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INTRODUCTION

An international conference of states held in Bangkok on 12-16 December 1983 adopted the Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific. This was the sixth regional convention to be adopted and came in force on 23 October 1985. As of now, twelve Member States: Armenia, Australia, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, and Turkey have ratified the convention. The convention aims at facilitating mobility of scholars and students across the region through the recognition of degrees, diplomas, certificates and other forms of study for development of higher education.

The aim of this brochure is to facilitate cooperation in matters of academic mobility and recognition of degrees, diplomas and certificates in Asia and the Pacific Region. The brochure provides a list of national information centres for academic recognition of university degrees, diplomas and certificates. In the preparation of this brochure the following references have been consulted in addition to information received from several Member States:

1. Brochure on National Information Centres for Academic Recognition and Mobility in the Europe Region, published by Council of Europe, Higher Education Section and CEPES-UNESCO, Bucharest, Romania 1991.
2. The Encyclopedia of Higher Education, Pergamon Press Ltd. 1992.

3. Commonwealth Universities Handbook 1992.

The content of the brochure has been updated in accordance with the latest information provided by the Member States since 1993.

The assistance of Mr. M.A. Raof, Director-General, National Academy of Higher Education, University Grants Commission, Islamabad, Pakistan, in the preparation of the first draft of this brochure, is gratefully acknowledged.

AFGHANISTAN (Islamic State of)

Title (Original) :

Title (English) : Ministry of Education

Type of Institution: Government Ministry responsible for coordination of information on academic recognition in cooperation with institutions of higher learning and its dissemination.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 717, Kabul, Republic of Afghanistan

Telephone: (873) 320-76; 326-25

Telefax:

Administrative Structure:

Director:

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:

Functions: Collection of information from institutions of higher learning including recognition of qualifications, and its dissemination.

Publications:

ARMENIA

Title (Original) :

Title (English) :

Type of Institution:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Telefax:

Administrative Structure:

Director:

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:

Open to Callers:

Functions:

Publications:

AUSTRALIA

Title (Original) : National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR).

Title (English) : As above.

Type of Institution: Authority for assessment of compatibility of professional, paraprofessional, technical and general academic qualifications. Information Centre.

Mailing Address: Department of Employment, Education and Training GPO Box 1407, Canberra Act 2601, Australia

Telephone: (06) 276 8111

Telefax: (06) 276 7636

Administrative Structure: The National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR) established in the framework of the Council on Overseas Professional Qualifications is an advisory body appointed by the Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs. The Secretariat to the Council is the Overseas Professional Qualifications Branch of the Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs. The Council is supported in its work by the operation of 13 expert panels in particular professions and 4 independent councils.

Director: Ms. Kate McGovern

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer: Own research library, research and information publications.

Office Hours: 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM - Monday-Friday

Open to Callers: Yes.

Functions: Advice and information on overseas skills recognition issues in Australia to individuals, Guidelines for Assessment (assessment of overseas educational qualifications for general purposes; occupational assessment for some occupations), policy advice to Australian Government on skills recognition.

Publications :

- > Leaflet Introducing NOOSR.
- > Migrant Skills - Improving Recognition Processes.
- > The Compendium of Guidelines for Assessment of Overseas Qualifications 1991-92.
- > Technical Qualifications : A Summary of Guidelines for Assessment of Overseas Qualifications 1991.
- > Skills Recognition in Australia Vol. I - Professions and Para Professions.
- > Skills Recognition in Australia Volume 2 - Trades.

- > Overseas Professional/Technical Skills Wallchart.
- > Guide to Trades and Related Occupations Wallchart.
- > Pamphlets on the Professions.
- > Research Reports
- > NOOSR 008 Number
- > NOOSR Research Papers
- > NOOSR Working Papers

BANGLADESH (People's Republic of)

Title (Original) : University Grants Commission of Bangladesh

Title (English) : As above

Type of Institution: An autonomous body incorporated under Act of Parliament responsible for funding the Universities of the country, and also according recognition to degrees and diplomas.

Mailing Address : Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh

Telephone : 812629, 861054

Telefax : c/o (880) (2) 863420

Administrative Structure : The Chairman is the Chief executive of the institution while the authorities responsible for taking decisions are the Commission, the Vice-Chancellors Committee, Equivalence Committee etc.

Director:

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:

Functions : The Commission is, inter alia, charged with the responsibility of determining the equivalence of, and according recognition to, the foreign degrees and diplomas while ensuring uniformity of standard of local qualifications.

