized the role of Customs for Samoa government with its revenue collection and border security functions and thanked the WCO for the technical assistance provided to Samoa Customs. The Secretary General underlined the importance of simplification and harmonization of Customs procedures with international standards through early accession to the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC), which is expected to be approved soon by the Samoa parliament, so that the Samoa's economy may be well connected to the global trade. The Secretary General reiterated that WCO's relevant instruments and tools, including the RKC, would lead to increase Samoa's economic competitiveness as well as border security capacity, which the Prime Minister expressed interested in. In this respect,



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Dr. Mikuriya encouraged the Samoa government to continuously engage in regional economic integration efforts through modernizing Customs procedures and practices. Prime Minister asked for the WCO's continued support for the Samoa Customs' capacity building to assist achieve this.



Prior to the courtesy visit to Prime Minister, Dr. Mikuriya and Mr. Igarashi met Samoa's Minister for Revenue and Prisons, Mr. Tialavea Fea Leniu Tionisio Hunt, and his Associate Minister at the Samoa Customs Headquarters. In this meeting, Secretary General explained the WCO's continued commitment to the Members' capacity building, especially for the

Pacific region, in order to support connecting the region's economies to the global trade chain and to counter transnational organized crime and terrorism. The Minister welcomed the delegation and expressed appreciation for the WCO's ceaseless support for Samoa Customs. Articulating a set of challenges the Samoa government and Customs are facing, the Minister asked for continued provision of technical training to Samoa Customs.

Taking this opportune occasion, Dr. Mikuriya and Mr. Igarashi were escorted by Samoa Customs Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Avalisa Viali Fautua'alii, for a tour to the Customs Headquarters and observed daily frontline operations in Customs clearance.

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WCO Asia/Pacific Regional Workshop on Non-Intrusive Inspection

12-16 September 2016, Melbourne, Australia



The WCO, in cooperation with the ROCB A/P and the Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection, organized the WCO A/P Regional Workshop on Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) on 12-16 September 2016 in Melbourne under the sponsorship of CCF/Japan. A total of 30 officials representing 26 WCO Members, including the speakers from the host administration, participated in this Workshop. An Accredited Expert from the Dutch Customs participated in the workshop as the leading resource person and Mr. Kazunari Igarashi, Head of the ROCVB A/P, took part in it as the facilitator. Amid of the mounting concern around the world, this regional workshop was designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the principles of the WCO SAFE Frameworks of Standard (FoS)

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and the WCO's Security Package by examining the latest development of the SAFE FoS, good practices in the identification of high-risk containers through the application of a tactical risk management approaches, and the latest technologies available. Procurement and maintenance of the NII scanners was discussed. Participants were also briefed of the WCO's on-going initiatives in unifying the NII image file format and subsequent pilot on data sharing with a view to facilitating NII image data file among the Member Customs administrations, regardless of the use of the different service providers, and developing the database into a possible training module. In the course of the Workshop, the participants undertook a site visit at the Melbourne NII facility, where the new large-scale NII scanner was installed recently, and observed ABF's NII practices as well as supplementary facilities, such as mini-laboratory and health and safety equipment.



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WCO Asia/Pacific Regional Workshop on Post Clearance Audit

12-16 September 2016, Kashiwa, Japan



The WCO in cooperation with the ROCB A/P and the RTC Japan organized the WCO A/P Regional Workshop on Post Clearance Audit at the RTC Japan (Japan Customs Training Institute), Kashiwa, on 12-16 September 2016 under the sponsorship of CCF/Japan. A total of 23 participants (22 officers representing the WCO Members and 1 officer from an Oceania Customs Organization Member), and 5 resource persons, including Mr. Takayuki Miyoshi of the ROCB A/P as a facilitator, participated in the Workshop.

The resource persons gave a comprehensive guidance on the international standards and conducted a variety of practical PCA exercises based on the newly developed WCO PCA Training tools. The participants shared their national PCA practices, actual cases, as well as challenges. Through this Workshop, the participants and the resource persons actively exchanged their views on PCA and the participants were able to obtain many concrete hints to implement/improve PCA in their respective administrations.

