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## **APEC Emergency Preparedness Capacity Building Center**

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# **Preparations of Establishing “APEC Emergency Preparedness Capacity Building Center (EPCC)”**

To invite synergy on improving regional resilience against natural hazards

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## **I. Background:**

In order to implement the APEC Disaster Risk Reduction Framework (APEC DRR Framework) by actively engaging public private partnership to successfully support inclusive and sustainable growth through enhancing capacity building in business, supply chain, critical infrastructure resilience based on a whole-of-society approach to better preparedness, Chinese Taipei takes further actions to establish a self-funding EPCC Preparatory Office in September of 2016 to gradually implement Chinese Taipei initiatives including: 1) ‘Enhancing regional digital preparedness on natural hazards to safeguard communities and business in the Asia-Pacific; 2) ‘APEC Emergency Preparedness Capacity Building Center.’”

Following the endorsed EPCC Terms of Reference (ToR) under APEC EPWG on March 15 of 2016, Chinese Taipei announced to set up the EPCC preparatory office to better prepare the official opening of EPCC in January of 2017.

## **II. Relevance to APEC on promoting capacity building**

Chinese Taipei take the initiatives to establish EPCC for advancing the goals of APEC Blueprint on Connectivity, and enhancing trade facilitation in the Asia-Pacific region that is designed to comply with and echo to recent APEC Leaders’ declarations on building economies development with resilience. In 2014, APEC Ministers and business leaders of ABAC highlighted importance of implementing business continuity plan to “build sustainable and resilient communities” by “investing in human capacity building”. In October 2015, the APEC Disaster Risk Reduction Framework (APEC DRR framework) received welcome to best fit the goals of the APEC Strategy to Building Adaptive and Disaster-Resilient Economies.

Base on EPWG mandate and APEC agenda, EPCC will focus on delivering cross-cutting and cross-fora knowledge-based capacity building efforts, and make contributions to APEC region through scientific research and development for better emergency preparedness. It is essential to actively engages with all stakeholders to deliver better capacity building efforts on emergency preparedness in the Asia-Pacific region.

To elaborate a closer partnerships and collaborations within the APEC family, EPCC will be a platform under APEC inviting PPSTI, SMEWG, TPTWG, TWG, TELWG, ISTWG, CTWG, HWG, ABAC and other APEC fora to strengthen capacity building aimed at providing feasible solutions to cope with regional and local challenges. Chinese Taipei welcomes joint efforts from member economies to implement practical and scientific-based training programs and establish knowledge databases in disaster risk reduction. EPCC will take advantage of combining human capacity investment, technology transfer scheme and innovative information-communications to ensure better emergency preparedness.

### **III. Project implementation:**

Chinese Taipei will offer operational funds to support administration and training programs of EPCC including preparatory office. As planned, EPCC will follow its ToR, APEC agenda and priorities. In 2015, the proposed operational timeline is as listed below:

#### **Operational timeline - the Preparation of EPCC:**

- September 26, 2016 : Establish the Preparatory Office of EPCC
- January 2017
  - EPCC Opening and Operation
  - Drafting 2017 EPCC Workplan
- December 2017 : Consolidate 2017 Annual Report

In order to fulfill EPWG's mandate and continue to promote better emergency preparedness in the region, the EPCC will undertake the following missions:

1. Hosting well-structured capacity-building activities: developing a sustainable agenda to promote disaster risk reduction and emergency preparedness in accordance with EPWG's mandate;
2. Establishing a knowledge database: collecting best experiences, science and technology;
3. Enhancing public-private partnership in disaster risk management: introducing new technology and concepts as well as highlighting the contributions from experts and professionals from public and private sectors.
4. Building a win-win networking: engaging regional efforts and institutions extensively to formulate a resourceful network.

### **IV. Expected outcomes:**

In 2017, EPCC will focus on supporting two of APEC's properties, "Investing in Human Capacity Building" and "Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities, which certainly make contributions to upholding APEC's main pillars of human security. Meanwhile, EPCC will bring in innovative landscape of disaster risk reduction and emergency preparedness. It will directly benefit both public and private sector of APEC economies.