

22nd Executive Board Meeting of the Asian Pacific Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations (AFUCA)

Date: 18 July 2014
Venue: Chonjyun, China
Host: Chinese National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations (CNFUCA)
Chairperson: Mr. YOO, Jay-Kun, President of AFUCA
Participants: Please refer to the attached list.

Under the chairmanship of Mr YOO Jay-Kun, President of AFUCA and support of the host country China, through Mr. Tao Xiping, Honorary President of AFUCA, the 22nd Executive Board Meeting of the Asian Pacific Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations (AFUCA) was held on 18 July 2014, in Chonjyun, China.

In his opening remarks Mr. Yoo thanked the Chinese National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations, in particular its President, Mr. Tao Xiping, for hosting the Executive Board Meeting in China. Mr. Yoo welcomed all delegates from member countries and thanked them for their participation. Mr. Yoo also welcomed and thanked Mr. Due Yue, Secretary General of the Chinese National Commission for UNESCO for finding time to participate in the Board meeting of AFUCA.

As is customary, Mr. Yoo invited the member to volunteer to act as reporters to draft minutes of the meeting. Mr. Dharendra Bhatnagar from India, Ms. Sabina Chukayeva from Kazakhstan, and Ms. LEE Sunjoo from Korea were appointed as reporters. Mr. Yoo invited comments of the members on draft agenda circulated to them and asked them to formally adopt the agenda of the Executive Board after any suggestions/modifications & additions in it. Since there were no suggestions or additions, the agenda of the meeting was approved & adopted.

Agenda of AFUCA Executive Board Meeting

1. Presentation of member federations' activity report

Taking first item on agenda, Mr. Yoo invited the members to present reports on their recent activities within 7 minutes each. According to the alphabetical order, each country federation presented its activity report by visual data. (For details, kindly refer to the attached copy of presentations.)

Commenting on the activity reports, Mr. Yoo congratulated each member federation for its dedication & commitment in advancing the aims, objectives & ideals of UNESCO. He said, he is convinced & re-assured about the role of UNESCO Club movement in finding solutions to the world problems & implementing them in a cordial manner with the support of their members.

2. Accounting and Membership Report from Secretariat Office

Mr. Yoo invited Mr. Noguchi, Secretary General of AFUCA to present Accounting Report Statement showing the yearly membership fee paid by the members & their dues. The same was distributed to the members.

Mr. Noguchi informed that earlier Mr. Samardiwakara from Sri Lanka used to represent the Srilankan UNESCO Clubs Federation but for many years there is no response from Sri Lanka. AFUCA Secretariat tried to make contact with the Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO in this regard but no response has been received.

As for Nepal, the Secretariat had information that recently the Nepal Federation has been dissolved. The Nepal National Commission for UNESCO has informed that at present they are trying to restructure the federation; however they do not know how long will it take.

As for Mongolia, during the administrative procedures of this Executive Committee, AFUCA Secretariat came to know that two federations exist in Mongolia, they are: "Mongolian National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations" and "National Federation of UNESCO Clubs of Mongolia". AFUCA Secretariat requested the Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO to clarify, as to which federation has the endorsement from NatCom? However, no reply has been received so far. Mr. Noguchi suggested that representatives of both Mongolian federations mutually solve this issue. Mr. Yoo also requested the Mongolian participants from two different federations to solve the issue. The representatives from both federations consented and promised to discuss this matter among them.

Ms. Kawakami of the Secretariat of AFUCA, proposed to the members that the balance presently kept in Japanese Yen 3,650.- (about US\$32.-) in the bank may be converted into US dollars so that the money kept by the Secretariat remain in US dollar only. The proposal was unanimously approved. Ms. Kawakami further informed that no expenditure was incurred since previous 21st Executive Board Meeting of AFUCA. This was noted by the members.

3. Modalities for further development of AFUCA Activities~

Mr. Yoo requested Mr. Due Yue to share the up-dated information concerning UNESCO Headquarters and WFUCA (World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations). Mr. Due Yue reported about his recent meeting with Mr. Eric FALT, Assistant Director-General (Sector for External Relations and Public Information) of UNESCO Headquarters who mentioned that use of UNESCO'S name and logo by WFUCA members should be followed strictly and WFUCA needs new dynamic vision and strategic plan; otherwise UNESCO HQs doesn't see the necessity to support WFUCA. He pointed out that misuse of UNESCO'S name and logo has been conspicuous and UNESCO HQs is deeply concerned about it. Administrative reforms in WFUCA must be done immediately; otherwise, it might face serious problems. Mr. Due Yue assured that on his part, the Chinese National Commission for UNESCO will maintain good collaboration and support to the Chinese Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations and WFUCA.

