



ASIAN PRODUCTIVITY ORGANIZATION

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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1. **Project Code** 15-RP-16-GE-DON-C-04
2. **Project Title** Development of the Centers of Excellence
3. **Project Activity** Expert Panel Meeting on the APO Center of Excellence Designation
4. **Project Reference** Project Notification 15-RP-16-GE-DON-C dated 22 June 2015
5. **Duration** 24 January 2017 (one day)
6. **Venue** APO Secretariat
7. **Number of Experts** Five experts
8. **Background**

The 57th Workshop Meeting (WSM) of Heads of National Productivity Organizations (NPOs) held in Malaysia, in October 2016, the delegates endorsed the Secretariat's plan to convene a meeting of panel of experts to assess the proposals from NPOs on the establishment of the next center of excellence (COE). The purpose of this meeting is to evaluate the proposals and make recommendations for the next COE based on the general guidelines set by the Governing Body.

Since only one proposal was received from NPC India after the deadline set, the Secretariat is therefore convening the expert panel meeting via Skype of five members consisting of selected NPO heads or their representatives in the capacity of experts along with experts on the subject matter being proposed.

The NPOs attending the meeting will be selected based on their previous participation in discussions on the COE and/or their expertise in the proposed topics. The experts on Lean Manufacturing, IT and Industry 4.0 will be invited based on their accomplishments, knowledge, and experience in the respective fields.

9. Objectives

- a. To assess the proposals for the next COE, including assessment of the outstanding competencies and expertise available in the proposing member country/NPO, current and proposed programs, and the existing organizational structure that will support the sustainable implementation and operation of the COE; and
- b. To make its recommendations to the APO Governing Body based on its evaluation.

10. Financial Arrangements

To be borne by the APO

- a. Honorarium payment for the preparation and meeting(s) via Skype of selected panel members ; and
- b. Other costs that may arise in conducting the Skype meeting.



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