

***FINAL REPORT***

**Asian Pacific Federation of UNESCO Clubs and  
Associations (AFUCA)**

**15<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Board Meeting**

**3-6 May, 2004**

**Beijing, China**

**Hosted by**

**National Federation of UNESCO Associations in China  
(NFUAC)**

**The 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Board Meeting was organized  
with the financial assistance by UNESCO.**

## **Final Report**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Board Meeting of Asian Pacific Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations (AFUCA), was organized and held by AFUCA and the Chinese National Federation of UNESCO Clubs (CNFUC) and Associations at Minzu Hotel in Beijing, China, from 3 to 6 May 2004.

The Meeting was attended by the representatives of 8 Members of the AFUCA Executive Board together with 20 observers from Thailand and the secretariat of CNFUC, one representative of UNESCO Beijing Office. The list of participants is attached as Annex 1.

### **Item 1: Opening Ceremony**

1) Dr. Kim Ran-Soo, the President of AFUCA, welcomed the participants and delivered the message. He highlighted that AFUCA marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary which was founded in July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1974 at Kyoto, Japan. He referred to the accomplishments of AFUCA which made it a globally recognized NGO, and stressed the importance of the Executive Board Meeting to discuss a variety of desirable and feasible programmes to enrich regional cooperation in the future. He also expressed his respect and appreciation for Mr. Tao and his staff to have organized the 15<sup>th</sup> session of the Meeting.

Mr. Tao Xiping, the President of CNFUC, made an opening speech, briefly explaining the Unesco club activities in China.

Mr. Aoshima, Director of UNESCO Office in Beijing, made a speech.

Mr. N. Noguchi, Director-General of the National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan (NFUAJ), also made a brief address, expressing his deep appreciation to the hosting organization.

**Item 2: Adoption of Agenda** (Chairman – Dr. Kim)

Dr. Kim Ran-Soo introduced the draft agenda and time table prepared by the Secretariat, which were unanimously approved.

**Item 3: AFUCA's activities and financial report for 2001-2003**

(Chairman – Mr. Thang)

Ms. Ishigami, on behalf of the AFUCA Secretariat, explained the document on financial statements for the period for 2001 to 2003 and activities which included the Festival of Asian Children's Art, AFUCA Newsletter and others. Revenues were US\$4,490 while expenses were US\$3,530 leaving the balance of US\$960, which would be carried forward to the current budget cycle.

Points were raised about the term of membership fees. A Member from Republic of Korea confirmed the duration of fiscal years relating to payment of membership fee in the financial statements. The Meeting discussed on how many years arrears should be claimed for those countries who have not made payments in the past years. The discussions on these items were continued in the following sessions.

After the discussion, the proposed report on activities and finance were approved.

**Item 4: AFUCA's programme and budget for 2004-2005**

(Chairman – Mr. Than)

The AFUCA Secretariat introduced the document on proposed programmes and budget for 2004-2005. The following points were raised from the participants:

CNFUC proposed to include the Ponrai Peace Festival as AFUCA's programme from next year. The Ponrai Peace Festival has been held every year in China with participants of Chinese as well as foreign

children.

The Meeting agreed to include the Ponrai Peace Festival in AFUCA activities with the understanding that all members of AFUCA will be invited to participate in it.

It was agreed that the multi-national exchange programmes and study visits conducted among plural AFUCA member countries would be noted, not AFUCA programmes as such, but as its related activities.

After the discussion, the proposed programmes and budget were unanimously approved.

#### **Item 4: Presentation of Country Report**

(Chariman-Mr. Bhatnagar)

Mr. Bhatnagara asked the Executive Board members to make reports on their respective countries. The following reports were presented at the Meeting.

