

ABU Technology organised the Mid-year meeting of the Technical Bureau as a two-day hybrid event on 28-29 July 2022.



A few of the Technical Bureau Members attending the in-person mid-year meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

Kuala Lumpur served as the location for the hybrid meeting, where some members who were able to make it to the meeting joined physically and others participated virtually via Zoom.

The meeting was chaired by ABU Technical Committee Chairman, **Mr Hamid D Nayeri** of IRIB-Iran, and was joined by the Vice-Chairmen, **Mr Sunil** of DD-India, **Mr Masashi Kamei** of NHK-Japan and **Mr Kazim Pektas** of TRT-Türkiye.

Also, in attendance were colleagues from NHK-Japan, KBS-Korea, DD-India, Mediacorp-Singapore, NBT-Thailand, TRT-Türkiye, TVB-Hong Kong, PhoenixTV-Hong Kong, RTM-Malaysia, PTNI-Philippines, Walesi-Fiji, NRTA-China, VTV-Vietnam, RRI-Indonesia, NTV-Nepal, and VOV-Vietnam.

The meeting began with the introduction of the Technical Bureau's newest members from VOV-Vietnam, NTV-Nepal, PTNI-Philippines, and Walesi-Fiji. Followed by updates from all members on the current situation, measures taken during the pandemic, and organization-wide projects. This presented an excellent opportunity for members to

learn from one another on the various approaches that had been taken in light of the ongoing pandemic with the strategies being adopted getting back to the new normal.

This information sharing exercise proved beneficial to members, allowing them to learn from experiences by others and appreciate the situation of other members.

The bureau was presented with the activity report from the Secretariat since the online TC2021 meeting last November. This included updates on different activities, one of which was the DBS2022. Despite the fact that it was held virtually the event received an incredible amount of support from participants, industry partners, and sponsors who were interested in the programme.

The majority of the report's other activities were online webinar sessions on various topics of technology implementation and applications.

These include webinars covering 22 sessions/topics. Aside from these, the level 2 of the Engineering Fundamentals training programme was delivered online.



From left: Mr Do Anh Duc (VOV-Vietnam), Mr Karim Sadiran (RTM-Malaysia), Mr Ahmed Nadeem (ABU Technology), Mr Masashi Kamei, Vice Chairman (NHK-Japan), Mr Kenichiro Nagano (NHK-Japan), Mr Peh Beng Yeow (Mediacorp-Singapore) and Mr Brijesh Kumar Singh (DD-India).

The report also provided an update on other activities that were managed by the Technology department including the recent launch of the ABU Technology Webinars Archive Web portal, which is a video on-demand platform that gives members access to recorded webinar sessions whenever they want. These include all of the webinar sessions that have been organised by ABU Technology ever since the pandemic first started in April of 2020. The APV cloud application that is run by the ABU provides the platform to store and stream content that is available on demand.

The Bureau also approved the suggested scope of work for the recently setup task group to review the existing Engineering Awards and its guidelines. It was agreed that the task group will report its findings and recommendations before the annual Technical Bureau meeting in November. The members also agreed to setup up a new task group to review the study projects under the four Study Topic Areas, including their terms of reference. The secretariat is now in the process of putting together

the work scope for this task. The work of this new task group will also be completed by the annual meetings in November.

Among other things, the bureau conducted a thorough review of the tasks and action items assigned since the last meeting. The Secretariat proposed a new title and guidelines for the ABU Broadcast Engineering Award on SDGs Implementation, which would replace the previous ABU Green Broadcast Engineering Award. The bureau also reviewed the schedule for this year's annual Technical Bureau and Technical Committee meetings which will be held in Delhi, India in November.

The meeting was adjourned with the Chairman's final remarks, in which he wished everyone well and emphasised the importance of staying in touch during this difficult time. The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions to the meeting. ■

