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COLLABORATION OF SIMM AND TAPA Asia

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Singapore Institute of Materials Management (SIMM) and TAPA ASIA announce the collaboration in training of TAPA courses.

Singapore Institute of Materials Management (SIMM) and **TAPA ASIA** are pleased to announce the collaboration in training of TAPA courses. The course is designed to teach students how to implement, comply and audit the TAPA security standards. TAPA currently has several standards concerning the handling, storage and movement of freight in the supply chain.

On the 15th of October 2010, SIMM and TAPA ASIA signed a Memorandum of Understanding announcing that SIMM would become an Approved Training Centre (ATC) for TAPA Asia. The first course for approval is the Certificate of Competency on TAPA FSR Management. Other subsequent courses such as the Truck Security Requirements (TSR) and the TAPA Air Cargo Security Standards (TACSS) will be included in future training courses.

SIMM lecturers will need to be approved by TAPA Asia and will be trained by TAPA trainers in the **TAPA** Asia courses and **SIMM** will facilitate and assist TAPA Asia in the membership drive from graduates of the courses. Both SIMM and TAPA Asia will jointly issue the certificate of competency for the TAPA course conducted by SIMM.

SIMM and **TAPA** Asia hope that the collaboration will bring about an increased awareness of security in the supply chain and a stronger brand name and professionalism in the TAPA certification. **Mr Albert Leong** (President, SIMM), expressed: *"The collaboration between SIMM and TAPA Asia will enhance SIMM diversification strategies in the complex global education business, and we look forward to a successful collaboration"* A development of a new business strategy and values with the collaboration of SIMM and TAPA will further enhance TAPA Asia and SIMM initiative to develop and upgrade the professionalism of Asia's Supply Chain Security.

Mr Jason Teo (Chairman, **TAPA Asia**) expressed: *"We look forward to the collaboration as we feel that SIMM being a 30 year old professional logistics and supply chain institution will bring about many new opportunities for both TAPA Asia and SIMM. This new collaboration will also leverage both our institutions' strengths and propel us into the next level of development and growth."*

The collaboration will commence on the 1 Nov 2010.

Notes to the Editor

Photograph of MOU signing between **SIMM** and **TAPA Asia** on **15 Oct 2010**:



About **SIMM**:

The **Singapore Institute of Materials Management (SIMM)** was incorporated in 1980 as a non-profit professional educational institution, with quality as its corporate emphasis. The primary objective is to establish and to maintain a high standard of knowledge and excellence in the field of Logistics and Materials Management. The secondary objective is to promote and foster the study, research and development on Logistics and Supply Chain Management.

SIMM develop courses in certificate, diploma, advance diploma, bachelor and master degree in the logistics function. SIMM further develop courses for the Singapore Workforce Development Agency (WDA) for skill based logistics courses to build Singapore into a knowledge based economy.

<http://www.simm.org.sg/courses.asp>

About TAPA ASIA:

TAPA is a non profit organization set up in 2000 by representatives from the various electronics and semi-conductor manufacturers, high tech industries, freight forwarders, and professional consulting companies.

The Transported Asset Protection Association (TAPA) is a unique forum that unites global manufacturers, logistics providers, freight carriers, law enforcement agencies, and other stakeholders with the common aim of reducing losses from international supply chains.

The association was formed in the US following collaboration of security managers from high tech companies. No longer could these companies afford to continually suffer loss in the supply chain and decided to write freight security standards, which were later published as the FSR Freight Security Requirements.

Together, by coming together and sharing our experiences and best practices, we can prevent similar criminal occurrences from happening to our shipment and at our sites.

TAPA Asia and EMEA subsequently formed, with TAPA Asia now celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Objective

The objective of the FSR was to ensure compliance across the whole supply chain. The FSR were built into contractual agreements with Logistics Service Providers (LSP) and over time many LSP's have adopted the standards as their base line in supply chain security.

FSR (Freight Security Requirements)

The Freight Security Requirements (FSR) as mentioned were established by security professionals within the high-tech industry to address the nature by which high-tech products and materials are handled, warehoused and transported as they move throughout the world. The FSR specifies the minimum acceptable security standards for assets travelling throughout the supply chain and the methods to be used in maintaining those standards.

In addition, the FSR outlines the processes and specifications for Suppliers to attain TAPA certification for their facilities and transit operations. It is the intention of TAPA members to select Suppliers, which meet or exceed TAPA certification requirements.

Successful implementation of the FSR, which is broken down into category A, B and C (A being the highest and C being the minimum) is dependent upon Suppliers, TAPA Certified Auditors and Buyer working in concert to accurately interpret, adopt and audit against these requirements.

Originally TAPA FSR 'A' & 'B' were the only certifiable standard as 'C' was designated as a self-assessment. Recently, TAPA Asia saw a demand for TAPA 'C' to become a certifiable standard.

Companies who adopted the FSR certifiable programme saw a substantial reduction in theft and losses within their facilities indicating the cost benefits of adopting the TAPA FSR. The standard was soon recognized by the Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA's) as an excellent contribution to supply chain security programmes such as STP, C-TPAT, RCAR and AEO.

Benefits of TAPA Certification

The benefits of TAPA Certification include:

- Increased security of your warehousing and handling.
- Increased customer satisfaction by meeting customer's security expectations for their products.

- Reduced insurance liability exposure.
- Increased business with companies that include TAPA certification requirements in contracts.
- Increased safety of employees.
- TAPA certification demonstrates conformance to many of the Singapore Secure Trade Partnership (STP) and the US C-TPAT requirements (C-TPAT), AEO and RCAR.

Training and Development

TAPA Asia has trained over 1,000 delegates over the last 10 years in the security standards.

TAPA Asia set up the 1st Approved Training Centre in Singapore with SIMM of which the MOU was signed on the 15th October 2010.

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