



Quality for Prosperity and Integration

We declare that Asia now unites under a flag of Asian Network for Quality (ANQ).

It is obvious that Asia faces a quality evolution.

- The quality of products and services produced in Asia has evolved outstandingly so as to go beyond the quality standards of the World Market. Therefore, Asia is called as “Plant of the World”.
- Moreover, the focused quality is evolving from the quality of manual work to the quality of knowledge work, and the image of Asia is changing from providing “simple and cheap labor” to providing “knowledge work at a reasonable cost”.
- In addition, Asia will face the quality evolution of strategic management toward the global market rather than bilateral trades.
- Needless to say, there must be a development of quality management behind an economic development. The quality evolution observed in Asia is a good omen for the future great advances of Asia and its people.

As a positive response to this quality evolution and acceleration we hereby establish Asian Network for Quality (ANQ) consisting of all non-profit organizations in Asia that seek to improve quality of human life by contributing to the progress of science and technology; and to the development of industry through promotional activities for the research and development of philosophy, theory, methodology and application in the field of quality and quality management. ANQ will provide a platform and the opportunity for enhanced mutual sharing and learning of the knowledge and experiences obtained through the research and development and practices in quality performed by the member organizations.

The birth of ANQ facilitates new blood flowing into the quality evolution of each organization from other Asian member bodies, contributing to a unique quality evolution in each organization.

We declare that activities of ANQ should not be influenced by any politics.

ANQ will be operated following the ANQ Way, which is a set of principles in the way of administrating ANQ. A draft proposal for the ANQ Way is attached in the annex. This will be finalized after due consideration of the ANQ members.

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