Publications:

BHUTAN (Kingdom of)

Title (Original) : Department of Education, Ministry of Social Services, Royal Government of Bhutan, Thimphu, Bhutan.

Title (English) : As above

Type of Institution: Government Department responsible for education

Mailing Address: As above

Telephone: (975) 22912

Telefax: (975) 22578

Administrative Structure:

Director:

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:

Open to Callers:

Functions: Coordination of information on academic recognition in cooperation with educational institutions.

Publications:

CAMBODIA (Kingdom of)

Title (Original) :

Title (English) :

Type of Institution:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Telefax:

Administrative Structure:

Director:

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:

Open to Callers:

Functions:

Publications:

CHINA (People's Republic of)

Title (Original) :

Title (English) : The office of the Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council, the People's Republic of China

Type of Institution: Educational Administration

Mailing Address: #37 Damucang, Xidan 100816, Beijing

Telephone: 6021964 **Telefax:** 6021964

Administrative Structure: The office of the Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council, the People's Republic of China

Director: Wang Zhong-lie

Total Staff: 31

Library, Documentation, Computer: Computer 9 sets

Office Hours: Mon.-Sat. 8.00 AM - 12.00 Noon; 1.00 PM - 5.00 PM

Open to Callers: Same as above

Functions: In charge of Degrees and Graduate Education of the country.

Publications:

1. Academic Degree & Graduate Education
2. Directory of Chinese Institutions of Higher Learning and Research Institutes Authorized to Confer Doctor's and Master's Degrees
3. Journal of the Chinese Ph.Ds. Achievements in Scientific Research

COOKS ISLANDS

Title (Original) :

Title (English) :

Type of Institution:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Telefax:

Administrative Structure:

Director:

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:

Open to Callers:

Functions:

Publications:

**DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

Title (Original): National Commission of the
Democratic People's Republic of Korea for UNESCO
Title (English) : As above

Type of Institution: Secretariat of National Commission
of Unesco responsible for coordination of information on
academic recognition in cooperation with institutions of
higher learning and its dissemination.

Mailing Address: Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Pyongyang, Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Telephone: (850) (2) 35350
Telefax:

Administrative Structure:

Director: Secretary-General, Mr. Li Tae Gyun

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:
Open to Callers:
Functions:

Publications:

FIJI (Republic of)

Title (Original) : Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports

Title (English) : Ministry of Education

Type of Institution: Government Ministry responsible for all educational matters, youth affairs and sports

Mailing Address: Marela House, SUVA (Fiji)

Telephone: (697) 314477

Telefax: (697) 303511

Administrative Structure:

Minister for Education

Permanent Secretary

Deputies

Administration/Finance, Professional Tertiary Tech. Ed

Admin., Finance, Secondary Ed., Primary Ed.,
Tertiary Ed., Technical Ed.

Director: Permanent Secretary for Education, Mr. Amaraia Naidu (acting).

Total Staff: Professional 7,127
Administration 400

Library, Documentation, Computer: Records are kept at a working registry with inactive materials held at the archives. Research library being developed. Not computerized.

Office Hours: 8.00 AM to 4.30 PM

Open to Callers:

Functions: Supervise all educational matters including recognition and equivalence of academic degrees and diplomas.

Publications: Ministry of Education Annual Report

INDIA (Republic of)

Title (Original) : University Grants Commission

Title (English) : As above

Type of Institution: An agency of the Central Government charged with the responsibility of funding the Universities and, inter alia, for according recognition to and determining equivalence of academic degrees and diplomas.

Mailing Address: Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi, India.

Telephone: Can be contacted through the Secretary-General, Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO, Ministry of Human Resources Development, Department of Education, Room 203, C Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110 001, India, Phones (91) (11) 386451

Telefax: c/o 3161336

Administrative Structure: The decision making authorities of the agency are the Commission, the Vice-Chancellors Committee, Equivalence Committee

Director:

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:

Open to Callers:

Functions: Responsible for recognition and equivalence of academic qualifications

Publications:

INDONESIA (Republic of)

- Title (Original) :**
1. Direktorat Perguruan Tinggi Swasta
 2. Direktorat Pembinaan Sarana Akademis
- Title (English) :**
1. Directorate of Private University
 2. Directorate of Academic Affairs

Type of Institution: Directorate General of Higher Education, Department of Education and culture

