

2018 Asia-Pacific Symposium

Welcome Remarks by J. Peter Duran, FSA, PhD

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Good morning. My name is Peter Duran and I am the chairman of the Society of Actuaries' Greater Asia Committee. On behalf of the Greater Asia Committee and the organizing committee for this event, I'd like to welcome you to this eighth annual Asia-Pacific Symposium, which is being held for the first time in Seoul. We have over 150 attendees, more than 70 of them from Korea. Our program covers a wide range of topics that we hope you will find timely and that will expand your thinking. Please also take the opportunity to mingle with your fellow actuaries. Tonight's reception immediately following the last session at 5:00 PM is the perfect opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. The exchange of ideas and experiences among actuaries, especially among actuaries from different cultures is one of the important benefits of this type of meeting and I urge you not to miss the opportunity.

I'd also like to take this occasion to make you aware of some of the SOA's planned activities in Asia-Pacific over the balance of this year. At the end of August, there will be Predictive Analytics Seminars in Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong and Taipei on 27th, 29th and 31st respectively. On 29 October, the SOA will organize a joint Risk Management Seminar in Singapore with The Institute of Actuaries of Australia. And on November 13th, there will be a seminar on Big Data in Jakarta. Please check the SOA Professional Development website for details.

In addition, the SOA is also sponsoring the Joint Regional Seminar which is co-sponsored with the UK Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, the Institute of Actuaries of Australia and the local actuarial societies. The seminars will be held in July and August in Taipei, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta, Sydney and Bangkok. . The SOA is also a sponsor of the Asian Actuarial Conference that is being organized by the Actuarial Society of Hong Kong from September 16 to 19. All these events offer great opportunities to help keep you up to date as well as to earn CPD credits.

Please enjoy the conference and please give us your feedback so we can make next year's conference even better.

Thank you