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## MINUTES OF THE 24<sup>TH</sup> SOFTBALL CONFEDERATION ASIA CONGRESS 2018

Date: 5 December 2018

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Ballroom, 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                 |
| 4. | Mr. See Kok Wooi            | Vice President                 |
| 5. | Mr. Banyong Kiatkongchuchai | Vice President                 |
| 6. | Mr. Hiromi Tokuda           | Advisor                        |
| 7. | Dato' Beng Choo Low         | Hon. Life President            |
| 8. | Ms. Sally Lim Swee Gaik     | Secretary-General              |
| 9. | Mr. Chang Chia Hsin         | Secretary-General              |

### DELEGATES.

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| 1.  | Mr. Wan Md. Tambrin      | Brunei - Secretary-General         |
| 2.  | Ms. Zhang Xuan (Susan)   | China - Secretary-General          |
| 3.  | Mr. Chang Chia Hsin      | Chinese-Taipei-Secretary-General   |
| 4.  | Mr. Ng Ka Him (Patrick)  | Hong Kong - President              |
| 5.  | Mr. Pravin Anaokar       | India – CEO                        |
| 6.  | Mr. Andika Monoarfa      | Indonesia - President              |
| 7.  | Mr. Ali Al-Badawi        | Iraq - President                   |
| 8.  | Dr. Ahmed Hanoon         | Iraq – Vice President              |
| 9.  | Mr. Hiroyuki Yokota      | Japan - Secretary-General          |
| 10. | Ms. Kim Eun Young        | Korea – Vice President             |
| 11. | Mr. Choi Il-Hyun         | Korea - Manager                    |
| 12. | Mr. Willeam Mah          | Malaysia – Secretary-General       |
| 13. | Ms. Nor Azlin            | Malaysia – Asst. Secretary-General |
| 14. | Mr. Asif Azeem           | Pakistan - Secretary-General       |
| 15. | Mr. Jean Henri Lhuillier | Philippines - President            |
| 16. | Mr. Jose Miguel Jimenez  | Philippines – Vice President       |
| 17. | Ms. Foo Pei              | Singapore - President              |
| 18. | Ms. Chow Chung Yu        | Singapore – Council member         |
| 19. | Mr. Kosol Yimpaiboon     | Thailand – President               |

20. Mr. Phakpom Sakulwong Thailand – Secretary-General

## **OBSERVERS**

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| 1.  | Mr. Hideyuki Sawa          | Mizuno                    |
| 2.  | Mr. Fong Song Kuan (Jimmy) | Hong Kong                 |
| 3.  | Ms. Akiko Ito              | Japan - Interpreter       |
| 4.  | Mr. Tomohiro Hisaka        | Japan – Staff/Interpreter |
| 5.  | Mr. Woo Jisuk              | Korea – Staff/Interpreter |
| 6.  | Ms. Chang Shou-Chan        | CTSA - Interpreter        |
| 7.  | Ms. Chen Szu-Yu            | CTSA - Interpreter        |
| 8.  | Ms. Wang Yuan-Huan         | CTSA - Interpreter        |
| 9.  | Ms. Chou Shu-Min           | CTSA - Interpreter        |
| 10. | Mr. Anthony Woon           | Malaysia – Council Member |

### **1. ROLL CALL**

SCA Secretary-General Ms. Sally Lim completed the Roll Call and confirmed that a quorum was present. SCA President Mr. Pan Yi Chuan called the Meeting to order at 9.30 am.

### **2. PRESIDENT’S WELCOME ADDRESS**

In his welcome address, SCA President Mr. Pan Yi Chuan thanked all the EXCO members and delegates present for taking the time to attend the Congress. He expressed that he was happy that SCA has been very active organising competitions and other events in 2017 & 2018. He promised the Softball Asia family would always include as many members as possible and not leave anyone out. He wished everyone good health, Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year 2019.

### **3. AGENDA & MINUTES OF THE 23<sup>RD</sup> SCA CONGRESS – 15 DECEMBER 2016, KUALA LUMPUR**

- 3.1 The Agenda for the 2018 Congress was unanimously accepted.
- 3.2 The Minutes of the 2016 SCA Congress held on 15 December 2016 in Kuala Lumpur were accepted and approved unanimously, as proposed by Dr. Pravin Anaokar (India) and seconded by Mr. Asif Azeem (Pakistan).

