There is <u>only one</u> accreditation standard that is recognised by 148 countries by intergovernment agreement. This is the ISO (International Organization for Standardization) standard. The ISO standard is the most suitable benchmark to meet our accreditation needs and those of our Distance Learning and Learning Centre students.

In September 2004, then UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan highlighted the strong relationship between the UN and ISO. He stressed the essential role ISO standards played in global education 'to achieve <u>consensus of standards</u> that will make a difference to our world".

ISO has become the world's most successful recognition standard, through quality management systems. It requires an organisation to meet agreed quality standards that are internationally benchmarked, and to ensure that maintained standards are comparable and equitable <u>internationally</u>. ISO requires an ongoing process of organisational and management assessment, and of internal and external auditing.

Applying ISO to Education

In an institutional context, it is a demanding and rigorous process. Millennium International University (MIU) and Asia Pacific Seminary (APS) provide quality higher education to a complex student base, <u>standards must be maintained at all levels</u>. This includes academics, resources, management, budgeting, multi-campus operations, and development.

After four years of developing and implementing a quality standard system to embrace all these levels, Millennium International University in collaboration with Asia Pacific Seminary acquired **ISO9001:2000** in 2004 for the entire organisation and for the whole of its core business: "Design, Delivery and Assessment of Accredited Education and Training Services Worldwide".

As a leader in online and distance learning, Millennium International University is committed to ensuring that it has in place an effective and efficient Information Security Management System to cover the scope of its operations.

Millennium International University In collaboration with Asia Pacific Seminary proudly displays the UK government 'tick & crown' Charter Mark. The body governing this authority is the <u>United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS)</u>. This is the sole government accreditation body in the UK. This provides visual assurance that Millennium International University in collaboration with Asia Pacific Seminary has a documented system base for the pursuit of **total quality** at *all levels* in its organisation.

Apostille

What is an Apostille?

An Apostille certificate authenticates the signature of the public official who has signed the document in your home state. The Apostille certificate confirms the person that signed the document has the authority to do so and that the document should therefore be recognised as legal without further evidence in another member state. A member state being any country which has joined the Hague Convention.

Which countries recognise Apostille certificates?

There are currently over 60 member states of the Hague convention, follow the link to a list of these <u>countries</u>. In addition to those countries which are members of the Hague convention many other countries will also recognise an Apostille certificate. We recommend you check with the entity you intend to present the Apostille certificate to as to whether the Apostille certificate will be acceptable.