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Farewell message from Ms. Pariyabhat Ariyapongkason or Khun “Ae”

After four years working at the ROCB A/P, I concluded my secondment at the beginning of August 2016. I have had opportunities to coordinate a number of regional and national workshops. I had the opportunity to travel and meet many friends from

A/P including regional Customs colleagues, the WCO secretariat, RILO A/P, OCO secretariat, the RTCs, other organizations and DPs. My sincere thanks to everyone who have worked with me over the year. Without your generous support, I would have never achieved such great experience, memories and success. “Thank you very much”!

Never in my life have I ever thought that I would want to work with colleagues forever until I started working with you. The cold meeting room walls will now feel colder without warmth of helpful and considerate colleagues like you all. Hope to cooperate work and see you again in the future. Farewell!



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Staff Updates

Welcome

Mr. Poonyawee Sroythong, Khun “Point”

Dear everyone,

It is my pleasure and honor to extend a warm introduction to all of you. First of all, I would like to thank everyone for having trust in me and giving me this precious opportunity to work with a world-class organization, ROCB A/P, as a Program Coordinator. My name is Poonyawee SROYTHONG (You can call me “Point”). I graduated from Chiang Mai University with a major on International Affairs.

Truth be told, a car can move fast and securely only when all functions, parts and components are prepared and perform to their ability. Working system is the same. So, I make a commitment to myself that I will contribute to working and learning both from experiences and work as much as I can. I tell myself that I must be that part driving the organization to go through both miracles and obstacles. I am looking forward to working with all of you.



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Future Activities

WCO A/P Regional CB Programs / Meetings Schedule

October 2016 and onwards

Event	Dates	Venue
◆ WCO A/P Regional Workshop on Capacity Building of Customs Laboratories for the Revenue Package Program and Trade Facilitation	9-11 Nov. 2016	Kashiwa, Japan
◆ WCO A/P Regional Contact Point Meeting	9-11 Nov. 2016	Nadi, Fiji
◆ WCO Train-the-Trainer Workshop for Joint Enforcement Action against Counterfeiting and Piracy in the A/P region	15-17 Nov. 2016	Bangkok, Thailand
◆ WCO Regional Workshop on Intelligence-led Risk Management	21-25 Nov. 2016	Faridabad, India
◆ Meeting of Heads of the WCO A/P Regional Training Centers	7-8 Dec. 2016	Hong Kong, China
◆ WCO Regional Workshop on Digital Customs and e-commerce	12-16 Dec. 2016	Faridabad, India
◆ WCO Regional Workshop on Accreditation of Risk Management Experts	23-27 Jan. 2017	Melaka, Malaysia
◆ WCO Meeting for Heads of Global ROCBs-RTCs-VCs	2-3 Mar. 2017	Brussels, Belgium
◆ WCO Capacity Building Committee Meeting	7-9 Mar. 2017	Brussels, Belgium
◆ WCO Integrity Sub-Committee	9-10 Mar. 2017	Brussels, Belgium
◆ WCO Sub-Regional Workshop on Rules of Origin for ASEAN Member administrations	20-24 Mar. 2017	Melaka, Malaysia
◆ Oceania Customs Organization Annual Conference	2-5 May 2017	Guam, USA
◆ WCO Regional Workshop on Customs Valuation	5-9 Jun. 2017	Kobe, Japan
◆ WCO Knowledge Academy	19-23 Jun. 2017	Brussels, Belgium
◆ WCO Council Sessions	6-8 Jul. 2017	Brussels, Belgium

Strategic Action Plan 2016- 2018

For

WCO Asia/Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB A/P)

1. Vision

Being a focal point of capacity building to achieve “World Best Regional Customs effectively enhancing security and prosperity together”

2. Mission

To assist building the capacity of Member Customs Administrations to continuously improve securing and facilitating trade

3. Strategic Action Plan

In accordance with the direction given by the Director-Generals and Commissioners of the Customs Administrations in the Asia Pacific Region, the ROCB A/P has set the following Strategic Action Plan. In order to ensure the close linkage and alignment between RSP 2016-2018 and ROCB A/P Strategic Action Plan, most of the actions under the ROCB A/P Strategic Action Plan refer to or are directly quoted from the RSP 2016-2018, which are specified under the following four pillars of ROCB activities:

- (1) Support the implementation of WCO conventions, instruments and tools
- (2) Further enhance collaboration with development partners
- (3) Improve needs analysis, planning, delivery and management of regional capacity building activities
- (4) Enhance communication and information sharing among members

In line with the RSP 2016-2018, this ROCB A/P Strategic Action Plan also applies for 2-year term from July 2016 to June 2018.