Mailing Address: Jalan Pintu Satu, Sanayan, Jakarta 10270, Indonesia

Telephone: (1) 5731987, 5700054 (2) 5731903

Telefax: (1) 570004 (2) 5731903

Administrative Structure:

- Director:**
1. Prof. Dr. Yuhara Sukra, M.Sc.
 2. Prof. Dr. Ir. Bambang Soehendro

- Total Staff:**
1. 67 persons
 2. 96 persons

Library, Documentation:

- Computer:** (1) 14 units
(2) 24 units

Office Hours: 08.00 - 15.00 Monday-Thursday
08.00 - 11.30 Friday
08.00 - 14.00 Saturday

Functions: Responsible for recognition of academic qualifications

Publications:

IRAN (Islamic Republic of)

Title (Original) : 1. Vezarate Farhang- Va-
Amozeshe ally- Edareh
Kolle omoure Faregh-
Al- Tahsilan
2. Shoraye Ally Amozesh
va Parvareh

Title (English) : 1. Ministry of Culture and
Higher Education,
Department of
Graduates.
2. Supreme Council
Ministry of Education

Type of Institution: Educational, Cultural

Mailing Address: 1. P.O. Box 15745-5886
Department of
Graduates, Tehran
2. Supreme Council,
Ministry of Education,
Building No. 1,
Baharestan Sq., Tehran,
Iran, Postal Code 11414

Telephone: (1) 852027
(2) 316530

Telefax: 303414

Administrative Structure: 1. A Section of the Ministry of Culture and Higher Education
2. Secretariat of Supreme Council

Director: 1. Dr. A. Fahimifar
2. Secretary of Supreme Council

Total Staff: (1) 20 persons
(2) 17 persons

Library, Documentation, Computer: All documents are kept in files

Office Hours: (1) 7.30 AM to 3.30 PM
(2) 8.15 AM to 4.00 PM

Open to Callers:(1) 7.30 AM to 1.30 PM, 1.30 PM to 3.30 PM

(2) 8.45 AM to 4.00 PM

Functions: (1) Evaluation and approval of all the University Degrees
(2) Studying and enacting of all regulations which have been referred by law to the Ministry of Education

Publications: (1) There are several publications on different aspects brought out through the Ministry
(2) Enactments of the Supreme Council, Ministry of Education

JAPAN

Title (Original) :

Title (English) : Ministry of Education, Science and Culture

Type of Institution: Government Ministry responsible for education, science and culture

Mailing Address: Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, 3-2-2 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 100 Japan

Telephone: (81) (3) 3581-4211

Telefax: (81) (3) 3581-91-49

Administrative Structure:

Director: c/o Secretary-General, National Commission for UNESCO, Mr. Yoshikazu Hasegawa

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:

Functions: Collection of information from institutions of higher learning including recognition and equivalence of qualifications, and dissemination of the same

Publications:

KIRIBATI (Republic of)

Title (Original) : Ministry of Education

Title (English) : Ministry of Education

Type of Institution: Government Ministry responsible for all matters pertaining to education including recognition and equivalence of degrees and diplomas

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 263, Bikenibeu, Tarawa (Republic of Kiribati)

Telephone: (686) 28-102; 28-091

Telefax: (686) 28-222

Administrative Structure: The Ministry is headed by the Secretary for Education, who is the principal executive concerning all matters connected with education

Director: Mr. T. Nauan Bauro, Secretary for Education

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:

Functions: To supervise all matters pertaining to education including recognition and equivalence of academic awards

Publications:

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Title (Original) :

Title (English) : Ministry of Education and Sports

Type of Institution: Government Ministry responsible for collection of information on academic recognition in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and educational institutions, and its dissemination

Mailing Address: Ministry of Education and Sports,
B.P. 67-VIENTIANE, Lao People's Democratic
Republic

Telephone: (856) (21) 2213, 2247, 2050

Telefax: (856) (21) 4317, 4320

Administrative Structure:

Director:

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:

Functions: Collection of information on all educational matters including recognition and equivalence of academic qualifications

Publications:

MALAYSIA

Title (Original) : Ministry of Education

Title (English) : Ministry of Education

Type of Institution: Government Ministry responsible for collection of information on all academic matters including recognition and equivalence of academic awards and its dissemination

Mailing Address: Ministry of Education, External Affairs Division, 5th Floor, Block F (North), Damansara Town Centre, 50604 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Telephone: (093) 255-3535

Telefax: (093) 254-4580

Administrative Structure:

Director:

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:

Functions:

Publications:

MALDIVES (Republic of)

