



APEC PORT SERVICES NETWORK



IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR GREEN PORT AWARD SYSTEM

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Chapter I Introduction

- 1) GPAS (Green Port Award System) program is a green evaluation system for ports in the APEC region developed by APEC Port Services Network (APSN). It represents an integral part of APSN's ongoing efforts to promote the green growth of the APEC port industry.
- 2) The objective of GPAS is to encourage green and sustainable development in port and port related industries. In particular, it aims to provide a clear roadmap to develop green port plans, to build a platform for sharing of best practices, to raise the profile of ports to promote overall competitiveness, and to improve their capacity for sustainable development.
- 3) Applicants for GPAS can be any port (port authorities or port operators) who achieved a good progress to become green ports in the last two or more years.

Chapter II GPAS Indicator System

- 4) The GPAS Indicator System is based on three Primary Indicators: Commitment and Willingness, Action and Implementation, and Efficiency and Effectiveness.
- 5) Each Primary Indicator comprises Secondary Indicators that are defined by several Reference Standards (see Table 2 in Annex 4).
- 6) Each indicator is weighted. The final score of each application shall be calculated with consideration to the scores of all the indicators and their respective weights.

Chapter III Application

- 7) Prospective applicants can download the GPAS Application Form (see Annex 1), the GPAS Port Self-Evaluation Form (see Annex 2), and the Guide to GPAS Port Self-Evaluation (see Annex 3) from the APSN official website.
- 8) Applicants need to conduct a Port Self-Evaluation while referring to the Guide to GPAS Port Self-Evaluation and submit the application package, including GPAS Application Form, GPAS Port Self-Evaluation Form and relevant materials, to the APSN Secretariat.
- 9) Applications submitted before June 30th will be evaluated for the GPAS Award in the same year; applications submitted after June 30th will be evaluated for the GPAS Award in the following year.

Chapter IV Evaluation

- 10) The Secretariat shall first check the completeness of the application packages. In case the submitted material is incomplete, the Secretariat shall request the applicant to provide additional materials in support of its application.
- 11) For each application, the Expert Evaluation shall be conducted by an Evaluation Committee composed of seven experts who shall be randomly selected from the APSN GPAS Expert Pool but with due regard to their competence in the following categories:
 - a. Senior Consultants
 - b. Council Members and Advisory Board Members
 - c. Experts and Scholars recommended by Council Member
 - d. External Experts and Scholars
- 12) The selection of the experts shall avoid any conflict of interest with the applicant.
- 13) The experts shall evaluate the application with reference to the Guide to GPAS Expert Evaluation (see Annex 4) and submit the completed GPAS Expert Evaluation Forms (see Annex 5) to the Secretariat in due course.
- 14) The Secretariat shall calculate the score of the applicant based on the GPAS Expert Evaluation Forms.
- 15) Applicants with a score of 3.5 or above will qualify as GPAS candidates.

Chapter V Approval and Awarding

- 16) The Secretariat shall present all GPAS candidates to the APSN Council for approval. All candidates will be invited to participate the annual meeting of the APSN Council to share their experiences in green port development.
- 17) Approved ports will be awarded as APSN Green Ports in a formal award ceremony.
- 18) The GPAS Award will be valid for two years.
- 19) APSN will award the APSN Green Port a certificate, a badge and a flag (see Annex 6).