On this issue, Mr. Bhatnagar from India expressed his opinion and said that it is not a fair

judgment by UNESCO, as only few federations use the logo of UNESCO and misuse the name of UNESCO. He pointed out that Asian Federation is the first and oldest Regional Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations. He added that Asia Pacific has a large number of countries but only 11 countries are members of AFUCA. He said AFUCA must invite more countries like Bhutan, Maldives and others to join AFUCA and WFUCA. He said this year AFUCA has completed its 40 years of foundation. On this occasion AFUCA should record its history giving details of the Executive Board Meetings held in different countries, its other activities and a complete list of its past and present members with the names of all its office bearers in 40 years. Mr. Yoo requested Mr. Bhatnagar to put his ideas in shape and try to collect the data with assistance from AFUCA Secretariat. The same was accepted by Mr. Bhatnagar.

Mr. Noguchi commented that UNESCO Constitution's preamble statesThat a peace based exclusively upon the political and economic arrangements of governments would not be a peace which could secure the unanimous, lasting and sincere support of the people of the world, and that the peace must therefore be founded, if it is not to fill, upon the intellectual and moral solidarity of mankind.

Therefore UNESCO alone cannot attain its mission without keeping contact with NGOs. As for misuse of UNESCO'S name and logo, AFUCA Constitution may be revised / amended accordingly.

4. Venue for next (23rd) Session of AFUCA Executive Board Meeting

Mr. Yoo invited proposals for holding the next session of the Executive Board of AFUCA. He said, as per the constitution, ordinary session of the Executive Board of AFUCA should be held every 2 years although extra ordinary sessions could be held at any time with approval of the members. Mr. Serkan Ayazbayev, vice president of Kazakhstan National Federation of UNESCO Clubs (KNFUCA) offered to host the 23rd session of AFUCA Executive Board Meeting in Kazakhstan in middle of July 2016. This was welcomed by all members with a loud applause. Secretary General of KNFUCA, Ms. Sabina Chukayeva said that the venue of the meeting & dates will be informed after consultation with their colleagues & the final decision will be taken in consultation with the Secretariat of AFUCA.

Mr. Yoo invited the members to raise any other issues or points for discussion, since there were none Mr. Yoo thanked Mr. Tao & his colleagues for successfully hosting the meeting and appreciated all arrangements made by them. Mr. Tao expressed his gratitude to the members for coming to China & participating in the Executive Board meeting.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

**List of Representatives/Participants/Audits for
22nd AFUCA Executive Board Meeting**

Representatives/participants Title and Organization	Name
BANGLADESH	
Secretary-General National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh	Mr. Mahbubuddin Chowdhury
CHINA	
President Chinese National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations	Mr. Tao Xiping
Vice-President Chinese National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations	Mr. Lan Hongsheng
Secretary-General Chinese National Commission for UNESCO	Mr. Du Yue
Vice-President Chinese National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations	Mr. Yu Xiaoping
Vice-President Beijing Municipal UNESCO Clubs Association	Ms. Song Lijun
INDIA	
Secretary-General Confederation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations in India	Mr. Dharendra Bhatnagar
JAPAN	
Director-General National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan	Mr. Noboru Noguchi
Deputy-Secretary-General Director, Education and Culture Department National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan	Ms. Chiharu Kawakami
Kazakhstan	
Vice-President Kazakhstan National Federation of UNESCO Clubs	Mr. Serkan Ayazbayev
Secretary-General Kazakhstan National Federation of UNESCO Clubs	Ms. Sabina Chukayeva
Head UNESCO Club of the Kazakh National University of Arts	Mr. Alibek Batyrov

KOREA	
President Korean National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations	Mr. Yoo, Jay Kun
Vice-President Korean National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations	Lee Byungwan
Vice-President Korean National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations	Yang Changhun
Secretary-General Korean National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations	Ms. Kim Soo-Ja
Secretariat Director Korean National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations	Ms. Lee Sunjoo
	Kim Sungsoo (Mrs. Yoo)
MONGOLIA	
Executive-Director Mongolian National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations	Mr.Odbayar Boldbayar
Secretary-General National Federation of UNESCO Clubs of Mongolia	Mr. Ankhbayar Natsagdorj
Executive-Secretary National Federation of UNESCO Clubs of Mongolia	Mr.Bayarsaikhan Erdenebileg
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Teacher, Public Autonomy Educational Institution «Kochnevskaya School №16» The Ural - Siberian Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations	Ms.Elizabeth Krupskaya
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Honorary President	
Former President of the National Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres & Associations of Nepal	Mr. Dambar Bir Thapa

Audit Status	
President Damauli UNESCO Club, Nepal	Mr.Pradeep Kaphle
Vice-President and Secretary-General UNESCO Association Hong Kong	Ms.Karen Zhang
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