



# SOFTBALL CONFEDERATION ASIA

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## MINUTES OF THE 23<sup>RD</sup> SOFTBALL CONFEDERATION ASIA CONGRESS 2016

Date: 15 December 2016  
Time: 9.30am  
Venue: Grand Millennium Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

### ATTENDANCE

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| 1. | Mr. Pan Yi Chuan            | President                      |
| 2. | Ms. Taeko Utsugi            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President |
| 3. | Dr. Yang Xu                 | Vice President/SG China        |
| 4. | Mr. Syahrir Nawier          | Vice President                 |
| 5. | Mr. See Kok Wooi            | Vice President                 |
| 6. | Mr. Banyong Kiatkongchuchai | Vice President                 |
| 7. | Mr. Choi Chulnam            | Vice President                 |
| 8. | Dato' Beng Choo Low         | Hon. Life President            |
| 9. | Ms. Sally Lim Swee Gaik     | Secretary-General              |

### DELEGATES

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| 1.  | Mr. Chang Chia Hsing                         | Chinese-Taipei-Secretary-General          |
| 2.  | Mr. Fong Song Kuan                           | Hong Kong - President                     |
| 3.  | Mr. Johnny Lau Kwok Yip                      | Hong Kong - Vice President                |
| 4.  | Mr. L. R. Maurya                             | India – Secretary-General                 |
| 5.  | Mr. Pravin Anaokar                           | India - CEO                               |
| 6.  | Mrs. Mahsa Hosseini                          | Iran - Vice President                     |
| 7.  | Mr. Ali Abdul Hussein b. Jasim<br>Al- Badawi | Iraq-President                            |
| 8.  | Mr. Ali Abdul-Wahed b. Lazem<br>Al Helfi     | Iraq - Secretary-General                  |
| 9.  | Mr. Sugao Takahashi                          | Japan - Executive Director                |
| 10. | Mr. Hiroyuki Yokota                          | Japan - Secretary-General                 |
| 11. | Mr. Willeam Mah                              | Malaysia – Secretary-General              |
| 12. | Mr. Asif Azeem                               | Pakistan - Secretary-General              |
| 13. | Mr. Syed Shujauddin                          | Pakistan – Vice President BSA             |
| 14. | Mr. Venerando Dizer                          | Philippines - Director                    |
| 15. | Mr. Tay Hung Kiat                            | Singapore - President                     |
| 16. | Ms. Jenny Lim                                | Singapore – Vice President                |
| 17. | Mr. Kosol Yimpaiboon                         | Thailand – President                      |
| 18. | Mr. Phakpom Sakulwong                        | Thailand – Secretary-General              |
| 19. | Mr. Asril Sadikin                            | Indonesia – Chairman of South Sumatra     |
| 20. | Mr. Efsilon Fathoni                          | Indonesia – Dy. Chairman of South Sumatra |

## **OBSERVERS**

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| 1. | Ms. Chang Shou-Chan | CTASA - Interpreter                     |
| 2. | Ms. Akiko Ito       | Japan - Interpreter                     |
| 3. | Mr. Tomohiro Hisaka | Japan – Staff/Interpreter               |
| 4. | Mr. Woo Jisuk       | Korea – Staff/Interpreter               |
| 5. | Ms. Lee Min Hee     | Korea – Interpreter to Mr. Choi Chulnam |

## **ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES**

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| 1. | Dr. Steven Huang | Hon. Life President |
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## **1. ROLL CALL**

SCA Secretary-General Ms. Sally Lim completed the Roll Call and confirmed that a quorum was present SCA President Dato’Beng Choo Low. SCA Hon. Life President Dato’Beng Choo Low called the Meeting to order.

