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NOTIFICATION

No. IQAB/FIN-ERCF/STAT/2025-26/14.—In exercise of the powers conferred by No. IQAB/IPRO-EST/NOTIF/2025-26/18.—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 read with sub-section (2) of Section 9 and Section 25 of the International Quality and Accreditation Board Charter Act, 2018 (Act No. 4 of 2018) and the Regional Jurisdictions and Transnational Governance Regulations framed thereunder, the International Quality and Accreditation Board (IQAB), on the unanimous resolution and assent of the Governing Council and Executive Senate, hereby formally notifies the establishment and statutory **Inauguration of the Indo-Pacific Regional Office (IQAB-IPRO), Singapore & New Delhi Hubs** along with its following ten constituent territorial directorates, specialized accreditation wings, and maritime jurisdiction councils specified herein below:—

- (1) **South Asia Higher Education Accreditation & Institutional Quality Directorate (New Delhi Hub);**
- (2) **Southeast Asia (ASEAN) Cross-Border Quality Assurance & Mutual Equivalence Division (Singapore Hub);**
- (3) **East Asia Technology, Research & Doctoral Program Evaluation Bureau (Tokyo / Seoul Chapter);**
- (4) **Australasia & Pacific Island Nations Vocational & Applied Skills Accreditation Wing (Sydney Centre);**
- (5) **Maritime Economies, ESG & Environmental Sustainability Standards Cell (Jakarta Wing);**
- (6) **Digital Accreditation, Transnational Micro-Credentials & AI Quality Assurance Hub (Bangalore Centre);**
- (7) **Medical, Public Health & Tropical Medicine Accreditation Directorate (Kuala Lumpur Chapter);**
- (8) **Regional Assessor Capacity Development, Peer Review & Lead Auditor Academy (Manila Wing);**
- (9) **Indo-Pacific Academic Ethics, Treaty Compliance & Stakeholder Grievance Tribunal (Colombo Centre);**
- (10) **Plenipotentiary Council of Regional Ministries, Treaty Bodies & Diplomatic Secretariat (Singapore Hub).**

As the sovereign chartered regional headquarters and primary evaluative authority for the Indo-Pacific territorial zone with immediate effect.

1. Statutory Conditions & Regional Mandates

The establishment, territorial jurisdiction, and operations of the Indo-Pacific Regional Office (IQAB) shall be governed by the following statutory conditions, covenants, and regulatory directives, namely:—

- (1) Territorial Jurisdiction & Delegated Sovereign Powers:— That the Indo-Pacific Regional Office shall exercise full delegated regulatory, evaluative, and supervisory authority over all institutional accreditations, programmatic audits, and peer evaluations across South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia, and the Pacific Rim with effect from the date of formal inauguration;
- (2) Transition of Institutional Regulatory Filings:— That all accredited universities, candidate colleges, polytechnics, and educational institutions located within the designated Indo-Pacific member states shall transition their annual compliance submissions, self-study reports, and accreditation renewal filings directly to the IPRO Regional Secretariat on or before Wednesday, 26th November, 2025;
- (3) Regional Alignment & Institutional Governance:— That appropriate statutory amendments in the Charters, Bylaws, and Quality Manuals of participating institutions shall be formally enacted to:
 - (i) Designate an accredited Institutional Liaison Officer to interface directly with the Indo-Pacific Regional Directorate on or before Wednesday, 15th October, 2025;
 - (ii) Incorporate IQAB Indo-Pacific Regional Harmonization Framework benchmarks into Institutional quality audits;
 - (iii) Provide seamless access to accredited IPRO peer assessment delegations for comprehensive on-site inspections;
 - (iv) Connect institutional credential repositories to the Indo-Pacific Digital Verification Network on or before Wednesday, 10th December, 2025;
 - (v) Establish a regional student redressed and academic mobility cell aligned with ASEAN and SAARC educational frameworks.

2. Cross-Border Equivalence & Governance Directives

- (4) Mutual Recognition & Transnational Mobility:— That qualifications and degree programmes accredited under the auspices of the Indo-Pacific Regional Office shall enjoy automatic reciprocal recognition across all signatory member states and multilateral treaty partners of the IQAB Accord.
- (5) Supersession of Provisional Arrangements:— That all prior provisional or ad-hoc quality monitoring bodies within the Indo-Pacific basin stand formally subsumed under the direct jurisdiction and authority of the Indo-Pacific Regional Office with effect from the statutory date of inauguration.

SCHEDULE

MANDATORY PHASED ESTABLISHMENT SCHEDULE & INAUGURAL MILESTONES FOR INDO-PACIFIC REGIONAL OFFICE (IPRO 2025-2026)

The following Key Milestones Schedule and Mandatory Target Dates (all strictly scheduled on official non-Sunday working days) shall be legally binding upon all regional directorates, member institutions, and sovereign accreditation authorities:—

Item No.	IQAB Milestone & Operational Treaty Deliverable	Mandatory Target Date	Responsible Authority
IPRO-01	Official Gazette Promulgation & Host Nation Bilateral Treaty Execution (Singapore/India)	08 Oct 2025 (Wed)	Legal & Treaties Directorate, IQAB
IPRO-02	Commissioning of Regional Headquarters Infrastructure & Digital Hubs	15 Oct 2025 (Wed)	Directorate of Estates & Infrastructure
IPRO-03	Induction of Regional Director-General & Indo-Pacific Board of Governors	26 Nov 2025 (Wed)	IQAB Governing Council & Selection Board
IPRO-04	Operationalization of Indo-Pacific Transnational Fast-Track Accreditation Portal	10 Dec 2025 (Wed)	Regional Directorate of Digital Systems
IPRO-05	Mid-Term Statutory Governance Review & Multilateral Education Ministries Conclave	09 Feb 2026 (Mon)	Indo-Pacific Plenipotentiary Council
IPRO-06	Publication of Indo-Pacific Harmonization Guidelines & Assessor Competency Manual	16 Mar 2026 (Mon)	Regional Academic Standards Committee
IPRO-07	Grand Inauguration Ceremony & Official Opening of Indo-Pacific Regional Office	06 May 2026 (Wed)	President & Governing Council, IQAB
IPRO-08	Commencement of Statutory Regional Accreditation Audits & On-Site Peer Reviews	01 Jul 2026 (Wed)	Indo-Pacific Board of Peer Assessors
IPRO-09	Submission of Regional Quality Conformance Dossiers & Bilateral MLA Filings	12 Aug 2026 (Wed)	Chief Quality Officers / Signatory Bodies
IPRO-10	Official Gazette Promulgation of IQAB Accredited Jurisdictional Roll & Final Orders	30 Sep 2026 (Wed)	IQAB Gazette & Supreme Secretariat

3. Regional Governance Activation & Sovereign Execution

The Indo-Pacific Regional Office shall function as the sovereign operating arm of IQAB across the Asia-Pacific basin. All accreditation decisions, institutional ratings, and multilateral equivalence accords ratified by the Regional Director-General shall carry full statutory authority under the IQAB Charter Act.

Given under the official seal of the International Quality and Accreditation Board and authenticated by the undersigned under the statutory authority of the Govern

Regards,



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