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Beijing, 12 August 2014
Presented by Shannan Wong
Authentication Unit, New Zealand

Authentication Unit

- Team of 4
- Department of Internal Affairs
- Located in the Archives New Zealand Building
- Proximity of Stakeholders
- 13,000 Apostille certificates (2014)
- 7230 authentication certificates (2014)



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E-APP in New Zealand



- Implemented the e-Apostille in 2009
- Implemented the e-Register 2010
- e-Apostille launched again in December 2012
- 2044 e-Apostilles since December 2012
- 1161 e-Apostilles from July 2013 – June 2014

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Apostille Number: 01498.1 (Examples: 12345.1 or 98765.12)

Apostille Issue Date: 24/09/2013 (Use calendar icon to select a date)

Verify... **Clear Results**

Results

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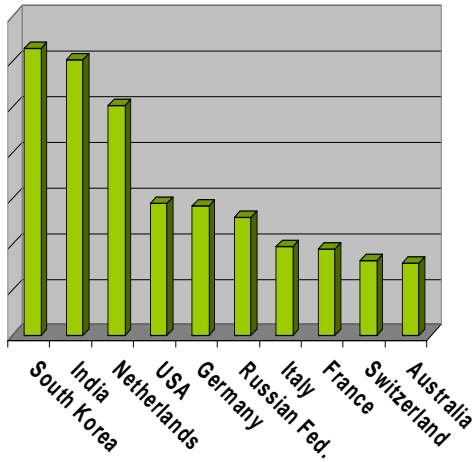
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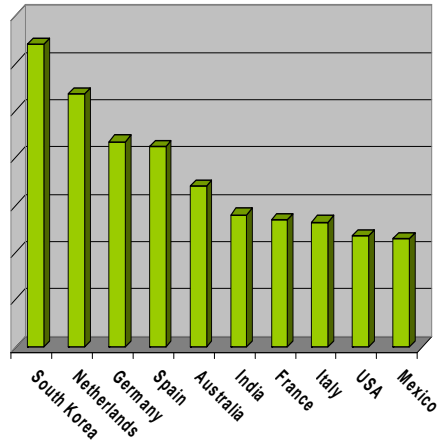
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Where Our Apostilles Go

Paper Apostilles



e-Apostilles



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Where Our Authentications Go

2013 (last APEC meeting)

- 1 PR China
- 2 UAE
- 3 Saudi Arabia
- 4 Kuwait
- 5 Qatar
- 6 the Philippines
- 7 Viet Nam
- 8 Iraq
- 9 Chile
- 10 Libya

2014

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Benefits of the E-APP

- Timely
- Cheap to dispatch
- Can be submitted multiple times
- Secure technology
- Looks official
- Online validation
- Keeps original document in same condition
- Really great customer feedback



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Mutual Benefits

- Effective economic transactions
- Shared language and process
- Facilitating commercial relationships
- Utilising e-commerce applications
- Trustworthy certifications



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Development of E-APP

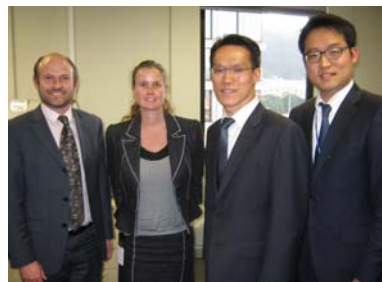
- Ministerial Release
- Publicised within agency
- Updated webpage
- Advertised with frequent customers
- Offered a combination fee
- Continually educating & advising
- Communication with recipients
- Process for rejections



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How We Can Assist

- Share our process with counterpart offices
- Present experiences at conferences
- Welcome international delegations and diplomatic staff
- Continued education to customers
- Urgent processing for time pressured requests



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