Title (Original) : Ministry of Education

Title (English) : Ministry of Education

Type of Institution: Government Ministry

Mailing Address: Gazy Building, Male, 20-05,
MALDIVES

Telephone:

Telefax:

Administrative Structure:

Director:

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:

Open to Callers:

Functions: To deal with all educational matters in education including recognition of degrees, diplomas and certificates

Publications:

MONGOLIA (Mongolian People's Republic)

Title (Original) : Mongolyn Bolovсролын Яамны
Мергежлийн боловсролын бодлогын хелтес

Title (English) : Department of Higher Education
Policy, Ministry of Education, Mongolia

Type of Institution: Government

Mailing Address: Барилгачдын талбай-II, Боловсролын
Яам, Улаанбаатар, Монголиа

Telephone: (976) (1) 24531, 25116, 24598

Telefax: 229, ULEMJ

Administrative Structure:

Director: Mr. Ch. Purevdorj, Head of the Department

Total Staff: 9

Library, Documentation, Computer: Yes

Office Hours: Eight

Functions: To supervise the level of higher education
content and recognition of degrees, diplomas and
certificates

Publications: None

MYANMAR (The Union of)

Title (Original) : Department of Higher Education,
Ministry of Education

Title (English) : As above

Type of Institution: Government Department

Mailing Address: Theinbyu Street, Yangon, the Union
of Myanmar

Telephone:

Telefax:

Administrative Structure:

Director:

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:

Functions: To deal with all matters connected with
higher education including recognition and equivalence
of degrees, diplomas and certificates

Publications:

NEPAL (Kingdom of)

Title (Original) : Ministry of Education and Culture,
Nepal

Title (English) : As above

Type of Institution: Government Ministry

Mailing Address: Kaiser Mahal, Kantipath, Kathmandu,
Nepal

Telephone:

Telefax:

Administrative Structure:

Director:

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:

Functions: Responsible for decision making in all matters connected with education including equivalence and recognition of degrees, diplomas and certificates

Publications:

NEW ZEALAND

(1) UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

Title (Original) : University of Auckland

Title (English) : As above

Type of Institution: University

Mailing Address: Private Bag 92019, Auckland, New Zealand

Telephone: (64) (09) 373 7999

Telefax: (64) (09) 373 7400

Administrative Structure: Council

Director: Sir Colin Maiden (Vice-Chancellor)

Total Staff: 2000

Library, Documentation, Computer: Library
1,300,000 volumes, Computers IBM, VAX SILCON
GRAPHICS

Office Hours: 8.30 AM to 5.00 PM - Monday-Friday

Open to Callers:

Functions: Undergraduate and graduate teaching faculties, Arts, Science, Commerce, Law, Music, Architecture, Property and Planning, Engineering, Fine Arts, Medicine and Human Biology, Education

Publications: University of Auckland Calendar, Faculty Handbooks

(2) UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

Title (Original) : University of Waikato

Title (English) : As above

Type of Institution: Educational - Tertiary

Mailing Address: Private Bag 3105, Hamilton 2001, New Zealand

Telephone: 0064-7-856-2889

Telefax: 0064-7-856-0135

Administrative Structure: Academic and Administrative Head: The Vice Chancellor

Director: Prof. W.G. Malcolm, Vice-Chancellor

Total Staff: Academic: 500, General staff: 530

Library, Documentation, Computer: 613,000 Volumes
Library

Office Hours: 8.30 AM to 5.00 PM

Open to Callers: 8.30 PM to 5.00 PM

Functions: Teaching and Research

Publications: Official information about the University and the courses it offers is produced annually in the University of Waikato Calendar

(3) MASSEY UNIVERSITY

Title (Original) : Massey University

Title (English) : Massey University

Type of Institution: University

Mailing Address: Private Bag, Palmerston North, New Zealand

Telephone: (00) (64) (06) 356 9099

Telefax: (00) (64) (06) 350 5603

Administrative Structure: Registrar assisted by Academic Registrar, Students Affairs Registrar, Staff Registrar, Finance Registrar and Works Registrar

Director: Dr. T.N.M. Waters, Vice-Chancellor

Total Staff: Approx 1700

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours: 8.30 AM to 5.00 PM

Open to Callers: 8.30 AM to 5.00 PM

Functions: Education and Research

Publications: Massey University Calendar and Course Booklets

(4) VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

Title (Original) : Victoria University of Wellington

Title (English) : As above

Type of Institution: University

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 600, Wellington, New Zealand

Telephone:

Telefax:

Administrative Structure: Faculties of Arts, Science, Law, Architecture, Commerce and Administration, numerous Centres and Institutes.

