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**PRESTIGIOUS APQN QUALITY AWARD TO NAAC FOR
INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN QUALITY ASSURANCE**

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National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) of India has received prestigious International Award of Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN) titled “**APQN Quality Award 2017 for International Co-operation in Quality Assurance.**”

In a special Award ceremony held in Moscow, Russia, on 26th May, 2017 **Dr. Jagannath Patil**, Adviser, NAAC received the award on behalf of **Prof. D.P. Singh**, Director, NAAC. The Award was presented by Prof. Dr. Jianxin Zhang, President, Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN), Dr. Judith S. Eaton, President, Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), USA and Dr. Galina Motova, National Centre for Public Accreditation (NCPA), Russia, on the sidelines of APQN Annual Conference.

APQN Quality Award are among the most prestigious International Awards in quality assurance of higher education. In the past, reputed organisations like QAA, UK, European Network - ENQA, HKCAVQ from Hong Kong, etc have received this award.

In a congratulation letter on behalf of APQN Board, the president of APQN has mentioned that “As one of the founder agencies of Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN) and The International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE), the NAAC has played pro-active role in international quality assurance scenario. Similarly NAAC and its faculty have worked with UNESCO on various projects, events and publications. In the recent past NAAC has also joined hands with various European partners for collaborative projects sponsored by European Commission.”

NAAC faculty have held important position of presidency in Governing boards of Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN), Asia Pacific Quality Register (APQR) and International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) highlighting the acclaimed status of NAAC in International QA circle. **Bengaluru Statement - 2016 on Next - Generation Quality Assurance of Higher Education** facilitated by NAAC together with APQN and 16 global quality assurance bodies re-enforced global role of India in higher education quality assurance scenario. The Conferring of APQN's International co-operation in QA award to NAAC is recognition of NAAC's continued efforts as facilitator of quality culture and co-operation within and outside Asia-Pacific region.

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