ROCB A/P Strategic Action Plan (2016-2018)

1. Support the implementation of WCO conventions, instruments and tools

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P	Relevant part of RSP 2016-2018	KPI	Target	Timeframe in the RSP
a) Upon request, assist Member's effort in implementing risk management tools including guidelines and Standardized Risk Assessment	1.1.1 - 1st milestone	Number of implementing Members	At least 22/33 Members	On-going
b) Upon request, assist Member's effort in developing national risk management database (e.g. nCEN)	1.1.1 - 3rd milestone	Number of Members	At least 14/33 Members	June 2018
c) Upon request, assist Member's effort in developing and using national valuation database or the like as a risk management tool	1.1.1 - 4th milestone	Number of Members	33/33 Members	June 2018
d) Work with the WCO Secretariat to assist all requesting developing Members to have undertaken Diagnostic Phase II	1.1.2 - 2nd milestone	Number of Members assisted	27/27 Members	On-going
e) Upon request, assist Member's efforts to develop AEO (Authorized Economic Operators) program	1.1.2 - 3rd milestone	Number of assistance provided	At least once per year	On-going
f) Upon request, assist Member's efforts in implementing trade recovery activities	1.1.2 - 5th milestone	Number of assistance provided	At least once per year	On-going
g) Upon request, assist Member's effort to accede to and implement the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC)	1.1.3 - 1st milestone	Number of contracting Members	At least 24/33 Members	June 2018

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P	Relevant part of RSP 2016-2018	KPI	Target	Timeframe in the RSP
h) Upon request, assist Member's effort in implementing the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)	1.1.3 - 2nd milestone	No. of implementing Members	At least 19/33 Members	June 2018
i) Upon request, assist Member's effort for: (1) smooth implementation of HS 2017 (for CPs) (2) adoption of the HS (for non-CPs)	1.1.3 - 3rd milestone	(1)Number of implementing Members (2)Number of contracting Members	At least 24 Members At least 4 new Members (for non-CPs)	On-going
j) Upon request, assist Member's effort in introducing Advance Ruling System for tariff classification decision, origin of goods and Customs Valuation	1.1.3 – 4th milestone	Number of implementing Members	At least 20/33 Members	On-going
k) Upon request, assist Member's effort in undertaking Time Release Study (TRS) in accordance with the WCO TRS Guidelines	1.1.3 - 5th milestone	Number of Members	33/33 Members	June 2018
l) Upon request, assist Member's effort in introducing self-certification for Rules of Origin	1.1.3 - 6th milestone	Number of Members	33/33 Members	June 2018
m) Upon request, assist Member's effort in implementing WCO Data Model	1.1.3 - 7th milestone	Number of implementing Members	33/33 Members	On-going
n) Upon request, assist Member's effort in implementing the resolution on Natural Disaster Relief	1.1.3 - 8th milestone	Number of implementing Members	At least 20/33 Members	On-going
o) Upon request, assist Member's effort in implementing the WTO Valuation Agreement	1.1.3 - 9th milestone	Number of contracting Members	33/33 Members	On-going

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P	Relevant part of RSP 2016-2018	KPI	Target	Timeframe in the RSP
p) Upon request, assist Member's effort in introducing a Post Clearance Audit System	1.1.3 - 10th milestone	Number of Members	33/33 Members	On-going
q) Upon request, assist Member's effort in promoting cooperation and coordination for Coordinated Border Management (CBM)	1.2.1 - 1st to 2nd milestones	Number of operating SW	33/33 Members	June 2018
r) Upon request, assist Member's effort in enhancing Customs-Customs, and if appropriate, Customs-to-Business interconnectivities in various aspects	1.2.2 - 1st to 3rd milestones	Number of participation	At least 6/33 Members	June 2018
s) Upon request, assist Member's effort in utilizing Advance Passenger Information (API) / Passenger Name Record (PNR) for the risk assessment of travelers	2.1.1 - 4th milestone	Number of Members accepted WCO Recommendation	At least 17/33 Members	June 2018
t) Work with Vice Chair and Members to promote activities to raise awareness of IPR issues	2.2.1 - 2nd milestone	Number of discussions in meetings in A/P region	At least once per year	June 2018
u) Work with Vice Chair and Members to promote the application of sustainable anti-drug initiatives (e.g. WCO Compliance and Enforcement Package (CEP))	2.2.1 - 3rd milestone	Number of discussion in meetings in A/P region	At least once per year	June 2018
v) Work with RILO A/P and Members to promote activities to raise awareness on environment issue (e.g. hazardous waste and wildlife)	2.2.1 - 4th milestone	Number of activities conducted in A/P region	At least once per year	June 2018
w) Upon request, assist Member's effort in enhancing border security in order to tackle with terrorists threats	2.2.1 – 5th milestone	Number of activities conducted in A/P region	At least once per year	June 2018