## **DECISION**

**The Minutes of the SCA Congress 2016 held on 15 December 2016 in Kuala Lumpur were unanimously accepted and approved.**

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the SCA Congress 2016 above.

#### **5. TO TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**

- (i) Minutes of the Asia Regional Meeting held on 12 October 2017 in Gaborone, Botswana (in conjunction with the WBSC Congress 2017); and**
- (ii) Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> SCA EXCO Meeting held on 15 January 2018 in Kuala Lumpur.**

5.1 The Congress delegates took notice of the following Minutes:

- 5.1.1 Minutes of the Asia Regional Meeting held on 12 October 2017 in Gaborone, Botswana (in conjunction with the WBSC Congress 2017); and
- 5.1.2 Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> SCA EXCO Meeting held on 15 January 2018 in Kuala Lumpur.

#### **6. TO CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE, APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TO TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT:**

- (i) The Change of Name from “Softball Confederation Asia” to “SOFTBALL ASIA”; and**
- (ii) The change of the SCA logo to that of “Softball Asia” as per Attachment A.**

6.1 SCA Honorary Life President Dato’ Beng Choo Low also welcomed everyone to Kuala Lumpur. She explained that in moving forward, it would be good for SCA to refresh with a “face”, with a rebranded name “Softball Asia” with a fresh logo. She informed that SCA had requested Mr. Jimmy Fong from Hong Kong to help to design the new logo and invited Mr. Jimmy Fong to make a presentation.

6.2 Mr. Jimmy Fong made a PowerPoint presentation and explained the significance and meaning behind the design.

6.3 The new name of “Softball Asia” and new logo (as per **Attachment A**) were unanimously accepted by the Congress, as proposed by Mr. Asif Azeem (Pakistan) and seconded by Mr. Andika Monoarfa (Indonesia).

- 6.4 SCA recorded its thanks to Mr. Jimmy Fong for his time and efforts in designing the new logo.

### **DECISION**

**The change of name from “Softball Confederation Asia” to “SOFTBALL ASIA” and the new logo of Softball Asia as per Attachment A was unanimously accepted and approved.**



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7. **TO CONSIDER AND, IF APPROPRIATE, APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE SCA CONSTITUTION (as per ATTACHMENT B)**

- 7.1 Dato’ Beng Choo Low explained the amendments to the SCA Constitution as per Attachment B and the rationale for the proposed amendments. The salient changes included:

7.1.1 To delete the name of “Softball Confederation Asia” and “SCA” wherever they appear and replace with “**Softball Asia**”;

7.1.2 To delete the name of “International Softball Federation” and “ISF” wherever they appear and replace with “**World Baseball Softball Confederation**” and “**WBSC**” respectively.

7.1.3 To include a new position of “**Chairman**” in Article 7.1 and 9.1 and re-number the subsequent clauses accordingly.

7.1.4 Other amendments as marked in the **Attachment B**.

- 7.2 After discussion, the Congress delegates unanimously approved the amendments to the SCA Constitution as per **Attachment B**, as proposed by Mr. Jean Henri Lhuillier (Philippines) and seconded by Mr. Wan Md. Tambrin (Brunei).

### **DECISION**

**The amendments to the SCA Constitution as per Attachment B was unanimously accepted and approved.**

**8. TO CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE, APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE SCA PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR THE PERIOD 1 DECEMBER 2016 TO 31 OCTOBER 2018.**

- 8.1 Secretary General Sally Lim presented the Report of the SCA President and Secretary-General for the period 1 December 2016 to 31 October 2018 as per **Attachment C**.
- 8.2 The Congress delegates unanimously approved the Report of the President and Secretary General for the period 1 December 2016 to 31 October 2018 as per **Attachment C**, as proposed by Mr. Andika Monoarfa (Indonesia) and seconded by Dr. Pravin Anaokar (India).
- 8.3 SCA recorded its thanks to all who hosted and participated in SCA's competitions and events.

**DECISION**

**The Report of the SCA President and Secretary-General for the period 1 December 2016 to 31 October 2018 as per Attachment C was unanimously accepted and approved.**

**9. TO CONSIDER THE REPORTS OF THE SCA VICE-PRESIDENTS, COMMITTEES AND SCA MEMBERS**

- 9.1 There were no reports from the SCA Vice Presidents and Committees.
- 9.2 Each of the Congress delegation gave a brief report of their events and activities for 2017-2018 and some submitted written reports.

