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IAPMO, BSN Collaborate to Bring *Uniform Plumbing Code*® to Indonesia

Jakarta, Indonesia (April 5, 2013) – The IAPMO Group has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Standardization Agency of Indonesia (BSN) that creates the framework for the development, adoption, implementation and enforcement of a *Uniform Plumbing Code*® of Indonesia (*UPC-ID*).

Senior representatives from The IAPMO Group traveled to Jakarta for the March 28 signing ceremony, which took place at the BSN office and was headed by his Excellency Professor Dr. Bambang Prasetya. A number of senior BSN officials participated in the ceremony, including Mr. T.A.R. Hanafiah, deputy for Research and Standardization Cooperation for BSN, Ms. Erniningsih Haryadi, head of BSN's Center of Cooperation on Standardization, and Dr. Kukuh S. Ahmad M.sc., director of BSN's Standard Implementation. Kristen Bauer, deputy chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, also attended the ceremony.

"I applaud both BSN and IAPMO for partnering to develop and implement the Uniform Plumbing Code of Indonesia," Bauer said. "This relationship helps to further the U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership, which was launched in 2010 by Presidents Obama and Yudhoyono. More importantly, the adoption of the plumbing code and the implementation of supporting programs will benefit Indonesian citizens by improving plumbing systems in their households and in their cities and villages. The U.S. Embassy commends both organizations for your efforts and wishes you continued success as partners under this new agreement."

Over the past decade, IAPMO has signed two MoUs with BSN to openly share knowledge, resources and ideas that could aid in the development of Indonesian national standards. IAPMO will not only work with officials in Indonesia to adopt an internationally recognized code to assist in protecting the health and safety of the nation's citizens through the safe delivery of water through properly installed and certified products, but also provide a level playing field for all manufacturers by providing the necessary capacity building and technical assistance for enforcement.

Recognizing that an expansive code is only as good as the knowledge of those installing, maintaining and inspecting the work, IAPMO will undertake two significant project activities to address code compliance issues outside of its code development and adoption efforts. First, IAPMO will address the need for plumbing education in Indonesia by partnering with local universities, vocational schools, government departments, developers and trade associations to develop curriculum and establish a Plumbing Education to Employment Program (PEEP). The goal of this program is to teach multiple levels of professional groups in Indonesia to read, understand, interpret, apply and inspect the provisions set forth in a new plumbing code. Second, IAPMO will establish an independent third-party testing laboratory and certification agency in Indonesia to ensure that only quality products are installed that meet the stringent standards contained in the code. These two project activities will ensure the proper implementation and enforcement of the plumbing code in every facet of the industry.

The timing is essential as Indonesia moves to the forefront in standardization, with a multitude of Indonesian companies becoming ISO certified over the past few years, hundreds completed by IAPMO, which maintains a sales representative office in Jakarta to handle inquiries and provide customer service to local clients.

IAPMO remains confident that the partnership with BSN will bring expedited reform throughout the plumbing sector, which has the crucial task of protecting nature's most amazing gift: water.

Founded in Los Angeles in 1926, IAPMO has grown to be recognized the world over for its *Uniform Codes*. With offices in 12 U.S. states and 13 countries, IAPMO has assisted with code development all over the world, and provisions from its *Uniform Plumbing Code*® protect more than half the world's population. For more information, visit www.iapmo.org.