## **2. PRESIDENT’S WELCOME ADDRESS**

SCA President Mr. Pan Yi Chuan welcomed all the EXCO members and delegates present and thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the Congress. SCA welcomes Softball back into the Olympics; special appreciation to Dato’ Beng Choo Low and Japan Softball Association for all their hard work and effort to successfully put us back into Tokyo 2020. He also thanked Korea Softball Federation (KSF) for organizing the East Asia Cup, Chinese Taipei Amateur Softball Association (CTASA) for organizing the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian University Championship and Chinese Softball Association (CSA) for organizing the Asian Junior Women Championship. It was unfortunate that the Asian Women Championship was called off again; this time due to the demise of the beloved King Bhumibol of Thailand. He announced that CTASA will take over and organize this championship in 2017. He wished everyone a happy 2017.

## **3. HON. LIFE PRESIDENT’S REPORT ON TOKYO 2020**

Dato’ Beng Choo Low welcomed everyone to Kuala Lumpur. She thanked JSA and Japan Baseball Association (JBA) for working together closely with World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) which resulted in Softball and Baseball back in Tokyo 2020. She reminded all affiliates that it is very important to have a good relationship with the National Olympic Council (NOC). WBSC is working very hard with Yokohama as it is too expensive in Tokyo. They are still negotiating to have 2 stadiums- one for Softball and one for Baseball. She confirmed that it is limited to 6 teams.

She also informed that there is more work to be done to make sure we remain in the Olympics programme - WBSC is already working with bidding host cities (Paris, Los Angeles, Budapest) to include Softball in 2024. After 2020, there will be a Review of Sports Programme which may result in Softball being in the Olympics permanently. Therefore it is very important for Softball and Baseball to be successful in Tokyo 2020. **NBL?** is very supportive.

4. The Agenda for the Congress was accepted Pravin Anaokar, India, and seconded by Venerando Dizer, Philippines.

5. **MINUTES OF THE 22<sup>ND</sup> SCA CONGRESS – 29 NOVEMBER 2014, NANTOU, TAIWAN**

The Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> SCA Congress held on 29 November 2014 in Nantou, Taiwan, were approved as proposed by Lau Kwok Yip, Hong Kong and seconded by Pravin Anaokar, India.

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters brought up arising from the Minutes.

7. **MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SCA EXCO MEETING – 15 DECEMBER 2015, KUALA LUMPUR**

The Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> SCA Executive Council Meeting (EXCO) held on 15 December 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, were approved as proposed by See Kok Wooi, Malaysia and seconded by Banyong Kiatkongchuchai.

8. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters brought up arising from the Minutes.

9. **REPORT OF THE SCA PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY-GENERAL**  
(For the period 8 October 2014 to 30 November 2016)

The Report of the SCA President and Secretary-General for the period 8 October 2014 to 30 November 2016 as attached was tabled, discussed and accepted unanimously as proposed by Venerando Dizer (Philippines) and seconded by Mr. Tay Hung Kiat (Singapore).

Beng Choo Low reported that Nippon Baseball and Softball League formed a consortium with WBSC to work together; there was tremendous cooperation between them and WBSC and JSA. The excellent leadership and cooperation between them led to the success of WBSC being included in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. We are now known as WBSC – Softball Division and not ISF. She said we were lucky to be included in 2015 Singapore SEA Games (Men & Women Softball), but Softball is not included in the Kuala Lumpur 2017 SEA Games. However, it is most likely to be included in the 2019 SEA Games in Philippines as both men and women teams are gold medal prospects. She also informed that the Jakarta Asian Games will be from 18 August – 2 September 2018. She reminded everyone again that it was a big challenge to bring up the standards of Asia Softball.

8. **SCA's RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS**  
(1 October 2014 to 30 November 2016)

- 8.1 The SCA's receipts and Expenditure Accounts for the period from 1 October 2014 to 30 November 2016 as attached were tabled.

- 8.2 The Receipts and Expenditure Accounts was unanimously accepted and adopted as proposed by Mr. Willeam Mah (Malaysia) and seconded by Mr. Johnny Lau (Hong Kong)
- 8.3 Beng Choo Low thanked SCA President Mr. Pan Yi Chuan for his contribution of USD10,000.00 towards the running of the SCA Secretariat.
- 8.3 Beng Choo Low thanked Japan Softball Association (JSA) for their increased contribution of JPY2000000 towards the running of the SCA Secretariat and organizing this Congress.