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P	Relevant part of RSP 2016-2018	KPI	Target	Timeframe in the RSP
x) Undertake capacity building activities to promote trade security and facilitation in the region(e.g. SAFE FoS, RM and WTO TFA)	3.2.2 - 1st milestone	Number of CB activities undertaken	At least 3 times per year	June 2018
y) Work with RILO A/P and Members to undertake capacity building activities to enhance capacity of compliance and enforcement in the region (e.g. IPR, Commercial Fraud, drugs and precursors, environmental crime and digital crime)	3.2.2 - 2nd milestone	Number of CB activities undertaken	At least 3 times per year	June 2018
z) Upon request, undertake leadership and management training programs	3.2.3 - 1st milestone	Number of activities	At least once per year	June 2018
aa) Upon request, assist Member's effort in devising and implementing integrity action plan	3.2.3 - 2nd milestone	Number of implementing Members	33/33 Members	On-going

2. Further develop partnerships with development partners

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P	Relevant part of RSP 2016-2018	KPI	Target	Timeframe in the RSP
a) Enhance cooperation, coordination and mutual understanding between development partners and ROCB A/P	ROCB A/P specific (not mentioned in the RSP)	Number of exchange of information	At least 4 times per year	On-going
b) Promote joint activities with international and regional development partners	3.1.1 - 2nd milestone	Number of activities	At least twice per year	June 2018

3. Improve needs analysis, planning, delivery and management of regional capacity building activities

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P	Relevant part of RSP 2016-2018	KPI	Target	Timeframe in the RSP
a) Pool, utilize, support and increase accredited experts in the region based on the framework	3.1.2 - 1st milestone	Number of experts utilized	Use of accredited experts for at least one half of the requested missions	June 2018
b) Upon request, assist Members to promote the WCO e-learning programs in cooperation with Regional Training Centers (RTCs) and accredited experts	3.1.2 - 2nd milestone	Number of implementing Members	At least 12/33 Members	June 2018
c) Work with developed Members to ensure their contribution to the regional capacity building activities	3.1.2 - 3rd milestone	Number of contributions	Meet at least 75% of the ROCB requests	June 2018
d) Work with regional training coordinator to identify and review Members' capacity building needs and priorities through conducting a needs assessment via a survey and ongoing consultation	3.2.1 - 1st milestone	Number of surveys conducted	At least once per year	June 2018
e) Develop and conduct capacity building activities paying due attention to the needs and priorities identified	3.2.1 - 2nd milestone	Number of CB activities	At least once per year	June 2018
f) Work with the WCO Secretariat and Members to evaluate the regional capacity building program	3.2.1 - 3rd milestone	Results of participants' evaluation	At least average of 4 out of 5	June 2018

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P	Relevant part of RSP 2016-2018	KPI	Target	Timeframe in the RSP
g) Work with regional training coordinator to feed results back into planning for regional capacity building activities	3.2.1 - 4th milestone	Number of post action undertaken	At least once per year	June 2018
h) Work with Members to ensure their inputs to the development of the ROCB A/P annual plan by responding to the regional needs survey	4.1.2 - 1st milestone	Number of contributing Members	33/33 members	June 2018
i) Further strengthen cooperation among 7 Regional Training Centers (RTCs) and ROCB A/P paying due attention to establishing/ supporting regional experts for more sustainable capacity building delivery in the region	ROCB A/P specific (not mentioned in the RSP)	Number of activities	At least once per year	June 2018

