

Asian Pacific Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations (AFUCA)

18th Session of the Executive Board Meeting

Ekaterinburg, Russia 14-20 August 2008

Final Report

The 18th Session of the Executive Board Meeting of the Asian Pacific Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations (AFUCA) hosted by the Ural - Siberian Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations, was held at Ekaterinburg, Russian Federation, from 14 to 20 August 2008.

The meeting was attended by the representatives of 5 regular members of AFUCA Executive Board together with 11 observers. The list of participants is attached as Annex 1.

Opening ceremony

Mr. Tao Xiping, President of AFUCA, welcomed the participants and delivered the opening speech.

Nomination of Chairman and Rapporteur

Mr. Tao requested Mr. Noboru Noguchi to assist the president.

He proposed Mr. Akito Terao and Ms. Mariko Furusawa from Japan as Rapporteurs of the 18th session of the Executive Board Meeting. His proposal was unanimously adopted.

Adoption of agenda

The draft agenda (Annex 2) prepared by the Secretariat was unanimously approved.

AFUCA's Progress Report and Financial Report for 2007-2008

Mr. Noguchi reported AFUCA activities as written in the attached document. (Annex 3)

The AFUCA progress report and financial report for 2007-2008 were approved after some discussions. Members expressed certain views:

Mr. Du Yue from China proposed to include the regional activities into the AFUCA's progress report. Mr. Noguchi replied, saying that once we receive the country report with the highlight on the trans-boundary activities, we can reflect them in the progress report as AFUCA activities.

Also, Mr. Due asked about the requirements to be regular members of the AFUCA.

Mr. Due thought that in many countries, National Federations should be endorsed by the

National Commissions for UNESCO, then they would be recognized as AFUCA regular members. However at the WFUCA Executive Board meeting held in Ekateriburg, one of participating organizations, which has not been endorsed by the National commission, participated in the EB meeting and it raised a question. The same thing might happen in AFUCA in future. He inquired how we should regulate the similar issues in AFUCA when they arise.

Referring to the relevant provisions which states: "duly recognized as such by the National Commissions for UNESCO" stated in Article 3, Clause 1 of the AFUCA Constitution, Mr. Noguchi replied to him that the AFUCA regular member should be National Federation and be duly recognized as much by the National Commission concerned.

Presentation of Country Reports

The members of AFUCA were requested to present their activity reports. Following members presented their country's activity report.

China Mr. Yue Du

Secretary-General, Chinese National Federation of UNESCO Centres and Association

Mr. Hongsheng Lan

President, Beijing Municipal UNESCO Clubs Association

Japan Mr. Akito Terao, Director, Division for Organization, National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan

Korea Mr. Lee, Pyung Wou

President, Korean National Federation of UNESCO Clubs & Associations

Nepal Mr. Dambar Bir Thapa

President, National Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres & Associations of Nepal

Russia Mr. Yuri Borissikhin

President, Ural - Siberian Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations

For further details, please refer to the attached documents prepared by the respective federations. (Annex 4)

AFUCA's Proposed Activities for 2008-2009

Mr. Noguchi explained the AFUCA Activities for 2008-2009 as attached ANNEX 5.

It was approved by the members after the following discussions.

Mr. Noguchi said that as for the UNESCO Children's Performing Arts Festival 2009, preliminary examination was conducted with a view to the implementation of the CPAF 2009 in Nara, Japan. Once it is formally confirmed, it could be one of the AFUCA activities.

Mr. Tao added that Peace Award Festival will continue to be held in Penglai in the middle of

August 2009.

Mr. Thapa from Nepal suggested that a future AFUCA meeting could be held in Kathemandu within a few years.

In response to Mr. Thapa, Mr. Tao said that it should be discussed continuously at the next year meeting with newly elected Executive Board members.

Election of new office-bearers

The election of new office-bearers for 2008-2012 were conducted.

1. Election of the President of AFUCA

Mr. Tao, president of the AFUCA, said that the then president nominated him at the last election in Beijing. Following the precedent, he would like to nominate Mr. Matsuda as the new president of AFUCA.

He explained the reason of the nomination of Mr. Matsuda as a president of the AFUCA, stating that Japan has a long history of non-governmental UNESCO activities and has been taking leadership in UNESCO activities. So, if Japan would be the president, more achievements will be promoted.

Mr. Tao's suggestion was unanimously approved. Thus, Mr. M.Matsuda has been elected new president of AFUCA.

2. Election of the Vice-Presidents of AFUCA

According to the Constitution of the AFUCA, AFUCA has 2 vice-presidents. Currently, one from Thai, and one from India. Their term of office are expired.

About the nomination of the new vice presidents, Mr. Tao told the participants to express their opinions.

The delegate of China proposed the name of Mr. Thapa from Nepal for the vice president.

The delegate of China recommended Mr. Lee from Korea as the Vice-President.

Mr. N.Noguchi from Japan endorsed both candidates as the Vice-Presidents.

Both Mr. Thapa from Nepal and Mr. Lee from Korea were unanimously elected as the new Vice-Presidents.

Therefore, Mr. Masashi MATSUDA from Japan was elected as the President of AFUCA for the period of 2008-2012, while Mr. Lee from Korea and Associate Prof. Dambar Bir Thapa from Nepal were elected as vice president respectively. Japan will continue to perform the role of the Secretariat and Mr. Noboru Noguchi will continue to serve as secretary general.

Mr. Lee expressed that he was very happy to be elected as a vice-president and he promised to do his best to fulfill his duties and to support the new president, Mr. Matsuda.

Mr. Thapa said he would also do his best under the leadership of Mr. Matsuda, new president.

Venue of the next Executive Board Meeting

Mr. Tao of China suggested the Executive Board meeting will be held in China next year and welcome the elected members of the EB to China. His suggestion was welcomed unanimously.

In addition, Mr. Noguchi said that NFUAJ would like to explore the possibility of hosting the AFUCA meeting in Nara in 2010.

Closing session

Mr. Tao delivered closing remarks and declared the 18th Executive Board Meeting closed.

A vote of thanks was adopted by acclamation.

öAll members present at the AFUCA Executive Meeting, held in Ekaterinburg from 14 to 20 August 2008, expressed their profound gratitude and sincerest appreciation to Mr. Tao Xiping for his excellent leadership and his outstanding contributions to the development of AFUCA activities. Particularly noteworthy were his efforts to include Penglai Peace Festival in the AFUCA activities, enlarging its scope and impact.

Mr. Tao's contributions will be remembered for ever.ö

Mr. Tao Xiping has been elected Honorary President of AFUCA, by acclamation.