# MOBILITY OF APEC ENGINEERS THE OPPORTUNITY IN BELT & ROAD INITIATIVE

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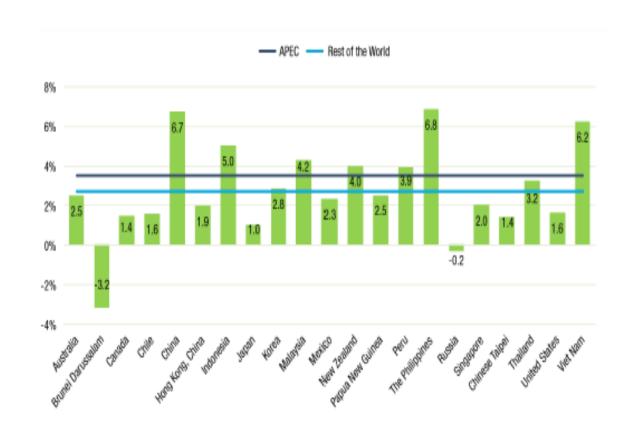
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#### GDP GROWTH OUTLOOK FOR ASIA

- **OECD:** GDP growth in Emerging Asia is expected to remain robust over the medium-term on the back of resilient domestic demand, steady investment and trade recovery. It is expected to post 6.3% growth on average between 2018 and 2022. Southeast Asia's growth should also remain strong at 5.2 % over the same period.
- ADB: Developing Asia is forecast to expand by 6.0% in 2018, and by 5.9% in 2019. Excluding Asia's high-income newly industrialized economies, growth should reach 6.5% in 2018 and 6.4% in 2019.



#### BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN ASIA PACIFIC

- Belt and Road Initiative: China Plans \$1 Trillion New 'Silk Road', It envisions new roads, high-speed rail, power plants, pipelines, ports and airports and telecommunications links that would boost commerce between China and 60 countries in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa.
- The <u>Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation</u> (<u>CAREC</u>) <u>Program</u> is an ADB supported initiative focused on financing infrastructure projects and improving the region's policy environment in the priority areas of <u>transport</u>, <u>energy</u>, <u>trade policy</u>, and <u>trade facilitation</u>.
- The <u>Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) Program</u> focuses of the GMS Program is to improve connectivity in the subregion through strengthening linkages in <u>transport</u>, <u>energy</u>, and <u>telecommunications</u>.
- Many others cross border infrastructure projects.....



#### CHALLENGES IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN ASIA PACIFIC

- Cultural Differences
- Different in Languages
- Differences in Professional Qualification
- Local Regulatory Requirement
- Difference in Code of Practices
- Differences in Competency level
- Geopolitical Risk





## GOVERNMENT POLICY IN FACILITATING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- DO NOT REINVENTING THE WHEEL facilitate Mobility of Professional
  - Leverage on experiences
  - Transfer of Technology
  - Capacity Building
- International Bench-Marking on Qualification and Competency Standards
  - Rising qualification standard of the professional
  - Adopting processes on international competency level
- Standardization of local challenges, i.e. Language, Code of Practice etc.
- Facilitate APEC Engineers as Platform for Engineering Services. Recognized by APEC Organization and CPTPP Agreement
- Facilitate VISA entry, "Green Card" for professional, enhance value of the "APEC Card" to facilitate mobility



### INTERNATIONAL BENCH-MARKING

#### **Qualification Accreditation**



**Washington Accord** 



Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP)

#### **Competency Agreement**



Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation APEC Engineer Registry

IPEA AGREEMENT

### TERMS OF AGREEMENT

- Provide an individualised Benchmark Competence Standard and assessment framework as a basis for recognising substantial equivalence of governance, standards and quality assurance systems.
- Substantial equivalence a pre-requisite for attaining and maintaining Authorised Membership of an agreement.
- Rules, Procedures and Guidelines are defined and are common for all of the competence agreements.



#### **GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT**

- Sets the <u>Benchmark Competence Standard</u>, that provides the assessment hurdle for candidates seeking admission to the International Register via the local jurisdiction.
- Standards for APEC Engineer, IPEA require the candidate to demonstrate:
  - a minimum overall level of academic achievement/structured engineering education;
  - the professional engineering competence for independent practice in the appropriate occupational category;
  - a minimum period of seven years practical experience since graduation;
  - a minimum period of two years in responsible charge of significant engineering work.



#### CODES OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

#### **Covers:**

- misrepresentation of qualifications and titles,
- accepting responsibility and working only within one's domain of competence,
- personal rights as well as legal and cultural values,
- conflicts of interest, confidentiality, not accepting inducements, and contribution to public debate.

#### As well as:

- maintaining competence,
- providing impartial and analysis and judgement to employers,
- avoiding health and safety dangers, and
- minimising environmental impact.



### APEC ENGINEER' S COMPETENCY PROFILES

- Comprehend and apply universal knowledge
- Comprehend and apply local knowledge
- Problem analysis
- Design and development of solutions
- Evaluation
- Protection of society
- Legal and regulatory
- Ethics
- Manage engineering activities
- Communication
- Lifelong learning
- Judgement
- Responsibility for decisions



### PIVOTAL DOCUMENT – "APPROVED ASSESSMENT STATEMENT"

### Sets out the manner in which a jurisdictional section of the relevant international register will be developed and implemented.

- Underpins the requirements for Authorised Membership of the agreements.
- Created as part of the submission for provisional entry to an agreement.
- Critical component of the submission for all steps of international review.
- Documents the assessment methods and quality systems that ensure candidates seeking admission to the International Register will fully satisfy the Schedule 1 -Benchmark Competence Standard.



#### OBLIGATION OF AUTHORIZED MEMBER

- Setting a <u>localised standard of competence</u>.
- Maintaining a list of all those persons on their jurisdictional register or registers who:
  - satisfy the <u>benchmark competence standard</u>,
  - have agreed to be bound by a Code of Ethics that is consistent with the IEA template.
- Limiting the extent of further assessment to the minimum reasonable necessary when processing local registration applications from persons appearing on any other section of the international register.
- Advising all other Authorized Members via the Secretariat of any changes that are made to the original jurisdictional <u>Assessment Statement</u>.
- Advising all other Authorized Member of plans to substantially change jurisdictional criteria, policies, protocols or procedures.
- Provision of annual reports submitted to the meeting of agreement members as prescribed in Section C6.2.

### BENEFITS OF STANDARDIZATION AND RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Promote Best Practices, expediate grow process in economies
- Technology Transfer short cut the learning process
- Product Stewardships benefit the environment, safety and health
- Promote Product Lifecycle process through supply chains
- Facilitate Integration of Asia Pacific market, expediate the economy growth in the region, especially added advantage in promoting mobility of Engineers for the Belt and Road Initiative.





# Q & A

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