Director: Vice-Chancellor, Professor Les Holborow

Total Staff: Approx. 1000 F/Time, 2500 P/Time and 340 Academic staff

Library, Documentation, Computer: Founded 1899, 848,000 volumes, UN Depository Library (1975), Computers - Vax, Silicon Graphics, Backbone Network

Office Hours: 8.00 AM to 5.00 PM

Open to Callers: 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM

Functions: Teaching and Research

Publications: Calendar, annuals reports, charter, statements of objectives and service performance, research reports and departmental reports

(5) UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY

Title (Original) : University of Canterbury

Title (English) : University of Canterbury

Type of Institution: University

Mailing Address: Private Bag 4800, Christchurch

Telephone: 03 667 001

Telefax: 03 642 999

Administrative Structure:

Director:

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours: 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM

Open to Callers: Yes

Functions: Teaching and Research

Publications:

(6) LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

Title (Original) : Tewhare Wanaka O Aoraki

Title (English) : Lincoln University

Type of Institution: University

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 94, Lincoln University

Telephone: 64-3-325-2811

Telefax: 64-3-325-2965

Administrative Structure: Governing Body of the University is the Lincoln University Council. The Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar are the Principal officers of the University

Director: Professor B.J. Ross, Vice-Chancellor

Total Staff: 600

Library, Documentation, Computer: Library holds 110,000 volumes, Network of PC Computers linked to Vax Cluster

Office Hours: 8.30 AM to 4.30 PM

Open to Callers: 8.30 AM to 4.30 PM

Functions: Research, Higher Education

Publications: Lincoln University Calendar, Lincoln Outlook, Lincoln News, occasional research publications

(7) UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

Title (Original) : University of Otago

Title (English) : University of Otago

Type of Institution: University founded 1869

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 56, Dunedin, New Zealand

Telephone: 64 (3) 479 1100

Telefax: 64 (3) 474 1607

Administrative Structure: Four academic divisions (Commerce, Health Sciences, Humanities and Sciences), a Division of Academic Services and a Division of Administrative and Student Services

Director: Sir Robin Irvine MD(NZ) Dr. h c (Edin)
FRCP FRACP FRSA FNZIM

Total Staff: 690 Full time teaching staff

Library, Documentation, Computer: The University of Otago library contain more than 1.2 million volumes in its central and specialist libraries. The libraries are fully computerized with on-line search facilities. The University's central computing service is based on a cluster of DEC VAX machines

Office Hours: 8.30 AM to 5.00 PM

Open to Callers: 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM

Functions: Teaching and Research

Publications: The University publishes annually University of Otago Calendar, the Otago Graduate, Undergraduate and Postgraduate Prospectuses, annual reports, research reports and academic papers.

**(8) NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS
AUTHORITY**

Title (Original) : New Zealand Qualifications Authority

Title (English) : New Zealand Qualifications Authority

Type of Institution: The New Zealand Qualifications Authority is an independent statutory body which reflects community, employer, employee and education interests. The Board is appointed by, and responsible to the Minister of Education

Mailing Address: New Zealand Qualifications
Authority
P.O. Box 160
Wellington, New Zealand

Telephone: (04) 385-0459

Telefax: (04) 385-4929

Administrative Structure: The New Zealand Qualifications Authority is an independent statutory body established by the Education Amendment Act 1990. The Authority has a Board of nine members and a chairperson appointed by and responsible to the Minister of Education. The Chief Executive Officer heads the staff and is responsible for the administration and management of the Authority. It consults widely with education, industry and professional groups.

Director: Chief Executive Officer: David Hood

Total Staff: 156

Library, Documentation, Computer: Own research library, information publications - Data General Avion, Novell Network, Unix Environment.

Office Hours:

Open to Callers:

Functions: The New Zealand Qualifications Authority will promote improvement in the quality of education and training in New Zealand through the development and maintenance of a comprehensive, accessible and flexible National Qualifications Framework.