4. Enhance communication and information sharing among members

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P	Relevant part of RSP 2016-2018	KPI	Target	Timeframe in the RSP
a) Work with Members, Vice Chair and RILO A/P to share experiences on capacity building activities with Members on regular basis via regional communication tools (e.g. WCO A/P Website and Newsletter, ROCB A/P Website and E-Newsletters)	3.1.1 - 1st milestone	Number of sharing experiences	At least once every quarter	June 2018
b) Work with Members, Vice Chair and Regional Training Centers (RTCs) to share good practices and forward thinking work with other Members via regional communication tools	4.1.4 - 1st milestone	Number of items shared	At least once per quarter	On-going

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Annual Work Plan for ROCB A/P (2016/17)

1. Support the implementation of WCO conventions, instruments and tools

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P (Relevance to A/P RSP 2016-2018)	Annual Work Plan for 2016/17	Timeframe
a) Upon request, assist Member's effort in implementing risk management tools including guidelines and Standardized Risk Assessment (RSP 1.1.1 - 1st milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conduct national workshops on risk management for Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka. ➤ Conduct a national workshop on risk management for Indonesia with focus on export controls (<i>See also 1-(w)</i>) ➤ Organize a regional workshop on risk management with the use of the pre-loading advance cargo information (<i>See also 1-(w) and (x)</i>) 	June 2017
b) Upon request, assist Member's effort in developing national risk management database (e.g. nCEN) (RSP 1.1.1 - 3rd milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Upon request, provide assistance in developing national database for risk management 	June 2017
c) Upon request, assist Member's effort in developing and using national valuation database or the like as a risk management tool (RSP 1.1.1 - 4th milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conduct national workshops on Revenue Package, focusing Customs valuation, for Indonesia and Thailand (<i>See also 1-(o)</i>) 	June 2017
d) Work with the WCO Secretariat to assist all requesting developing Members to have undertaken Diagnostic Phase II (RSP 1.1.2 - 2nd milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In cooperation with the WCO Secretariat, conduct a national workshop on evaluation of the implementation of the SAFE FoS for Fiji (<i>See also 1-(w) and (x)</i>) 	June 2017

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P (Relevance to A/P RSP 2016-2018)	Annual Work Plan for 2016/17	Timeframe
e) Upon request, assist Member's efforts to develop AEO (Authorized Economic Operators) program (RSP 1.1.2 - 3rd milestone)	➤ Conduct a national workshop on AEO for Vietnam	June 2017
f) Upon request, assist Member's efforts in implementing trade recovery activities (RSP 1.1.2 - 5th milestone)	➤ Upon request, provide the assistance in implementing trade recovery activities	June 2017
g) Upon request, assist Member's effort to accede to and implement the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC) (RSP 1.1.3 - 1st milestone)	➤ Conduct national workshops on implementation of the RKC for Iran and Vanuatu	June 2017
h) Upon request, assist Member's effort in implementing the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) (RSP 1.1.3 - 2nd milestone)	➤ Upon request, conduct national workshop(s) on implementing WTO TFA ➤ Conduct a national workshop on Inland Container Depot and Transit for Lao PDR (See also 1-(x)) ➤ Organize a regional workshop on Customs transit ➤ Conduct a national workshop on advance ruling for Bangladesh (See also 1-(j) and (x))	June 2017
i) Upon request, assist Member's effort for: (1) smooth implementation of HS 2017 (for CPs) (2) adoption of the HS (for non-CPs) (RSP 1.1.3 - 3rd milestone)	➤ Conduct national workshops on HS for Lao PDR and Mongolia ➤ Conduct a national workshop on advance ruling on classification for Bangladesh (See also 1-(h) and (x))	June 2017

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P (Relevance to A/P RSP 2016-2018)	Annual Work Plan for 2016/17	Timeframe
j) Upon request, assist Member's effort in introducing Advance Ruling System for tariff classification decision, origin of goods and Customs Valuation (RSP 1.1.3 – 4th milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Organize a regional workshop on Customs laboratory and chemical analysis (See also 1-(u) and (y)) ➤ Conduct national workshops on Customs laboratory for Fiji and Myanmar (See also 1-(u), (x), (y) and 3-(c)) ➤ Conduct national workshop on Revenue Package (Customs valuation and HS) for Samoa (See also 1-(o)) 	
k) Upon request, assist Member's effort in undertaking Time Release Study (TRS) in accordance with the WCO TRS Guidelines (RSP 1.1.3 - 5th milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Upon request, provide assistance for the conduct of TRS 	June 2017
l) Upon request, assist Member's effort in introducing self-certification for Rules of Origin (RSP 1.1.3 - 6th milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Organize a sub-regional workshop on rules of origin for ASEAN countries 	June 2017
m) Upon request, assist Member's effort in implementing WCO Data Model (RSP 1.1.3 - 7th milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Organize a regional workshop on Customs ICT ➤ Organize a regional workshop on Digital Customs and e-commerce (See also 1-(r)) 	June 2017
n) Upon request, assist Member's effort in implementing the resolution on Natural Disaster Relief (RSP 1.1.3 - 8th milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Upon request, provide assistance for the implementation of the WCO Resolution on Natural Disaster Relief 	June 2017