**10. TO CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE, APPROVE THE SCA'S RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 DECEMBER 2016 TO 31 OCTOBER 2018.**

- 10.1 SCA Honorary Life President presented the SCA's Receipts and Expenditure Accounts for the period from 1 December 2016 to 31 October 2018 as per **Attachment D**.
- 10.2 She explained that the receipts from the SCA Members subscription and competition participation fees were not enough for the SCA's expenses. She recorded SCA's deepest gratitude to the following:

10.2.1 SCA President Mr. Pan Yi Chuan for his contribution of approximately USD10,000 per year; and

10.2.2 Japan Softball Association (JSA) for their contribution of

approximately JPY2,000,000 per year.

- 10.3 The SCA Receipts and Expenditure Accounts for the period 01 December 2016 to 31 October 2018 were unanimously accepted as proposed by Mr. Phakpoom Sakulong, Ali (Thailand) and seconded by Mr. Willeam Mah (Malaysia).
- 10.4 Softball Asia recorded its appreciation to Mizuno for its continuous contribution of competition balls, umpire uniforms and other attire to SCA, especially for the Asian Games.

### **DECISION**

**The SCA's Receipts and Expenditure Accounts for the period from 1 December 2016 to 31 October 2018 as per Attachment D were unanimously accepted and approved.**

### **11. TO CONSIDER AND DECIDED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND NEW BUSINESS.**

- 11.1 There was no unfinished business tabled for discussion.
- 11.2 There was discussion on the following New Business, with the following agreed by the Congress delegates.

#### **11.2.1 Asia Cup Women Softball 2019**

Although the last Asian Women Softball Championship was held in 2017 (in Taichung), the Congress discussed the following:

- (i) All future Asian Softball competitions be renamed "Asia Cup".
- (ii) The next Asia Cup for Women Softball must be held in early 2019 for the following reasons:
  - To serve as the qualifier to qualify six (6) teams to compete in the Asia-Oceania Olympic Qualifier (for Tokyo 2020 Olympics Softball competition) where 6 teams from Asia and 2 from Oceania will compete for only one (1) team from Asia/Oceania for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
  - To serve as the qualifier to qualify three (3) teams from Asia to compete in the World Cup Women Softball 2021.
  - The venue of the Asia Cup Women Softball 2019 would be Jakarta as offered by Mr. Andika Monoarfa (Indonesia) with

proposed dates from late April to early May 2019, (preferably first week of May 2019) in view of the general election in Indonesia in mid-April 2019.

It was noted that from 2021 onwards, the World Cups for Softball will no longer be “open” competitions (that is “open” to all) and each Continental Association must qualify the allocated number of teams from its continent to participate in the respective World Cups.

Mr. Chang Chia Hsin (Chinese-Taipei) recorded Chinese-Taipei’s objection that there was only one (1) place allocated for Asia-Oceania for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics as there were so many strong world-ranked teams from Asia and Oceania.

### **DECISION ON ASIA CUP WOMEN SOFTBALL 2019**

**The following were unanimously accepted and approved:**

- (1) All future Asian Softball competitions be renamed “Asia Cup”.**
- (2) The next Asia Cup for Women Softball must be held in early 2019 for the following reasons:**
  - To serve as the qualifier to qualify six (6) teams to compete in the Asia-Oceania Olympic Qualifier (for Tokyo 2020 Olympics Softball competition), where 6 teams from Asia and 2 from Oceania will compete for only one (1) team from Asia/Oceania for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.**
  - To serve as the qualifier to qualify three (3) teams from Asia to compete in the World Cup Women Softball 2021.**
- (3) The venue of the Asia Cup Women Softball 2019 would be Jakarta, with the dates in April/May 2019 to be decided and confirmed by SCA with Indonesia.**

#### **11.2.2 Asia Cup – Age Group competitions**

Honorary Life President Dato’ Beng Choo Low (who is also the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Secretary General) informed the Congress delegates that WBSC had included the following age-group World Cup competitions for Softball, with an allocated number of teams per continent to qualify to participate, and all world-level competitions would be called the “World Cup”:

- Under 23 (U23) Men Softball – to be held every 2 years starting from 2021 (host yet to be decided);
- Under 18 (U18) Men Softball – no longer U19 – to be held every 2 years starting from 2020 (host yet to be decided);
- Under 18 (U18) Women Softball – no longer U19 – to be held every 2 years and adjusted to an “even year”, starting from 2020 (Note: Next U19 World Cup Women Softball in 2019, hosted by Irvine, California) (2020 host yet to be decided);
- Under 15 (U15) Women Softball – to be held every 2 years starting from 2021 (host yet to be decided);
- Under 12 (U12) Mixed Team Softball – to be held every 2 years starting from 2019 (with 2019 on an invitation basis) (2019 host is Tainan, Taiwan);

With the following to be continued:

- World Cup Women Softball – to be held every 2 years, next World Cup Women Softball in 2021 (host yet to be decided);
- World Cup Men Softball – to be held every 2 years, next World Cup Men Softball in 2019 (host Prague, Czech Republic) and to be adjusted to an “even year” (2022/2024 onwards).

### **11.2.3 Asia Cup Under 18 & U15 Men & Women Softball**

There was discussion on the Asia Cup Age Group competitions and it was unanimously accepted and approved that since the World Cup competitions were for players 18 years of age (that is not 19 years old) in the year of World Cup competition, the Asia Cup U18 competitions, which would serve as qualifiers for the following (next year’s competition) would be for players who were under 18 years of age in the year of the Asia Cup competition held 1 year before the World Cup U18. Similarly, it was discussed that for the Asia Cup U15 competitions, the players should be below 15 years of age in the year of the Asia Cup competition held 1 year before the World Cup U15 competitions.

Ms. Foo Pei (Singapore) informed that Singapore was interested to host the Asia Cup U18 Men Softball in mid-June 2019 if it could be played on artificial turf. She was informed that many of the World-level competitions were already played on artificial turf and as such, playing on such turf was not an issue.

Mr. Chang Chia Hsin (Chinese-Taipei) informed that Taichung would be interested to host the Asia Cup U18 Women Softball in November 2019. He



also informed that Puli would be interested to host competitions from 2020 onwards as it is expected that the new softball stadium, currently under construction, would be completed by then.

To queries as to where and when the Asia-Oceania Olympic Qualifier to qualify the one (1) team from Asia-Oceania for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics would be held, Dato' Beng Choo Low informed the Congress delegates that had yet to be decided and that the WBSC Executive Board would be making the decision at the Board meeting scheduled for 19-20 January 2019 in Rome, Italy.

### **DECISION ON ASIA CUP U18 & U15 MEN & WOMEN SOFTBALL**

**It was unanimously accepted and approved as follows:**

- (1) All Asia Cup U18 competitions would be for players below the age of 18 years in the year of the Asia Cup competition held 1 year before the World Cup competition.**
- (2) Similarly, for All Asia Cup U15 competitions would be for players below the age of 15 years in the year of the Asia Cup competition held 1 year before the World Cup competition**
- (3) Softball Asia to follow-up with Singapore and any other interested host on the hosting of the Asia Cup U18 Men Softball in 2019.**
- (4) Softball Asia to follow-up with Chinese-Taipei (Taichung) and any other interested host on the hosting of the Asia Cup U18 Women Softball in 2019.**
- (5) Softball Asia to follow-up with any interested host on the hosting of the Asia Cup U15 Women Softball and Asia Cup U23 Men Softball in 2020.**

#### **11.2.4 World Cup U12 Mixed Team competition**

Dato' Beng Choo Low informed that WBSC was in negotiation with Tainan, which is hosting the World Cup U12 Men Baseball competition, to also host the World Cup U12 Mixed Team Softball in mid-year 2019. She stated that if confirmed, WBSC would be "inviting" selected teams as there was not enough time for the Continental Associations to hold qualifying competitions to qualify teams to participate.

She inquired if Japan, China and Chinese-Taipei would be interested in that World Cup U12 Mixed Team competition in 2019, and all three delegations confirmed their interest but would require time to put together a “mixed” team and requested the rules and regulations be forwarded to them as soon as possible. They informed that currently the U12 boys’ and girls’ teams are separate and they do not as yet to “mixed team” competitions.

#### **11.2.5 South East Asia (SEA) Cup Men and Women Softball**

After discussion on whether the SEA Cup competitions should continue, the Congress delegations from the SEA countries agreed that it ought to be discontinued for the time being in view of so many Asia Cup competitions and further, Thailand and Indonesia were already hosting “invitational open” competitions where they invite the Asia teams, including from SEA, to participate.