Publications:

PAKISTAN (Islamic Republic of)

Title (Original) : University Grants Commission

Title (English) : University Grants Commission

Type of Institution: Autonomous body incorporated by an Act of Parliament

Mailing Address: Sector H-9, Islamabad, Pakistan

Telephone: (92) (51) 853811

Telefax: (92) (51) 256057

Administrative Structure: The chief executive authority of the UGC is the Commission which is headed by the Chairman. The Whole-Time Member is the focal point of administration. Advisor Academic and Advisor Finance and Planning respectively head the Academic Wing and Finance and Planning Wing of the Commission. National Academy of Higher Education, headed by the Director-General, works as an integral part of the Commission. In performance of its duties, the Commission is assisted by the Vice-Chancellors' Committee, Finance and Planning Committee, Equivalence Committee. In all there are eight subdivisions dealing with different programmes. The Academic Division which works under the supervision of the Advisor Academics deals with equivalence and recognition of degrees, diplomas and certificates.

Director: Haji Muhammad Afzal

Total Staff: UGC - 300 persons; Academic Division - 20 persons

Library, Documentation, Computer: The Commission is maintaining well-stocked library on education. Besides the main-frame computer, VAX system, it has about 12 PCs for running the training programmes of University faculty and administrators.

Office Hours: 8.30 AM to 3.00 PM Saturday - Thursday

Open to Callers: As above

Functions: The Commission is the body incorporated through Act of Parliament and is charged with the responsibility of funding all the Federal as well as Provincial Universities of the Country. In addition, the Commission acts as a catalyst for academic standardization of all institutions of higher learning. It also determines the equivalence and recognition of degrees, diplomas and certificates.

Publications: The Commission regularly brings out news bulletin Higher Education News. It also publishes monographs, reports of Committees appointed on various aspects of education, research reports etc. It has also published a Guide to Equivalence of Qualifications in Pakistan, 1988.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA (Independent State Of)

Title (Original) : Commission for Higher Education

Title (English) : As above

Type of Institution: Government agency

Mailing Address: Waygani, Papua New Guinea

Telephone:

Telefax:

Administrative Structure:

Director:

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:

Functions: To plan higher education in infinity with country's needs, to reduce higher education costs to government while maintaining approximately the same quantity and quality of output, and to reorient that output more toward the human resource development needs of the country. It administers a central selection unit for processing admissions to the majority of institutions, and for the administration of the national tertiary scholarship scheme through which most students are financed. It also determines the equivalence and recognition of degrees, diplomas and certificates.

Publications:

PHILIPPINES (Republic of)

Title (Original) : Bureau of Higher Education,
Department of Education, Culture and Sports

Title (English) : As above

Type of Institution: Government

Mailing Address: 4th Floor, Bonifacio Building,
University of Life Complex, Pasign, Metro Manila,
Philippines

Telephone: (63) (2) 632-13-61 to 72, local 2066

Telefax: (63) (2) 632-08-05

Administrative Structure:

Director: Mona D. Valisno Ph.D.

Total Staff: 136

Library, Documentation, Computer: Microfilm

Office Hours: 8.00 AM to 5.00 PM Monday-Friday

Open to Callers:

Functions: (1) Develop, formulate and evaluate programs, projects and educational standards for higher education; (2) Provide staff assistance to the Board of Higher Education in its policy formulation and advisory functions; (3) Provide technical assistance to encourage institutional development programs and projects; (4) Compile, analyze and evaluate data on higher education; (5) Perform other functions provided by law, i.e., Authenticate school records such as diploma and transcripts.

Publications:

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

- Title (Original) :**
1. University Education Academic Affairs Division, University Education Office, Ministry of Education
 2. Junior College Academic Affairs Division, Science and Technology Education Bureau, Ministry of Education
 3. Non-formal Education System Division, Non-formal and International Education Bureau, Ministry of Education

Title (English) : As above

Type of Institution: Government Ministry

Mailing Address: 77 Sejong-ro, Chongro-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Telephone:

- (1) 720-3329/3427
- (2) 720-3331/737-3878
- (3) 720-2161

Telefax: 733-2322/7363402

Administrative Structure: The Ministry of Education is composed of 3 offices, 5 bureaus, and 25 divisions. Among them, three divisions are directly related to the

recognition of degrees, diplomas, and certificates of higher education.

Director:

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours: 9.00 - 18.00 (Apr. - Oct.)
9.00 - 17.00 (Nov. - Mar.)

