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RCA HRD Awards, RCA Regional Cooperation Awards, and RCA Project Awards

RCA HRD Awards	
CPR	The Coordination Office of Nuclear Agricultural Science for IAEA/RCA in China
ROK	Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute (KAERI)
SIN	Singapore General Hospital (SGH)
THA	Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University
VIE	Dalat Nuclear Research Institute (DNRI)

RCA Regional Cooperation Awards	
MAL	Malaysian Nuclear Agency (Nuklear Malaysia)
PAK	Pakistan Institute of Nuclear Science & Technology (PINSTECH)
ROK	Korea Nuclear International Cooperation Foundation (KONICOF)
THA	Thailand Institute of Nuclear Technology (TINT)
VIE	Vietnam Atomic Energy Institute (VINATOM)

RCA Project Awards	
AUL	(Environment) Mr. Ronald Szymczak
CPR	(Agriculture) Prof. Luxiang Liu
JPN	(Human Health) Dr. Takashi Nakano
MAL	(Industry) Dr. Ilham Mukriz Zainal Abidin
PAK	(Human Health) Dr. Irfan Ullah Khan
PAK	(Environment) Dr. Muhammad Azam Tasneem
ROK	(Energy Planning) Mr. Manki Lee
ROK	(Human Health) Prof. Wonil Jang

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RCA Governance Awards and RCA Special Awards

RCA Governance Awards	
<p>Dr. John F Easey Former RCA PAC Chair</p>	<p>Dr. Easey served as the RCA Coordinator during 1990-1995 and had the responsibility of performing secretariat duties related to the RCA Programme on behalf of the IAEA, also managing the TC projects implemented under the RCA TC Programme as the PMO. After his tenure as the RCA Coordinator, Dr. Easey continued to be closely involved in RCA activities as a member of the Australian delegation and later as the Chair of the RCA Programme Advisory Committee (RCA PAC). Dr. Easey made very significant and unique contributions to the development of RCA policies and strategies. Apart from serving as RCA PAC Chair, he also served as a consultant RCA Project Design Meetings, a member of WG on Enhancing TCDC in RCA, and many more.</p>
<p>Dr. Mahendra Prinath Dias RCA PAC Chair</p>	<p>Dr. Dias served as the RCA National Representative of Sri Lanka during 1993-1996 and was a member of the working group appointed in 1996 to review the management structure of the RCA. The practice of proposing RCA TC projects for implementation by RCA GPs commenced following recommendations of this working group. As the PMO during 2003-2010, He has managed implementation of 47 RCA TC projects. With his service, the implementation rate of the RCA Projects increased from 56.4% in 2003 to 78.1% in 2009. Dr. Dias also served as the RCA Coordinator/Focal person and also contributed to the establishment of the RCARO through a report on the performance of the RCARO during the interim period of two years (2003-2005) resulting in indefinite extension of the period of the RCARO. From 2019, Dr. Dias served as a member of the RCA PAC and as its Chair from 2020. As PAC Chair Dr. Dias provided leadership in many important activities including the preparation of the RCA Regional Programme Framework for 2024-29, the mid-term review of the RCA MTS for 2018-23, and the extension of the scope of PAC from project development to cover the whole TC cycle.</p>
<p>Dr. Alumanda Dela Rosa Chair of RCA Working Group on MTS Coordination</p>	<p>Dr. Dela Rosa has contributed to the RCA programme since 1998. She was involved in both the implementation of the RCA program in the Philippines, and in policy and strategy deliberations in the RCA. Dr. Dela Rosa's initiative led to the established R&D projects in support of the RCA programme. She has also contributed to the transformation of the RCARO to an indispensable structure within the RCA extending invaluable support to the RCA programme and to the RCA during special events. The RCA WG on "The Enhancement of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC) within the RCA Programme" in 2008 she led resulted in the sustainability of projects, increased and improved self-reliance of developing GPs, and more effective transfer of technology and knowledge through better understanding of local conditions. And as a member of the WG MTSC in 2018, she participated in laying the groundwork for the midterm review of the MTS in 2020 formulating policy recommendations on HRD, RRUs, funding for the RCA programme, project outcome monitoring, and improving project report forms.</p>

<p>Mr. Sinh Van Hoang RCA Focal Person</p>	<p>As a senior PMO and RCA-FP in TCAP with extensive experience, Mr. Hoang has consistently provided a high-quality contribution to the achievement of the RCA goals and targets over the years. He has implemented all the planned activities for 2020-2021 with exceptional results achieving IR of 99% of RCA portfolio 100% submission of progress monitoring reports. Mr. Hoang managed the RCA Programme with high professionalism and contributed significantly to its continued growth and success. He demonstrated strong sense of dedication and commitment and maintained effective partnerships with Member States and across the house with a positive impact in cross-cutting initiatives. During the period of the pandemic, Mr. Hoang worked hand in hand with Member States, Counterparts and technical departments, uniquely adjusted the programme of 2020, 2021 and 2022 and ensured continuity of delivery, he played an exemplary role to utilize the virtual platform and pioneered to successfully organize RCA Meetings, 60 substantive project coordination meetings and training courses virtually with remarkable efficiency gains.</p>
<p>RCA Chair</p>	<p>The Committee recognized the contributions and effort made by the NRs of every RCA GP. We thankful for their active participation, strong support, an excellent coordination all of which made RCA the most effective and productive regional cooperation. With that in consideration, the Committee is giving out this Awards for RCA Chair on behalf of every RCA NRs.</p>