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P (Relevance to A/P RSP 2016-2018)	Annual Work Plan for 2016/17	Timeframe
o) Upon request, assist Member's effort in implementing the WTO Valuation Agreement (RSP 1.1.3 - 9th milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conduct national workshops on Customs valuation for Indonesia and Thailand (<i>See also 1-(c)</i>) ➤ Organize a regional workshop on Customs valuation ➤ Conduct a national workshop on Revenue Package (Customs valuation and HS) for Samoa (<i>See also 1-(j)</i>) 	June 2017
p) Upon request, assist Member's effort in introducing a Post Clearance Audit (PCA) System (RSP 1.1.3 - 10th milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conduct a national workshop on PCA for Lao PDR and Malaysia ➤ Organize a regional workshop on PCA 	June 2017
q) Upon request, assist Member's effort in promoting cooperation and coordination for Coordinated Border Management (CBM) (RSP 1.2.1 - 1st to 2nd milestones)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conduct national workshops on CBM for Bangladesh and Malaysia 	June 2017
r) Upon request, assist Member's effort in enhancing Customs-Customs, and if appropriate, Customs-to-Business interconnectivities in various aspects (RSP 1.2.2 - 1st to 3rd milestones)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Organize a regional workshop on Digital Customs and e-commerce (<i>See also 1-(m)</i>) 	June 2017
s) Upon request, assist Member's effort in utilizing Advance Passenger Information (API) / Passenger Name Record (PNR) for the risk assessment of travelers (RSP 2.1.1 - 4th milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conduct a national workshop on passenger controls, including the use of API/PNR, for Lao PDR and Mongolia ➤ Upon request, provide assistance for the introduction and/or use of API/PNR ➤ Organize a regional workshop on passenger controls 	June 2017

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P (Relevance to A/P RSP 2016-2018)	Annual Work Plan for 2016/17	Timeframe
t) Work with Vice Chair and Members to promote activities to raise awareness of IPR issues (RSP 2.2.1 - 2nd milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conduct national workshops on IPR for Fiji, Indonesia, Myanmar and Vanuatu (See also 1-(y)) ➤ Organize a regional Train-the-trainers workshop for Action IPR A/P (See also 1-(y)) ➤ Conduct a national workshop on IPR for Indonesia (See also 1-(y)) ➤ Upon request, provide assistance on IPR issues (See also 1-(y)) ➤ Organize a regional workshop on the follow-up of the Action IPR A/P (See also 1-(y)) 	June 2017
u) Work with Vice Chair and Members to promote the application of sustainable anti-drug initiatives (e.g. WCO Compliance and Enforcement Package (CEP)) (RSP 2.2.1 - 3rd milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Organize a regional workshop on Drug Detector Dogs handling (See also 1-(y)) ➤ Organize a regional workshop on Customs laboratory and chemical analysis (See also 1-(j), (x) and (y)) ➤ Conduct national workshops on Customs laboratory for Fiji and Myanmar (See also 1-(j), (x), (y) and 3-(c)) 	June 2017
v) Work with RILO A/P and Members to promote activities to raise awareness on environment issue (e.g. hazardous waste and wildlife) (RSP 2.2.1 - 4th milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Upon request, work with RILO A/P and Members to raise awareness on environmental issues 	June 2017
w) Upon request, assist Member's effort in enhancing border security in order to tackle with terrorists threats (RSP 2.2.1 – 5th milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Organize a regional workshop on Non-Intrusive Inspection (See also 1-(x) and (y)) ➤ Organize a regional workshop on Small Arms and Light Weapon (See also 1-(y)) ➤ Conduct a national workshop on risk management for Indonesia with focus on export controls. (See also 1-(a)) 	June 2017

