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Thriving AGN Asia Pacific region meets in Thailand for fruitful regional conference

The 2013 AGN Asia Pacific Regional Meeting was successfully held on 13 - 15 June 2013 at the Centara Grand Resort in Koh Samui, Thailand and was hosted by the local AGN member firm Thai Consultants Group.

The Asia Pacific Regional Board Meeting was held in the morning of 13 June at the resort covering topics for review of progress of strategic planning set out a year ago for 2012, budgets, and moving forward planning of the Asia Pacific region identifying goals and targets for the rest of 2013 and 2014.

40 attendees were at the meeting, representing 18 member firms from 16 different countries, including Hong Kong, Indonesia, South Korea, Malaysia, China, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Japan, Samoa, Australia, United Kingdoms, United States, South Africa, and India.

The meeting was kicked off with a welcome party on the beach at the Centara Grand Resort's beach front with music and free flow drinks and hot canapés.

The first day was opened by Mr Kijja Summacarava, the chairman of the host AGN member – Thailand Consultants Group. Mr Thaddaeus Mueller, the Regional Chairman of AGN International - Asia Pacific Ltd, followed up with a brief snapshot of the region's growth and current status.

Various technical presentations were held throughout the event, including one about Transfer Pricing which was presented in a Panel Discussion with our own AGN AP Transfer Pricing experts – David Kenney of Australia, Tony Shao of China, and Jack Chin of Taiwan – facilitated by Vimala Devi of Singapore. Another presentation was delivered about IFRS Updates presented by Mr Hendang Tanusdjaja of Indonesia. Two sessions of interactive workshops – “Business Exchange Skills” and “Expectations of AGN” was run by Stephen Leung of the Asia Pacific Regional Office and Marlijn Folkers who flew in from London to assist the meeting during both days of the meeting. On the last day, two of the five newest AGN AP members presented their firms to present delegates in “Getting to know your AGN Members”.

To finish off the regional event in good spirits, the members participated in a half-day tour of the Samui Island at which they got to take a ride on an elephant trekking through the jungles, saw a monkey show of how monkeys help the locals to retrieve coconuts off the trees, and visited the panoramic viewpoint of the island for its breath taking scenery. The day ended with a dinner at a Brazilian buffet restaurant of which Samba dancers thrilled all of the delegates attending.

The region chairman, Thaddaeus Mueller commented: *‘The 2013 Asia Pacific meeting in Koh Samui, Thailand has brought our regional cooperation and cohesiveness to new heights. With over 40 attendees representing 18 member firms we had the best turn out ever at a regional meeting and this truly shows that the Asia Pacific area has grown into a strong and knowledgeable partner for AGN International.*

I am personally very happy that we kept increasing members firms at an impressive 50% growth rate over the last two years and are now represented in 16 different Asia Pacific countries. Given the interesting and diverse technical program rounded off with a variety of networking and fun events on the tropical island of Koh Samui it did not come as a surprise that so many members attended.

Our goal is clearly to build up on this success and provide even more opportunities for our AGN members to work together and grow the Asia Pacific region.”

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