**Asia Pacific RIPS Objectives**

The objectives of each Regional Investment Performance Subcommittee (RIPS) are:

a) to represent the interests of regional Country Sponsors in the GIPS® standards at the GIPS Council;
b) to provide a conduit of information between the local Country Sponsor and the GIPS Council;
c) to promote the implementation of the GIPS standards within the region – preferably by Country Sponsors adopting the GIPS standards (In English), or an EC-endorsed Translation of the GIPS standards (TG);
d) to stimulate interest and support for the GIPS standards by communicating the benefits of the GIPS standards and encouraging investment management firms to comply;
e) to support the GIPS Council and EC in the further development of GIPS standards by providing meaningful input and seeking suitable nominees to participate in the work of the EC and its subcommittees;
f) to promote the establishment of an effective and consistent verification service throughout the region; and
g) to communicate the benefits of the GIPS standards and cooperate with regulators to broaden GIPS standards compliance to cover all aspects of the investment management industry in the region.

**Membership**

The following organizations plus the Chairman are the seven current voting members of the Asia Pacific RIPS. Each organization has been endorsed by the GIPS Executive Committee as a Country Sponsor in the region.

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¹ Republic of Palau (ROP); Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI); Federated States of Micronesia (FSM); Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI); and Territory of Guam (Guam)
Current Projects

The Asia Pacific RIPS itself, as a committee, currently has no projects. However, most if not all members are active in their respective countries and have a number of projects under way or planned for next year.

Status Update

We have to date had three meetings; the first was in person in Rome on 22 June 2006, the second was on 15 November 2006 by conference call and the third was in-person in Cape Town on 22 March 2007. Since our last meeting, the EC has had five conference call meetings closed to the public. The GIPS Council has not met since the in-person meeting in Cape Town and its next meeting will be held in person in Europe in March 2008.

It continues to be a very exciting time for GIPS in Asia Pacific. Within the region, GIPS is gaining momentum and stakeholders are beginning to engage with each other and also more effectively with officials. It is up to this RIPS to ensure that this very positive momentum continues and to do everything in its power to not only preserve these most favorable conditions for the ongoing development of voluntary GIPS compliance in those countries where we already have members, but also extend our reach wider and seek new members in this vast and important region.

There have been a number of major developments in the region since our last meeting. The first, of course, is that each and every member has agreed to the new terms and conditions of GIPS sponsorship by completing the required documentation by 30 June 2007 and has now been re-endorsed by the EC as a Country Sponsor. All applications to be considered by the EC as a new endorsed Country Sponsor of GIPS must now be made using the same documents.

In Japan, SAAJ has completed and submitted its new Translation of GIPS and this was approved by the EC during its latest conference call meeting as the new Japanese TG. So we now have two TGs in the region: a Simplified Chinese and a Japanese TG. The GIPS standards have also been translated in other languages, of course, and a number of additional TGs already exist but these are mostly relevant in the EMEA region. I am also aware of the existence of other translations of GIPS in Asian languages as working documents, but these do not have the official seal of approval from the EC as TGs, at least not yet as no submission has been made for such approval.

APAFS intends to issue a binding resolution to be passed by its members (all institutional investors) that will require the inclusion in all future RFPs of GIPS compliance questions as recommended by the GIPS Investor/Consultant Subcommittee recently. It will also be holding its 7th annual investment conference in October in Manila, where I will make a presentation on GIPS and meet local organisations wishing to promote GIPS compliance in the Philippines.

On my way back to New Zealand later that month, I will also stop in Singapore to meet officials there on GIPS at the invitation of IMAS. I have also been asked by IMAS to speak on GIPS at their next annual conference, which will be held in February 2008.

Jonathan Boersma, GIPS Executive Director, and Stefan Illmer, GIPS EC Chair, have both visited Beijing, China, and have had conversations there with an organisation interested in the possibility of sponsoring or at least promoting GIPS in China.
Korea
As you know, the Korea Certified Investment Analysts Association (KCIAA) decided to withdraw its Country Sponsor application and an application was received from KSCFA, the local society affiliated to CFA Institute, just prior to the meetings in Cape Town. A request for the Country Sponsor application documents was also received from AMAK (Asset Managers Association of Korea). Both of these organisations are interested in GIPS sponsorship. I visited Seoul in early June at the invitation of KSCFA to speak about GIPS at a GIPS Conference that they had organized in association with the NPS (National Pension Fund of Korea). I took the opportunity to also meet subsequently with representatives of both organisations (i.e., AMAK & KSCFA) whilst I was there. Both expressed strong interest in GIPS sponsorship and in working together constructively towards achieving this. However, at that time, only the KSCFA Board had already made the decision to apply for GIPS sponsorship and actually done so. The AMAK Board only approved the organisation’s wish to apply for GIPS sponsorship earlier this month. As I write this update, no formal application has yet been received from AMAK.

Pakistan
An application for GIPS sponsorship was also received earlier this month from the CFA Association of Pakistan, the local society affiliated to CFA Institute in Pakistan. This development was no surprise since it followed quite logically from a recent visit I made there last March on my way to Cape Town. After meeting with many local officials in both Karachi and Lahore and speaking at two conferences there on GIPS it was my impression that the local industry was keen to move quickly on this matter. The EC will be considering their application at the meeting in Hong Kong.

Kazakhstan
An expression of interest was also received recently from Kazakhstan from an organisation wishing to become Country Sponsor of GIPS in that country. However, it seems that the organisation applying for sponsorship wishes to be a member of the EMEA RIPS instead of this RIPS, as they appear to have initially made their approach via a member of that RIPS and the EC feels that it should be their choice as to which RIPS to join. If any member of this RIPS wishes to express an opinion on this matter or feels strongly that Kazakhstan is in Asia and should therefore be a member of this RIPS, please say so in Hong Kong at our meeting so this can be reported back to the EC at its meeting (which will be held just after ours, that same day in HK).

Growth
Ongoing interest is also being expressed on GIPS Sponsorship from organisations in China, Thailand, and the Philippines. Should all come to fruition, our RIPS could consist of not seven but 12 or 13 members quite soon, with many more still to come.

Next Steps
We must still establish priorities for the region as a whole. This is very important, in my view, if we are to succeed as a committee, and I hope we can make progress on this in Hong Kong.

In order to set priorities for us as a committee, we must first of course establish clearly and share with each other what we all feel is most important for GIPS’s success in the region. For example:

- To focus on our existing country sponsors and their specific needs or on searching for more good candidates in other countries in order to expand our membership and thereby gain better representation in the region and on the GIPS Council?
• To clarify what the specific needs are of each member right now and in the near future – as these are likely to vary significantly from one to another, given the different stage each is at – or to identify a project for the region as a whole?

I thank you for your support and look forward to continue serving the region over the next year. As for what comes after that, it may well be time for someone else to serve in this role. As always, I look forward to seeing you all in Hong Kong in September.

Louis Boulanger, CFA
Chair, Asia Pacific RIPS
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