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P (Relevance to A/P RSP 2016-2018)	Annual Work Plan for 2016/17	Timeframe
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Organize a regional workshop on risk management with the use of the pre-loading advance cargo information. <i>(See also 1-(a) and (x))</i> ➤ Organize a regional workshop on security screening on postal items <i>(See also 1-(x))</i> ➤ Conduct a national workshop on evaluation of the implementation of the SAFE FoS for Fiji <i>(See also 1-(d) and (x))</i> 	
<p>x) Undertake capacity building activities to promote trade security and facilitation in the region(e.g. SAFE FoS, RM and WTO TFA) <i>(RSP 3.2.2 - 1st milestone)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Organize a regional workshop on Non-Intrusive Inspection <i>(See also 1-(w) and (y))</i> ➤ Upon request, provide assistance for the implementation of WTO TFA ➤ Conduct a national workshop on WTO TFA for Lao PDR ➤ Conduct national workshops on Customs laboratory for Fiji and Myanmar <i>(See also 1-(j), (u) and (y))</i> ➤ Organize a regional workshop on security screening on postal items <i>(See also 1-(w))</i> ➤ Organize a regional workshop on risk management with the use of the pre-loading advance cargo information. <i>(See also 1-(a) and (w))</i> ➤ Conduct a national workshop on evaluation of the implementation of the SAFE FoS for Fiji <i>(See also 1-(d) and (w))</i> ➤ Conduct a national workshop on Inland Container Depot and Transit for Lao PDR <i>(See also 1-(h))</i> ➤ Conduct a national workshop on advance ruling for Bangladesh <i>(See also 1-(h) and (j))</i> 	June 2017

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P (Relevance to A/P RSP 2016-2018)	Annual Work Plan for 2016/17	Timeframe
y) Work with RILO A/P and Members to undertake capacity building activities to enhance capacity of compliance and enforcement in the region (e.g. IPR, Commercial Fraud, drugs and precursors, environmental crime and digital crime) (RSP 3.2.2 - 2nd milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conduct national workshops on IPR for Fiji, Indonesia, Myanmar and Vanuatu (See also 1-(t)) ➤ Organize a regional workshop on Small Arms and Light Weapon (See also 1-(w)) ➤ Organize a regional workshop on Customs laboratory and chemical analysis (See also 1-(j), (u), (x) and 3-(c)) ➤ Conduct national workshops on Customs laboratory for Fiji and Myanmar (See also 1-(j), (u), (x) and 3-(c)) ➤ Upon request, provide assistance on IPR ➤ Organize a regional Train-the-trainers workshop for Action IPR A/P (See also 1-(t)) ➤ Organize a regional workshop on the follow-up of the Action IPR A/P (See also 1-(t)) ➤ Organize a regional workshop on Drug Detector Dogs handling (See also 1-(u)) ➤ Organize a regional workshop on Non-Intrusive Inspection (See also 1-(w) and (x)) 	June 2017
z) Upon request, undertake leadership and management training programs (RSP 3.2.3 - 1st milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conduct a national workshop on human resource management strategy for Fiji ➤ Organize a regional workshop on Framework on Customs Professionalism 	June 2017
aa) Upon request, assist Member's effort in devising and implementing integrity action plan (RSP 3.2.3 - 2nd milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Organize a sub-regional workshop on integrity for the Pacific 	June 2017

2. Further develop partnerships with development partners

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P (Relevance to A/P RSP 2016-2018)	Annual Work Plan for 2016/17	Timeframe
a) Enhance cooperation, coordination and mutual understanding between development partners and ROCB A/P <i>(ROCB A/P specific (not mentioned in RSP))</i>	➤ Continue strategic dialogues and cooperation with development partners through participation in the meetings and seminars organized by them	June 2017
b) Promote joint activities with international and regional development partners <i>(RSP 3.1.1 - 2nd milestone)</i>	➤ Continue to work with WB, ADB, UNEP and other interested development partners to conduct joint projects for reform and modernization of Member administrations and send experts for the joint projects on such areas as Customs valuation and PCA ➤ Participate in sub-regional meetings organized by development partners to monitor and assist Members' efforts in reform and modernization	June 2017

