

NOMINATION OF JANAK MEHTA TO ANQ HONORARY CHAIRPERSON

Nominee:

Janak Mehta
Chairman TQM International Pvt. Ltd., INDIA
Honorary Director of ANQ
Past Chairman of ANQ
Past President of IAQ

ANQ Operational Guidelines:

Article 5. (Organizational Structure) <Retiring /Retired Chairperson>

*Among Honorary Board Directors, only a few exceptional former ANQ Chairpersons, who have made outstanding contribution to ANQ activities and have the potential to make substantial contribution with personal devotion in future, will be given **the title of Honorary Chairperson of ANQ***

2 October 2023

Dear ANQ Chairperson, Dr. Shu Yamada;

This is a letter to recommend Mr. Janak Mehta, Chairman TQM International Pvt. Ltd., India, to be an Honorary Chairperson of ANQ.

As a former chairperson and honorary director of ANQ, I have observed that the organization benefit greatly from the honorary chairmanship. Thus far, Dr. Kano has shown excellent leadership and led us to one of the three major professional societies in the area of quality all over the world. All the general members as well as the board members do appreciate his vision and dedication for the success of ANQ.

When Dr. Kano was nominated as Honorary Chairperson, the number of ANQ member organization was 10. Since then, owing to his leadership and active cooperation among the board members, the membership has doubled up to 20 organizations. It's about right time for us to nominate another honorary chairperson for ANQ to support Dr. Kano to leap forward in the future. I believe that Mr. Janak Mehta would be the best candidate. Janak has been not only a great mentor during my term of chairperson, but also an invaluable leader since the beginning of the ANQ. Below are some notable milestones that Dr. Kano brought up in the email communications with me:

- Janak attended the first meeting organized in Tokyo for the formation of Asian Network for Quality on July 27, 2002. On behalf of Indian Society for Quality Janak joined in issuing an Appeal "Tokyo Appeal 2002 Expanding AQS (Asia Quality Symposium) towards establishing ANQ (Asian Network for Quality)".
- Janak joined the meetings of the preparatory committee for ANQ held in Tokyo on the occasion of the 16th AQS 2002, hosted by JSQC, on 14th-17th November, 2002. At the first meeting of the ANQ Board ISQ was invited to join the ANQ Board and Janak Mehta represented ISQ.
- Janak played a key role in the formation of the ANQ Way starting at Tokyo Board Meeting in 2002 and culminating in its approval at the 6th ANQ Board Meeting held

in Delhi. ANQ Way was unveiled at the closing Plenary session of the 2nd ANQ Congress 2004 held in Delhi in August 2004.

- Janak was nominated as the Chairperson of ANQ on behalf of ISQ for the term 2009-2010.
- At the request of CAQ Janak took on the role of the General Secretary of ANQ when CAQ was elected as the Chair organization for the term 2011-2012. Janak was Vice President during the period 2003 to 2004. He is the only member to have played the three roles of ANQ Vice President, Chairperson and then the General Secretary.
- Thereafter Janak has been the Honorary Director of the ANQ Board since 2013
- Janak has attended all ANQ Congresses except the one in Seoul in 2007 due to ill health and one in Singapore in 2014. He has attended most of the Board meetings.
- At the 16th ANQ Board Meeting in Vladivostok in 2016 Janak was invited to be the Chair of the Ishikawa-Kano Awards (IKA) Committee. Thereafter he successfully restructured the IKA in two categories of Gold and Silver in 2018 and since then coordinated the IKA.
- His involvement with the ANQ, Janak has been the voice of Asia in various international forums of Quality like the International Academy for Quality as President (2012-2014) and the Chairman (2015-2017). He is a frequent speaker in the USA, Europe, and the Middle East.
- Janak helped for the ANQ to expand its membership to 20 organizations by inviting and supporting new members such as SLAAQP, PSQ, and IQM.
- Janak's influence reaches beyond the ANQ. He also served President and Chairman of IAQ (International Academy for Quality), the most prestige group of quality professionals in the world.

In summary, Janak Mehta has been not only a great leader in the ANQ but also one of the most powerful influencers among the practitioners in the world quality. Dr. Kano has once commented on future direction of the ANQ as follows: *“Superficially, we must be pleased with the increase of the ANQ family members. But at the same time, we must open eyes to look at the actual status that not a few organizations have not dispatched even a single participant in ANQ Congress for several years. Or we have imbalance between Academic side and Industrial Side. In order to solve these kinds of issues, we need multifaceted activities based on a long-term perspective by the cooperation of honorary directors with the leadership of honorary chairs. But in order to accelerate these activities, nomination of another honorary chair will be more effective.”*

On the basis of both Janak's outstanding qualification and Dr. Kano's support, I strongly recommend to the board to select Janak Mehta as an Honorary Chairperson of ANQ.

Your Sincerely



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Honorary Director of ANQ
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