#### **DECISION**

**It was unanimously agreed and approved that the South East Asia (SEA) Cup Men and Women Softball competitions be discontinued from 2019 onwards for the time being in view of the numerous Asian Cup and invitation open competitions being held.**

#### **11.2.6 East Asia Cup Women Softball**

Mr. Chang Chia Hsin informed that 2019 would be the last East Asia Cup Women Softball competition and that the East Asia Cup competition would be discontinued for the time being as the East Asian countries agreed that there were already many Women Softball competitions each year where teams may participate.

He informed that the 2019 East Asia Cup Women Softball would be held from 12 – 17 June 2019 to be hosted by China in Guangzhou.

#### **DECISION**

**It was unanimously agreed and approved that:**

- (1) The East Asia Cup Women Softball 2019 would be hosted by China in Guangzhou from 12 – 17 June 2019.**
- (2) The East Asia Cup Women Softball competitions be discontinued from 2019 onwards for the time being in view of the numerous Asian Cup and invitation open**

**competitions being held.**

### **11.2.7 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia Cup University Women Softball 2020**

The Congress delegates requested Malaysia to look into the possibility to host the next 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia Cup University Women Softball competition in 2020.

### **11.2.8 Asian Games and South East Asian (SEA) Games**

The Congress delegates noted the following:

- (i) The next Asian Games in 2022 would be hosted by Hangzhou, China and efforts were being made for inclusion of Men & Women Baseball as well as Men & Women Softball. In 2026, the host of the Asian Games is Nagoya, Japan.
- (ii) The next South East Asia (SEA) Games in 2019 would be hosted in Philippines, where Men & Women Baseball as well as Men & Women Softball have been included on the sports competition programme. It was noted that it was historic as it would be the first time Women Baseball is competed.

### **11.2.9 Softball Calendar 2019 – 2020**

All Congress delegates were requested to submit their respective calendar for 2019 and 2020 by 31 December 2019 in order for Softball Asia to coordinate and compile the Softball Asia calendar.

Dato' Beng Choo Low informed that Softball Asia would also be organising the following events in 2019 and requested the delegates to put in their written request to host:

- (i) Technical Officials Course;
- (ii) Umpires Certification Course;
- (iii) Scorers' Course.

Mr. Phakpom Sakulwong Ali (Thailand) indicated Thailand is interested to host the Technical & Scorers Courses during the Thailand Open Softball competition in July 2019.

Ms. Kim Eun Young/Mr. Woo Jisuk (Korea) indicated Korea was

interested to host an Umpires Certification Course during their Korea domestic competition in April 2019.

Mr. Asif Azeem (Pakistan) requested for some courses during the Pakistan domestic competition in September/October 2019.

All delegates were requested to put in their respective proposals in writing to Softball Asia as soon as possible, giving at least six (6) months' notice before the start of the course.

## **12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS, IF ANY**

There was no notice of motions received by the Softball Asia office to be tabled for discussion at this Congress.

## **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

13.1 Dato' Beng Choo Low briefed the Congress delegates of WBSC's campaign and efforts for the inclusion of Baseball-Softball in the Paris 2024 and Los Angeles 2028 sports programme. She requested all delegates to unite in WBSC's efforts.

13.2 She also brought to the notice of the Women Softball competition held in Australia named as "Asia-Pacific Cup", hosted by Australia Softball. There was discussion on the matter with the invited countries informing that the name of the competition has been changed and that they were under the impression that it was an "invitational competition" by Australia Softball. The Congress delegates agreed that for the name of the competition to include the word "Asia" as a "Cup" competition, there must be certain rules and regulations as a parameter agreed to by Softball Asia and the Asian teams before they participate in future.

## **14. SOFTBALL ASIA ELECTIONS FOR THE TERM 2019 - 2022**

14.1 All the outgoing SCA Executive Board members vacated their seats for the elections of the Softball Asia EXCO for the period 2019 – 2022. The Congress delegates unanimously agreed and accepted for Mr. See Kok Wooi (Malaysia) to take charge of the conduct of the elections as he was not a nominee/candidate for the elections. The Nominations List as attached

14.2 Mr. See Kok Wooi (Malaysia) informed the Congress delegates that from the nominations received the following positions were uncontested and he requested the Congress delegates to accept and approve the candidates as the new EXCO officials:

Chairman: Mr. Pan Yi Chuan - Chinese Taipei  
 President: Dato' Beng Choo Low - Malaysia  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Ms. Taeko Utsugi - Japan  
 Vice Presidents: Ms. Zhang Xuan (Susan) – China  
 (5 nominations for 5 seats) Mr. Fong Song Kuan (Jimmy) – Hong Kong  
 Ms. Kim Eun Young – Korea  
 Mr. Jean Henri Lhuillier – Philippines  
 Mr. Kosol Yimpaiboon – Thailand

- 14.3 He informed that as for the Secretary General's post, there were 2 nominations, namely, Ms. Sally Lim Swee Gaik – Malaysia and Mr. Chang Chia Hsin (Chinese Taipei). He requested the Congress delegates to consider and approve both candidates, that is, Ms. Sally Lim Swee Gaik (who is based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) to serve as Softball Asia Secretary General for the Softball Asia office, currently based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and for Mr. Chang Chia Hsin to serve as Secretary General for the Chairman's office in Chinese-Taipei as they are based there.
- 14.4 The proposals in paras 14.2 and 14.3 above were unanimously accepted and approved as proposed by Mr. Asif Azeem (Pakistan) and Mr. Andika Monoarfa (Indonesia).

### **DECISION**

**The following were unanimously accepted and approved as the new Softball Asia Executive Committee officials for the term 2019 – 2022:**

**Chairman:** Mr. Pan Yi Chuan - Chinese Taipei  
**President:** Dato' Beng Choo Low - Malaysia  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Ms. Taeko Utsugi - Japan  
**Vice Presidents (5):** 1. Ms. Zhang Xuan (Susan) – China  
 2. Mr. Fong Song Kuan (Jimmy) – Hong Kong  
 3. Ms. Kim Eun Young – Korea  
 4. Mr. Jean Henri Lhuillier – Philippines  
 5. Mr. Kosol Yimpaiboon – Thailand  
**Secretary-Generals:** 1. Ms. Sally Lim Swee Gaik - Malaysia  
 2. Mr. Chang Chia Hsin - Chinese-Taipei

- 14.5 Mr. Pan Yi Chuan, Dato' Beng Choo Low and the rest of the newly elected EXCO officials thanked the Congress delegates for their confidence in electing them and looked forward to working together as a united Softball Asia family for the further development and betterment of Softball in Asia.
- 14.6 Dato' Beng Choo Low requested the Congress delegates to consider and approve for the following to be appointed to the following positions:  
 Advisor: Mr. Hiromi Tokuda (she explained that in any event, Mr. Tokuda is on the Softball Asia EXCO by virtue of his position

as elected Asia Representative on the WBSC Softball Board).  
Asia Umpire Coordinator: Ms. Haruhi Goto (Japan)  
Coaching Chair: Mr. Yutaka Miyake (Japan)  
Development Committee Chair: Ms. Taeko Utsugi (Japan)  
Technical & Competition Committee Chair: Mr. See Kok Wooi (Malaysia)

She requested the Congress delegates to submit names for members to serve on the above Committees.

- 14.7 The above requested was supported as proposed by Mr. Asif Azeem (Pakistan) and seconded by Mr. Jean-Henri Lhuillier (Philippines), and unanimously approved.

### **DECISION**

**The following were unanimously accepted and approved as the respective Advisor and Chairs of the following Committees for Softball Asia:**

<b>Advisor:</b>	<b>Mr. Hiromi Tokuda (Japan)</b>
<b>Asia Umpire Coordinator:</b>	<b>Ms. Haruhi Goto (Japan)</b>
<b>Coaching Chair:</b>	<b>Mr. Yutaka Miyake (Japan)</b>
<b>Development Committee Chair:</b>	<b>Ms. Taeko Utsugi (Japan)</b>
<b>Technical &amp; Competition Committee Chair:</b>	<b>Mr. See Kok Wooi (Malaysia)</b>

### **15. ADJOURNMENT**

- 15.1 Before adjournment, Chairman Mr. Pan Yi Chuan invited all delegates to Nantou, Taiwan on 24 December 2018 for his inauguration as Nantou County Assemblyman and that he would pay for their hotel accommodation.
- 15.2 There being no other matters, the meeting was adjourned at 1.00 p.m., with a vote of thanks to the Chair of the meeting.

**Minutes confirmed by:**

*Below*

**DATO' LOW BENG CHOO**  
**President, Softball Asia**

**05 December 2018**

Minutes prepared by  
Ms. Sally Lim Swee Gaik  
Softball Asia Secretary General