3. Improve needs analysis, planning, delivery and management of regional capacity building activities

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P (Relevance to A/P RSP 2016-2018)	Annual Work Plan for 2016/17	Timeframe
a) Pool, utilize, support and increase accredited experts in the region based on the framework (RSP 3.1.2 – 1st milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Organize regional accreditation workshops on experts of transit, HS and risk management respectively and utilize the region's accredited experts on various occasions of regional/national workshops on their respective expertise ➤ Discuss and cooperate with Regional Training Centers to keep update the knowledge and skills of these accredited experts and candidates 	June 2017
b) Upon request, assist Members to promote the WCO e-learning programs in cooperation with Regional Training Centers (RTCs) and accredited experts (RSP 3.1.2 – 2nd milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Take every possible opportunity to promote the WCO e-learning programs and CLiKC! platform in cooperation with the RTCs and accredited experts to support Members' continuous self-efforts for training of their personnel 	June 2017
c) Work with developed Members to ensure their contribution to the regional capacity building activities (RSP 3.1.2 – 3rd milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conduct a national workshop on the establishment of Customs laboratory for Fiji and Myanmar, in cooperation with the WCO A/P Regional Customs Laboratory (See also 1-(j), (u), (x) and (y)) ➤ Organize a regional workshop on Customs laboratory and chemical analysis (See also 1-(j), (u), (x) and (y)) ➤ Identify areas of existing expertise and their possible inputs from the developed Members and seek further contribution from them for the regional capacity building activities at an early stage of planning 	June 2017

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P (Relevance to A/P RSP 2016-2018)	Annual Work Plan for 2016/17	Timeframe
d) Work with regional training coordinator to identify and review Members' capacity building needs and priorities through conducting a needs assessment via a survey and ongoing consultation (RSP 3.2.1- 1st milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Work with the Regional Training Coordinator to further review capacity building needs survey aiming at properly collecting Members' most current needs and reform/modernization priorities ➤ Work with the WCO Secretariat, Member and development partners to plan, deliver and review capacity building activities paying due attention to the Members' needs and priorities. ➤ Conduct Regional Workshop Follow-Up Action Surveys and share findings with the WCO Secretariat, RTCs and Members as appropriate 	June 2017
e) Develop and conduct capacity building activities paying due attention to the needs and priorities identified (RSP 3.2.1 - 2nd milestone)		
f) Work with the WCO Secretariat and Members to evaluate the regional capacity building program (RSP 3.2.1 - 3rd milestone)		
g) Work with regional training coordinator to feed results back into planning for regional capacity building activities (RSP 3.2.1 - 4th milestone)		
h) Work with Members to ensure their input to the ROCB A/P annual plan by responding to the regional needs survey (RSP 4.1.2 - 1st milestone)		
i) Further strengthen cooperation among 7 Regional Training Centers (RTCs) and ROCB A/P paying due	➤ In cooperation with the Regional Vice Chair, convene a Meeting of Heads of RTC to further strengthen their network and devise regional	December 2016

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P (Relevance to A/P RSP 2016-2018)	Annual Work Plan for 2016/17	Timeframe
attention to establishing/supporting regional experts for more sustainable capacity building delivery in the region (ROCB A/P specific (not mentioned in RSP))	strategy for the pooling and better use of the regional experts in capacity building activities	

4. Enhance communication and information sharing among members

Specific Actions of ROCB A/P (Relevance to A/P RSP 2016-2018)	Annual Work Plan for 2016/17	Timeframe
a) Work with Members, Vice Chair and RILO A/P to share experiences on capacity building activities with Members on regular basis via regional communication tools (e.g. WCO A/P Website and Newsletter, ROCB A/P Website and E-Newsletters) (RSP 3.1.1 - 1st milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Issue ROCB A/P e-newsletters every 3 months and include more information on Members' experiences in reform and modernization ➤ Maintain ROCB website and upload pertinent information in a timely manner to inform Members and stakeholders of the ROCB A/P's activities. 	June 2017
b) Work with Members, Vice Chair and Regional Training Centers (RTCs) to share good practices and forward thinking work with other Members via regional communication tools (RSP 4.1.4 - 1st milestone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assist Members, Vice Chair and the RTCs to share good practices by issuing a series of regional good practice reports on selected topics 	June 2017

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