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Minutes of the 23rd Executive Board Meeting for the Asian Pacific Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations (AFUCA)

Date: 6-7 September, 2016

Venue: Shera Park INN, Almaty, Kazakhstan

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 generous support of the host country Kazakhstan, through Mr. Bolat Akchulakav, President of Kazakhstan National Federation of UNESCO Clubs, the 23rd Session of the Executive Board Meeting of Asia Pacific Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations (AFUCA) was successfully held at the Shera Park In Hotel, Almaty, Kazakhstan from 6-7 September 2016.

Representatives from the following countries were present: Bangladesh, China, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Russia, South Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam. In addition, representatives of UNESCO National Commissions from Asia region and Central Asian countries also participated as observers, where national federation of UNESCO clubs and associations do not exist yet.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. Yoo, Ms. Sunjoo Lee from South Korea and Mr. Tomoya Kamoshida from Japan (AFUCA Secretariat office) were appointed as rapporteurs.

1. Presentation of member Federations' activity reports

Taking the first item on the agenda, Mr. Yoo invited the members to present their country report on their recent activities within 7 minutes, respectively. According to the alphabetical order, each member Federation presented its activity report (for details, kindly refer to the attached copy of the presentations). Later, Mr. Yoo invited representatives from the UNESCO National Commissions of the Maldives and the

Philippines to present their activities.

Commenting on the activity reports, Mr. Yoo congratulated each member Federation and the National Commission representatives for its dedication and commitment in advancing the aims, objectives, and ideals of UNESCO.

Mr. Yoo said that he was convinced and re-assured about the roles of UNESCO Club movement in finding solutions to the problems the world are facing and in promoting the solutions in a cordial manner with the support of their members.

2. Accounting and Membership

Mr. Yoo invited Mr. Noboru Noguchi, Secretary General of AFUCA, to present AFUCA activities as well as its accounting report. Mr. Noguchi express his appreciation to those who have kindly supported the Mitsubishi Asia Enikki Festa, co-sponsored by AFUCA, Mitstubishi Public Affairs Committee, and NFUAJ. Award ceremony was successfully held in Yokohama, Japan from July 27th to 29th. All grand prix winters were invited to Yokohama and took part in the ceremony.

In lieu of Mr. Nouguchi, Mr. Tomoya Kamoshida of NFUAJ explained to the members the current AFUCA's balance of 3,471 US dollar as of August 31st, 2016. He added that no expenditure had been occurred from 2015 to 2016.

Mr. Yoo asked the members to pay the dues to the AFUCA Secretariat during their presence.

3. Modification of AFUCA Constitution

Mr. Noguchi explained to the members about the necessity of revising the current AFUCA Constitution. According to the proposal from the floor, before proposing the revised Constitution, ad-hoc Constitution sub- committee was organized (the member were: Ms. Sabina Chukayave, Ms. Yulia Averina, Mr. Noboru Noguchi, and Mr. Alisher Ikramov), and the final draft of the revised Constitution was drafted for the deliberation at the plenary.

Key changes in the drafted Constitution were: clarification of membership (Article 3),

strict compliance with the UNESCO directives concerning the use of logo and name of UNESCO (Article 4), clarification of the term and re-appointment of Honorary Presidents (Article 6), and new condition of exclusion from member status (Article 9).

Finally, after the deliberation at the plenary, the proposal on the revision of the Constitution was approved by consensus.

It was decided that the amount of the annual membership fee shall not be mentioned in the AFUCA Constitution and the relevant provision was excluded from the Constitution. The proposed increase in the annual membership fee from 100 USD to 200 USD was approved in the form of a resolution of AFUCA Executive Board meeting.

It is worth noting that some members insisted on the necessity of justification for increasing membership fee.

In addition, the necessity of drafting a Rules of Procedure was also proposed from a participant.

4. New Member states

During the 23rd Executive Board Meeting, the First UNESCO Clubs in Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzstan) was admitted as a new member of AFUCA.

5. Election of the Executive Board Member

The election of the office bearers of AFUCA of the term 2016-2020 was conducted. Mr. Yoo asked the members to elect a President, two Vice Presidents, an auditor, and a Secretary General as required by the Constitution.

Mr. Bolat Akchulakov, President of Kazakhstan Federation, was an only candidate for the AFUCA President. After discussion and consultation among members, Mr. Akchulakov was unanimously elected as the new President of AFUCA.

Later, Mr. Yoo appointed Mr. Akchulakov, Mr. Noguchi, Mr. Tao, and Mr. Thapa as members of an ad hoc nomination committee to make a recommendation of the new Vice-Presidents and an auditor. The committee proposed Mr. Mahbubuddin Chowdhury

(Bangladesh) and Ms. Lijun Song (China) as the Vice-President and Ms. Dariya Musina (Kyrgyzstan) as an auditor.

The proposal was unanimously approved by the members.

Mr. Yoo was newly elected as the Honorary President and other Honorary Presidents were re-appointed.

Mr. Noboru Noguchi was unanimously appointed as Secretary General.

6. Venue of a next (24th) Session of AFUCA Executive Board Meeting

Mr. Yoo told that at present there was no Federation which have proposed to host the 24th Executive Board Meeting so far; and that any candidate would be highly appreciated.

The meeting was ended, expressing sincere appreciation to Mr. Yoo for his leadership during the last four year. Deep gratitude and appreciation was also extended to Mr. Akchulakov, President of host organization and his team.