Open to Callers:

- Functions:**
- (1) Recognition of university degrees, diplomas, and certificates
 - (2) Recognition of junior college degrees, diplomas, and certificates
 - (3) Recognition of open university degrees, diplomas, and certificates

Publications:

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Title (Original) :

Title (English) : Council on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees Concerning Higher Education

Type of Institution: An office at the State Committee on Higher Education of Russian Federation

Mailing Address: 51, Lusinovskaya St. Moscow
113833
Russian Federation

Telephone: (095) 237-6594
(095) 237-8312

Telefax: (095) 230-2089

Administrative Structure: An office at the State Committee on Higher Education of Russian Federation

Director: Professor Shadrikov Vladimir D.
Deputy Chairman at the State Committee on Higher Education of Russian Federation

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer: Library, documentation and computers are available

Office Hours: 9.00 - 18.00

Open to Callers: 10.00 - 17.00

Functions: Russian Council for Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees of Higher Education

Publications: Publications in the following fields: evaluation, attestation and accreditation of higher education institutions; recognition of studies, diplomas and degrees concerning higher education.

Title (Original) :

Title (English) : Research and Information Centre on Foreign Education

Type of Institution: Scientific research organization active in the field of comparison of education systems

Mailing Address: Russian University of Peoples' Friendship
6, Miclucho-Maclaya Str.
Moscow 117198
Russian Federation

Telephone: (095) 434-2601

Telefax: (095) 433-7385

Administrative Structure: Department of Russian University of People's Friendship

Director: Dr. Lukitchev Gennady A.

Total Staff: 10 persons

Library, Documentation, Computer: Library, documentation and computers are available

Office Hours: 10.00 - 17.00

Open to Callers: 10.00 - 17.00

Functions: Research and Information Centre for Higher Education

Publications: Publications in the following fields:
World tendencies in education development; comparison of education systems

SAMOA (Independent State of Western Samoa)

Title (Original) : Department of Education

Title (English) : Department of Education

Type of Institution: Government Department

Mailing Address: Department of Education,
Government of Samoa, P.O. Box 1896. Apia, Samoa.

Telephone: (685) 21911 through 15

Telefax: (685) 21917

Administrative Structure:

Director: Manumaleuga Logologo Taulealo

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:

Open to Callers:

Functions: To deal with all matters connected with education including recognition of degrees, diplomas and certificates.

Publications:

SRI LANKA (Democratic Socialist Republic of)

Title (Original) : University Grants Commission

Title (English) : University Grants Commission

Type of Institution: Autonomous body

Mailing Address: 20 Ward Place, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Telephone:

Telefax: 694093

Administrative Structure:

Chairman/UGC - Prof. A.P.R. Aluwihare

Secretary/UGC - Mrs. C.S. Karunaratne

Director: Prof. A.D.V. de S. Indraratna,
Director, Planning & Research

Total Staff: 200

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours: Minor staff: 8.00 AM - 4.30 PM
Others : 8.30 AM - 4.15 PM

Open to Callers:

Functions: To provide funding to the Universities

Functions: To provide funding to the Universities and exercise academic supervision and control over them. To decide on equivalence and recognition of degrees, diplomas and certificates.

Publications: Handbook - Universities of Sri Lanka
Statistical Handbook.

TAJIKISTAN (Republic of)

Title (Original) :

Title (English) :

Type of Institution:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Telefax:

Administrative Structure:

Director:

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:

Open to Callers:

Functions:

Publication:

THAILAND (Kingdom of)

Title (Original) :

Title (English) : Academic Affairs Division, Ministry
of University Affairs

Type of Institution: Governmental Office

Mailing Address: 328 Si Ayuthaya Rd.,
Bangkok 10400

Telephone: (662) 245-5507, (662) 245-6092

Telefax: (662) 245-8636, (622) 245-8930

Administrative Structure: Bureaucratic Office with
hierarchical structure

Director: Miss Jiranee Tantiratanawong

Total Staff: 48

Library, Documentation, Computer:

One Document Center, and two PCs.

Office Hours: 8.30 AM to 4.30 PM and 9.30 AM to
5.30 PM

Functions: (1) Curriculum approval; (2) Curriculum
standard setting; (3) Certification of Academic Degrees
from foreign institutions; (4) Thai textbook development
and promotion; (5) Documentation services; (6) Test
analysis and development (Entrance Examination).

Publications:

TONGA (Kingdom of)

Title (Original) : Potungae Ako

Title (English) : Ministry of Education

Type of Institution: Government Ministry responsible for all educational matters as well as youth and cultural affairs.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 61, Nuku'alofa Tonga

Telephone: (676) 23511

Telefax: (676) 23596

Administrative Structure:

Director: Mr. Paula Sunia Bloomfield,
Director of Education

Total Staff: 92 (non-teaching posts)

Library, Documentation, Computer: One library which serves all schools and the public at large. Personal computers are being used. Computerization is very minimal.

