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The Global Lighting Association elects new Executive Committee, foreshadowing active advocacy programs

The Global Lighting Association (GLA) met early December in Tokyo and elected an inaugural Executive Committee in anticipation of its incorporation as a non-profit association in Switzerland. Completion of the incorporation process is expected early in 2020.

Maurice Maes, as a representative of LightingEurope, was appointed President. He is employed by Signify, formerly known as Philips Lighting, as Head of Standards & Regulations.

Reflecting a commitment to increase activities in support of the global lighting industry, the GLA elected two Vice Presidents to assist with the anticipated additional workload. They are Chen Yansheng, President of China Association of Lighting Industry and Pekka Hakkarainen, representing the National Electrical Manufacturers Association in the United States. Michael Ng from the Taiwan Lighting Fixtures Export Association was elected Treasurer.

"The time is now for the GLA to enable and promote, at a global level, the full potential of modern lighting to enhance human well-being alongside sustainability goals," said Maurice Maes, "and this can only be done by the GLA taking an active role in harmonizing and ensuring better enforcement of regulations and standards across the globe."

The GLA today represents over 25 regional and national lighting trade associations, collectively representing over 5000 lighting manufacturers, and the association looks forward to welcoming new members to participate in the next phase of its journey.

About the Global Lighting Association

The Global Lighting Association is the voice of the lighting industry on a global basis, fostering growth for the lighting industry by promoting the value of lighting, as well as trade practices and healthy regulatory frameworks that stimulate innovation and fair competition. The GLA shares information on political, scientific, business, social and environmental issues of relevance to the lighting industry and advocates its position to relevant stakeholders in the international sphere.

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