1. Mr. Du Yue

Secretary General of Chinese National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations

2. Mr. Dharendra Bhatnagar

Secretary General of Confederation of Unesco Clubs and Associations

3. Mr. Noboru Noguchi

Director General of National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan

4. Mr. Jeong Soo-Young

Director General of Korean National Federation of Unesco Clubs and Associations

5. Mr. Dambar Bir Thapa  
President of National Federation of Unesco Associations of Nepal
6. Mrs. Prayad Sriboonchoo  
Advisor to the Center for International Understanding Executive Board
7. Mr. Nguyen Xuan Thang  
Vice-President & Secretary-General of Vietnam Federation of UNESCO Clubs

The reports are enclosed with this final report.

**Item 5: Election of Office Bearers, Future Strategy**

(Chairman- Mr. Noguchi)

Mr. Noguchi explained relevant regulations of the AFUCA Constitution, which states that the Board has to elect a President and two Vice-Presidents, Secretary-General and auditor for the next period.

Discussion took place under the temporary chairmanship of Mr. N. Noguchi.

The following office bearers were elected unanimously:

- a) President: Mr. Tao Xiping, President of Chinese National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations
- b) Vice-Presidents:
  - Ms. Ekjittra Choosakulchat, President of Center for International Understanding, Thailand
  - Mr. Dhirendra Bhatnagar, Secretary General of Confederation of Unesco Clubs and Associations,

## India

### c) Secretary-General:

Mr. Noboru Noguchi, Director-General, National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan

### d) Auditor: Mr. Nguyen Xuan Thang, Vice-President & Secretary-General of Vietnam Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Vietnam

Dr. Kim was nominated as Honorary President of AFUCA, and was so approved by the Board.

The Board decided to recommend outgoing President as Honorary President for four years, as a general rule.

Mr. Tao, newly elected President, took over the chairmanship and presided the Meeting. The following points were clarified.

1. membership fees: Considering the fact that there are many Federations which have not made payment over the last few years, and the status of the Executive Board Members relate with the payment of membership fee, the following conclusion was made at the Board:

The 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Board agreed to make a demand for membership fees from the year 2003.

For those countries which are not able to make payment for the previous years, the amount would not be requested, whereas the countries which are able to cover the amount of previous years will be invited to make payments.

2. The term of Executive Board Meeting:

As regards the timing of holding the Board Meeting, whereas the 15<sup>th</sup> session was organized in an irregular year, the Meeting decided to organize ordinary session in odd years from the next Meeting.

## Future Strategy (WFUCA and AFUCA)

Mr. Noguchi explained about the situation of WFUCA.

The World Congress was once planned to be held in summer 2003. However, the hosting organization - Greek National Commission for UNESCO withdrew its offer of hosting it, thus it did not take place in Greece. Instead, Cyprus Unesco Federation hosted the Conference in 2003 in which some member organizations in Asia participated. Two Presidents of WFUCA claimed their legitimacy, and UNESCO Headquarters regarded that the matter should be resolved within NGO (WFUCA), and either of two representatives could not attend the UNESCO General Conference. In order to deal with the matter, UNESCO set up the "Ad-hoc Committee for the Renewal of WFUCA" with the chairman of Mr. Eiji Hattori. Mr. Thang, Vietnam, and Mr. Noguchi, Japan, are the members of the Committee. The Ad-hoc Committee's meeting was held in December 2003, and a drafting committee was formed in March 2004 with a view to preparing a new draft Constitution for WFUCA. The next committee is scheduled for September 2004.

Mr. Thang reported the outcomes of the Conference held in Cyprus. As a member of the UNESCO Ad-hoc Committee for the renewal of WFUCA, Mr. Thang also described the roles and functions of the Ad-hoc Committee. He also emphasized the importance of the work of the drafting committee for the preparation of the new Constitution of WFUCA.

Mr. Lee, Republic of Korea, mentioned the relationship between National Commissions and Unesco clubs and associations, and stated the importance to have endorsement by National Commissions concerned to further develop our Unesco club activities. Referring to the document of the UNESCO Executive Board Meeting, he expressed that it is essential to have support and cooperation from UNESCO.

Mr. Tao expressed that the conflict is not the matter in this region, and we would wait and see the outcome of the Ad-hoc Committee set up by

Unesco.

**Item 6: Closing Session**

Mr. Tao delivered closing remarks and declared the 15<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting closed.