RCA Special Awards	
<p>Government of Republic of Korea</p>	<p>Government of Republic of Korea has made remarkable contribution to the RCA's development in the last 50 years. It is the host Government of the regional office, the very first and only regional office among the four regional agreements under the IAEA TC. Over the last 20 years, for the operation and cooperative activities of the RCARO, the Government of Korea contributed over EUR19,000,000. Based on the firm support of the Government, RCARO has actively implemented various cooperative activities and supported the RCA, benefitting the RCA GPs and outreaching further to the region. Apart from that, the Government has also contributed more than EUR 845,000 as extra-contribution to fund the RCA projects, which have resulted in expanding the programme scope and diversifying the activities under the RCA. Thanks to the dedicated and firm commitment of the Korean Government, the RCA could successfully run its programme and expanding it through the last 50 years, fostering socioeconomic development of the region.</p>
<p>RCA Regional Office (RCARO)</p>	<p>Over the twenty years, the RCARO has put its every effort in fulfilling the roles and responsibilities as set out in the RCA Agreement and GOR. Beyond its Mission to increase the RCA Visibility and RCA Viability. RCARO has undertaken various cooperative activities and contributed to the RCA in expanding its outreach to the region as well as outside the region. Apart from a series of publications, RCARO together with RCA experts promoted the RCA and its achievements at more than 50 international/ regional events. RCARO also operates the RCA website since 2011, which serves as an information hub for the RCA. RCARO has been successful in bringing in resources to the RCA through partnership projects with UNDP/UNOSSC, ASEAN and ARCCNM, which is over US\$1,100,000. Under RCARO managed project, two introductory workshops for new RCA GPs and three Research Projects were implemented. Around US\$ 500,000 was provided to the RCA GPs to support their R&D in further widening the use of nuclear technology in the region.</p>
<p>IAEA Technical Cooperation, Asia and Pacific (TCAP)</p>	<p>From the origins of development of the RCA, the IAEA has been a key partner acting as an enabling support mechanism, providing expertise in the areas of project planning and implementation, financial support, and strategic partnerships. The results achieved in RCA State Parties over the last 50 years would not be possible without the intrinsic coordination between RCA-NRs and LCCs and PCs, and the IAEA TCAP. Since 1972, through a concerted efforts of TCAP, 173 technical cooperation projects under RCA have been implemented leading to over 10,000 counterparts trained, over 650 regional training courses, over 560 meetings and workshops supporting 7,000 professionals, and coordinated 4,500 experts and lecturers providing knowledge, expertise, and skills for the safe, effective, and efficient use of nuclear technologies in support of sustainable social and economic development. TCAP also supported the assessment of three social and economic impact of the RCA projects, the first documents of their kind at the IAEA. Realizing that a number of RCA projects implemented have resulted such pronounced socio-economic impact, the supportive role played by TCAP, by coordinating and managing the programme cycle and executing the implementation work as well as the enabling support provided for the growth and development of the RCA programme have been remarkable and deserves recognition.</p>

<p>WG on MTS Coordination (WG MTSC)</p>	<p>The WG MTSC serves as a support group to the NRs, providing advice in the implementation of the MTS while coordinating with other RCA stakeholders for the effective and efficient implementation of the RCA programme. The joint activity of the RCA PAC and WG MTSC marked the first time that an RCA MTS is subjected to a formal review using a predetermined set of performance parameters and brought up to a higher level the governance of the RCA programme. The Guidance Framework document for the Midterm review of the MTS makes the RCA unique among the regional agreements in that it has provided a systematic framework that has been tested, and can be used to evaluate the performance of the RCA in any given MTS cycle. Also, The WG MTSC has submitted three important recommendations on HRD, RRU, and outcome monitoring which would contribute to sustainability of the RCA programme. Apart from that, the WG MTSC recommended for the development of a new mechanism to address the needs of new GPs and strived to bring additional funding to the RCA through an RCA Fund by the GPs.</p>
<p>RCA Programme Advisory Committee (RCA PAC)</p>	<p>Since its establishment, the RCA Programme Advisory Committee (RCA PAC) has assisted the RCA NRs to identify the RCA projects implemented in the TC cycles of 2016/17, 2018/19, 2020/21, 2022/23 and 2024/25, by evaluating the Project Concepts submitted by the RCA GPs and evaluating the overall priorities based on the individual priorities of RCA GPs. RCA PAC has also provided expert advice to the LCCs for designing the projects selected for further development by the NRs. In addition, the specific contributions of the PAC include the establishment of mechanisms for improvement of the RCA Programme development at both the project concept and design stages, the provision of revising the method for calculating in-kind contributions and a template for reporting national contribution, the development of an online survey to identify the priorities of the RCA GPs for preparation of the RCA RPF 2024-2029, and the service as RCA Research Review Committee.</p>