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Community Plumbing Challenge 2017 to Be Held in Bekasi, West Java, Indonesia

Jakarta, Indonesia (March 30, 2017) – Cicau Village in Cikarang, Bekasi, West Java, will host this **year's international Community Plumbing Challenge (CPC), IAPMO Group CEO GP Russ Chaney** announced today at the opening of the fourth annual IAPMO Indonesia Education Conference in Jakarta.

Indonesia becomes the third country to host the CPC, following India in 2015 and South Africa in 2016. Top young apprentices and professionals representing four or five different countries — including Indonesia — are expected to participate, joining forces to form a long-term international collaboration that will deliver improved sanitation infrastructure and facilities in the Cicau area and others like it. In an exciting new development from previous editions, CPC2017 will be presented in two parts — a **"Design Week" in August** and a **"Construction Week" in November**.

CPC2017 will be presented by the International Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Foundation in association with the World Plumbing Council. The project will be based at local school SD Negeri Cicau 02, with a range of other promotional and participatory activities planned across the village for the duration of the event.

Speaking in Jakarta today, Chaney highlighted the CPC's **role** in spearheading the mission of the newly established IWSH Foundation.

"IWSH is now in place to align efforts and extend the great work of organizations, governments and industry working across the water, sanitation and hygiene sector," Chaney said, "while the CPC targets direct impact in the heart of communities where water systems are unsafe or unsustainable. Combined, the two platforms offer huge potential for improving living conditions and public health for specific areas in need, so we are particularly excited to launch our newest program here in Indonesia this year to continue building bridges across our growing network of local and international partners."

PT IAPMO Group Indonesia Senior Vice President Shirley Dewi added, **"Our team is highly motivated to facilitate CPC2017 in partnership with SD Negeri Cicau 02, as the village is located a mere 3 kilometers from our new testing and certification facility, which opened in 2016. Through CPC2017, we aim to develop an innovative working relationship with Cicau Village that will stretch into the years ahead; utilizing the new Indonesian Plumbing Systems Standard to make gradual gains for general public health through design and implementation of better sanitation for all."**

The IAPMO Indonesia Education Conference is a public outreach event designed to promote the importance of good plumbing systems in improving the health and safety of Indonesian citizens, safeguarding the environment, and boosting the Indonesian economy. The event is timed to follow World Plumbing Day (March 11), an occasion designed to promote awareness of the importance of plumbing to global health.

Further news and updates on CPC2017 will be available on the Community Plumbing Challenge Facebook Page and on Twitter by following @CommPlumbing.

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