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**PT IAPMO Group Indonesia Opens Laboratory
and Certification Office in Bekasi, Jawa Barat**

Bekasi, Jawa Barat, Indonesia (May 19, 2016) – The IAPMO Group Wednesday celebrated the grand opening of PT IAPMO Group Indonesia's state-of-the-art laboratory and certification office in Lippo Cikarang — Bekasi (Jakarta), Jawa Barat, Indonesia. The facility will offer testing and certification services for plumbing product manufacturers in support of Indonesia's newly adopted national plumbing standard, SNI 8153:2015, *Plumbing Systems for Buildings*.

The ceremony was held during the third annual Water for Indonesia Now (WIN) Celebrates Indonesian Plumbing Systems Standardization at the Ritz-Carlton Jakarta in Mega Kuningan, Indonesia.

On May 17, IAPMO held an invitation-only gathering at the new facility that included a ribbon cutting and a special tour. Attendees included Chairman of BSN Prof. Dr. Ir. Bambang Prasetya, M.Sc., Representative of Ministry of Public Works and Human Settlements Ir. Nurhasanah Sutjahjo MM, and U.S. Embassy Commercial Officer Julie Carducci, as well as IAPMO CEO Russ Chaney, Executive Vice President of IAPMO R&T Lab Ken Wijaya, and Senior Vice President of Quality Assurance and Client Services of IAPMO R&T Shirley Dewi.

"We're certainly delighted that The IAPMO Group has completed a three-year effort in collaboration with both the U.S. and Indonesian governments to assist Indonesia in creating enhanced public health and safety provisions via the creation of a world-class plumbing code," Chaney said. "We were very pleased to have received excellent cooperation and support from the BSN, which is Indonesia's national standards body. We look forward to beginning the testing and certifying of plumbing products, which will facilitate compliance with the new requirements contained in the new BSN national plumbing standard."

Indonesia released a new national standard for plumbing — SNI 8153:2015, *Plumbing Systems for Buildings* — on March 18, 2015, as part of the nation's World Plumbing Day celebration. SNI 8153:2015 will be included in the guidelines for water conservation of GREENSHIP rating systems, a Green Building Council Indonesia program.

Prof Dr. Ir. Bambang Prasetya, MSc., Chairman of BSN, said, "I'm thrilled that the partnership between BSN and IAPMO continues to progress so productively, with the release of the standard last year and now this testing laboratory and certification facility that will continue to build synergy with all stakeholders. The establishment of this facility supports the implementation of SNI 8153:2015 because without it manufacturers would not be able to test and evaluate to the standard. Furthermore, the seminar held during the event advanced public awareness between our industry as the user, government as the regulator, and the laboratory as the operator. I hope the training program can be implemented soon and look forward to our partnership with IAPMO continuing to enhance the plumbing industry in Indonesia."

Prof.(R).Dr. Ir. Arief Sabaruddin, CES, Head of the Center of Research and Development of Human Settlement, Agency for Research and Development of the Ministry of Public Works and Housing of the Republic of Indonesia, said, "We are hoping that today's activities can support the implementation process of SNI 8153:2015, *Plumbing Systems for Buildings*, as well as providing the maximum benefits for fulfilling the needs of the people toward good plumbing systems that support health and safety, including peace of mind during the construction of buildings, and in conjunction with the Indonesian Law Number 20 Year 2014 (Undang-Undang Indonesia No. 20 Tahun 2014) regarding standardization and conformity assessment; specifically clause 24, in which this standard should be mandatory."



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Brian McFeeters, Deputy Chief of Mission from the U.S. Embassy, said, "The U.S. Embassy is proud to be part of this launch, as U.S. companies have a lot to offer to support this new environmentally friendly plumbing standard. I would also like to congratulate BSN, IAPMO, and the Ministry of Public Works and Human Settlements on their valuable efforts supporting water conservation and health in building systems and today's opening of the testing lab and certification office in Bekasi. We look forward to continuing to support the government of Indonesia's effort to gain the adoption of this standard to ensure that all plumbing products and their installation benefit Indonesia and its quest for safe and healthy water."

Wijaya, who heads The IAPMO Group's testing program in the United States, said, "This facility, which is the first one dedicated to testing and certification of plumbing products in Indonesia, was established to support the implementation effort of SNI 8153:2015 and to assist in promoting the health and safety of Indonesian citizens through good plumbing systems."

Dewi added that IAPMO will continue to work with Indonesian officials to promote standardization with the goal of bringing clean, safe water and reliable sanitation to everybody in Indonesia.

"The opening of the lab and certification office in Cikarang-Bekasi truly shows IAPMO's commitment to the Republic of Indonesia, and is an essential part of that effort," she said.

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