Office Hours: 8.30 AM - 12.30 PM
1.30 PM - 4.30 PM

Open to Callers: Same as above

Functions: Responsible for all educational matters including recognition of degrees and diplomas from recognized universities/institutions.

Publications: Annual Reports on the condition and progress of Education

TURKEY (Republic of)

Title (Original) : T.C. Yuksekogretim Kurulu
Baskanligi

Title (English) : The Higher Education Council
of Turkey

Type of Institution: An autonomous, non-
governmental, academic and national body.

Mailing Address: The Higher Education Council
of Turkey, Bilkent, Ankara
06539, Turkey.

Telephone: 90 - 4 - 266 47 00 (Switchboard)
90 - 4 - 266 47 00/Ext. 22 58 Academic
Recognition Office

Telefax: 90 - 4 - 266 47 59

Administrative Structure: Consists of the Executive
Committee and the General Assembly, both presided over
by the President of the Council.

Director: Prof. Dr. Ihsan Dogramaci

Total Staff: Over 300

Library, Documentation, Computer: Available

Office Hours: 9.00 AM to 5.30 PM Monday through Friday

Open to Callers: Yes

Functions: Planning, policy making and coordinating higher education in Turkey; also, responsible through its Academic Recognition Office, for evaluation and recognition of academic degrees and diplomas.

Publications: Various documents on higher education in Turkey.

TUVALU

Title (Original) : Ministry of Health and Human Resource Development

Title (English) : Ministry of Health and Human Resource Development

Type of Institution: Government Department

Mailing Address: Box No. 36, Funa Futi, Tuvalu, South Pacific

Telephone:

Telefax:

Administrative Structure:

Director: Dr. Iftikhar Ayaz, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health and Human Resources Development

Total Staff:

Library, Documentation, Computer:

Office Hours:

Functions: To look after all matters connectd with education including recognition of degrees, diplomas and certificates.

Publications:

VIET NAM (Socialist Republic of)

Title (Original) :

Title (English) : Higher Education Department,
Ministry of Education & Training, S.R. Vietnam.

Type of Institution: Governmental management office

Mailing Address: S.R. Vietnam, Hanoi, 49 Dai Co
Viet Street, Higher Education
Department, Ministry of
Education and Training

Telephone: 84 42 64884, 84 42 63252

Telefax: 84 42 64085

Administrative Structure: The office consists of (1) the groups controlling curricula implementation in all of the higher education institutions; (2) the information centre on the World Higher Education; (3) the division controlling over awarding university degrees in the higher education institutions.

Director: Prof. Lam Quang Thiep

Total Staff: 20 persons

Library, Documentation, Computer: a small library,
some computers (AT 286 and 386).

Office Hours: 8.00 AM to 4.30 PM

Open to Callers: During working time

Functions: (1) To provide minimum requirements for curriculum development in the higher education institutions; (2) To approve the higher education curricula; (3) To give the regulations of evaluating student achievements in higher education institutions and to control over its keeping; (4) to give the regulations of awarding the higher education degrees, to publish models of these degrees and to control over its keeping; (5) To recognize the validity of studies, diplomas and degrees from Vietnamese and foreign higher education institutions.

Publications:

Asia-Pacific Programme of Educational Innovation for Development (APEID) has as its primary goal to contribute to the building of national capabilities for undertaking educational innovations linked to the problems of national development, thereby improving the quality of life of the people in the Member States.

All projects and activities within the framework of APEID are designed, developed and implemented co-operatively by the participating Member States through nearly 200 national centres which they have associated for this purpose with APEID.

The 29 Member States participating in APEID are Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Samoa, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga and Turkey.

Each country has set up a National Development Group (NDG) to identify and support educational innovations for development within the country and facilitate exchange between countries.

Asia-Pacific Centre of Educational Innovation for Development (ACEID), an integral part of the UNESCO Principal Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, co-ordinates the activities under APEID and assists the Associated Centres (AC) in carrying them out.

In the fifth cycle of APEID (1992-1996), three major programme areas have been selected by the Member States at the Twelfth Regional Consultation Meeting on APEID (August 1990) for the purpose of concentration. These are :

1. Primary education
2. Reorientation and qualitative improvement of secondary education (including general education and technical/vocational education)
3. Science and technology education (including Science for All, mathematics and information processing).