**9. REPORTS OF VICE PRESIDENTS/COMMITTEE/SCA MEMBERS**

- 9.1 The Reports are filed together with the President and Secretary-General Report.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 10.1 It was unfortunate that Indonesia withdrew at the last minute to host the 11<sup>th</sup> Asian Women Championship in 2015, and in 2016 Thailand was forced to cancel due to the demise of their beloved King Bhum....in.....This matter was open for discussion; CTASA submitted its Proposal to host this championship “to make sure that there will be no more postponements.” Indonesia informed that there will be a Test Event for all 42 Sports (including Softball) in November 2017. After much discussion, it was put to a vote. It is confirmed that CTASA will host this championship; particulars as follows;

Teams Arrival:	28 November 2017
Team Managers Meeting:	8.00pm, 28 November 2017
Competition Dates:	29 November – 4 December 2017
Teams Departure:	5 December 2017

This is a very important championship as it will serve as a Qualifier for the 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Games Jakarta/Palembang 2018 (6 teams). Being the host, Indonesia will automatically qualify, leaving only 5 teams to fight for qualification to the Asian Games. It would also serve as a Qualifier for the WBSC Women World Championship 2018 to be held in Chiba, Japan (3 teams from Asia).

- 10.2 Beng Choo Low Explained that the Asian Games depends on the National Olympic Council (NOC), therefore it is not easy to increase the number of teams.
- 10.3 ASAPHIL is interested to host the Asian Women Championship, but will now look at hosting the Asian Men Championship.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

- 11.1 6<sup>TH</sup> Asian Junior Men (19 & Under) Softball Championship 2017

- Hong Kong reported that they are interested to play host but informed that they only have a regular size softball field. Hong Kong is to submit Proposal by end of December 2016. Suggested date of championship is early November 2017.
- 11.2 6<sup>th</sup> East Asian Cup 2017 – Japan  
This will be hosted by JSA and held from 17-22 June 2017 in Hirosaki City City Aomori Prefecture, Japan.
- 11.3 2<sup>nd</sup> South East Asian Cup (Women) 2017 – Jakarta, Indonesia  
This championship can be used as the Test Event for the Asian Games. SCA can invite other teams to make up 6 teams. Indonesia to submit Proposal by end of December 2016.
- 11.4 10<sup>th</sup> Asian Men Softball Championship 2018  
This championship will be held in early 2018. Indonesia is to submit a definite Proposal by end of December 2016. Philippines was also encouraged to host.
- 11.5 West Central Asia Cup  
Iran reported that it was ready to participate, but there is no host.
- 11.6 7<sup>th</sup> Asian Junior Women (19 & Under) Softball Championship - May 2018  
By majority votes, Philippines was asked to host this championship.
- 11.7 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian University Softball Championship – July 2018.  
This will be held in Nanjing, China.
- 11.8 3<sup>rd</sup> SEA Cup Men – Oct. – Dec. 2018  
Thailand offered to host this championship.
- 11.9 7<sup>th</sup> East Asian Cup 2018  
CTASA will host this series.

## **12. OTHER MATTERS**

- 12.1 Nepal's application forms to be SCA member was incomplete, therefore it is put on hold.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other matters arising, the meeting was adjourned at 12noon with a vote of thanks to the Chairperson of the meeting.

**Minutes confirmed by:**

*Below*  
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**DATO' LOW BENG CHOO**  
**Hon. Life President, Softball Confederation Asia (SCA)**

**14 November 2014**

*Minutes of SCA Congress 2016*  
*15 December 2016 – Kuala Lumpur*

(Minutes prepared by Ms. Sally Lim Swee Gaik, SCA Secretary-General)