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REPORT OF SCA PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY-GENERAL (For period 1 December 2016 to 31 October 2018)

15 DECEMBER 2016 23RD SCA CONGRESS 2016

The 23rd SCA Congress was held on 15 December 2016 at Grand Millennium Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Please refer to the Minutes of 23rd SCA Congress attached.

16 & 17 DECEMBER 2016 BASIC COACHING CLINIC, KUALA LUMPUR

In conjunction with the SCA Congress on 15 December 2016, SCA 1st Vice President cum JSA Vice President Ms. Taeko Utsugi, together with 2 Olympians Ms. Sachiko Ito and Ms. Mariko Masubuchi conducted a Basic Coaching Course in Kuala Lumpu on 16 & 17 December 2016 which was attended by 100 schoolchildren. They were assisted by Softball Association of Malaysia (SAM)

SCA would like to express its thanks to Ms. Taeko Utsugi, Ms. Sachiko Ito, Ms. Mariko Masubuchi, JSA and SAM

JANUARY 2017 APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL CHIEF UMPIRE/COORDINATOR, ASIA

Ms. Haruhi Goto from Japan Softball Association (JSA) was appointed as the Regional Chief Umpire/Coordinator, Asia with immediate effect until the next SCA Congress, to be held after the Jakarta Asian Games (August 2018).

4 MARCH 2017

JAKARTA ASIAN GAMES – TECHNICAL DELEGATE MEETING

SCA Vice President, Mr. See Kok Wooi, the Technical Delegate for the Jakarta Asian Games 2018 attended the 1st Technical Delegates Meeting held in Jakarta.

<u>22 – 28 MARCH 2017</u> WBSC-SD & SCA UMPIRE CERTIFICATION COURSE AMAGI DOME, IZU CITY, SHIZUOKA, JAPAN

The WBSC –Softball Division and SCA and the Japan Softball Association (JSA) organized a WBSC-SCA Umpires Certification Course organised from 22 – 28 March, 2017 at Amagi Dome, Izu City, Shizuoka prefecture, Japan.

WBSC-SD Director of Umpires, Mr. Bob Stanton conducted the Course together with SCA Regional Chief Umpire/Coordinator, Ms. Haruhi Goto.

19 participants (6 female and 13 male) attended the Course and the results are as follows:

Passed WBSC-SD Certification				
1.	Mr. HASHIMOTO, Takashi	(Male)		
2.	Mr. ITOH, Masashi	(Male)		
3.	Mr. TSUKIOKA, Shuro	(Male)		
4.	Ms. KATO, Ayaka	(Female)		
5.	Ms. YABE, Miki	(Female)		
6.	Ms. YOSHINAGA, Kaori	(Female)		
7.	Mr. KUSAMOTO, Mitsunori	(Male)		
8.	Ms. JINNO, Mari	(Female)		
9.	Mr. HAMASAKI, Norikazu	(Male)		
10.	Mr. OGAWA, Koji	(Male)		
11.	Mr. TANAKA, Katsuhiro	(Male)		
12.	Mr. MIYAKE, Takaharu	(Male)	Males:	Nine (9)
13.	Mr. MATSUDA, Naoya	(Male)	Females	: Four (4)
Passed SCA Certification				
1.	Ms. OTANI, Rika	(Female)		
2.	Ms. OISHI, Yoko	(Female)		
3.	Mr. IEDA, Hideki	(Male)		
4.	Mr. DOHSODA, Hiroshi	(Male)		
5.	Mr. UNO, Hiroyuki	(Male)	Male:	Four (4)

SCA records its thanks to Mr. Bob Stanton, Ms. Haruhi Goto and JSA for successfully conducting this umpire course.

(Male)

Females: Two (2)

<u>17 – 22 JUNE 2017</u> 6TH EAST ASIA CUP – HIROSAKI, JAPAN

6. Mr. IGUCHI, Naoya

China, Chinese Taipei, Japan and Korea participated in this 6th series of the East Asia Cup which was held at Hirosaki, Japan. The results are as follows:

1st Place: Japan 2nd Place: China

3rd Place: Chinese Taipei

4th Place: Korea

SCA would like to thank Mizuno for providing the competition balls, and Japan Softball Association (JSA) for hosting and organising this competition.

5 SEPTEMBER 2017 - TOKYO

A meeting was held between WBSC-SCA and JSA at the Marroad Hotel, Narita, Japan on 5 September 2017, attended by WBSC President Mr. Riccardo Fraccari, WBSC Secretary-General, Ms. Beng Choo Low, JSA President Mr. Hiromi Tokuda, Vice President Ms. T. Utsugi, Executive Director Mr. Sugao Takahashi, Secretary-General Hiroyuki Yokota and Mr. See Kok Wooi (Malaysia Softball President), Mr. Jimmy Fong (Hong Kong Softball President), Ms. Sally Lim (SCA Secretary-General) and Ms. Chia Mien from Singapore Softball.

The main item on the Agenda was the discussion of the matters on the Agenda of the WBSC Softball Division Congress and WBSC Congress & elections to be held in Gaborone, Botswana in October 2017. Discussion included JSA's hosting of the World Women Softball Championship in Chiba, Japan in 2018.

There was also discussion on development programmes for Softball in Asia in 2018, including a Coaching Clinic in Japan.

12 OCTOBER 2017

ASIA REGIONAL MEETING - GABORONE, BOTSWANA

Please refer to Minutes of Asia Regional Meeting attached.

13 OCTOBER 2017

WBSC CONGRESS - GABORONE, BOTSWANA

SCA expresses deepest appreciation to its affiliates for tremendous support at the WBSC Congress held in Gaborone, Botswana. Supporting votes from SCA delegates helped SCA Hon Life President, Ms. Beng Choo Low, to be voted in as 1st Vice Chairman in the WBSC Softball Division Board and Ms. Taeko Utsugi as one (1) of the three (3) Members-at-Large. Mr. Tokuda Hiromi was appointed the Asia Representative – Vice Chairman Asia on the WBSC Softball Division Board. The elections saw a new Chairman, Mr. Tommy Velazquez (Puerto Rico), elected as Chairman of the Softball Division.

The results are of the election for the WBSC Softball Division are as follows, with the two (2) athletes Representatives elected at the respective Men and Women Softball Championships in 2017 & 2018.

Chairman:

Mr. Tommy Velazquez (Puerto Rico)

1st Vice Chairman:

Ms. Beng Choo Low (Malaysia)

2nd Vice Chairman:

Mr. Craig Cress (United States)

Treasurer:

Mr. Javier Anaya (Colombia)

Member at-Large:

Ms. Maria Soto (Venezuela)

Member at-Large:

Ms. Taeko Utsugi (Japan)

Member at-Large: Mr. Tirelo Mukokomani (Botswana) Vice Chairman – Africa: Mr. Mashilo Matsetela (South Africa)

Vice Chairman – America: Mr. Antonio Maria Morales Arrieta (Columbia)

Vice Chairman – Asia: Mr. Hiromi Tokuda (Japan)

Vice Chairman – Europe: Mr. Gabriel Waage (Czech Republic)

Vice Chairman – Oceania: Mr. Rex Capil (New Zealand)

Athlete Representative (Male): Mr. Nathan Nukunuku (New Zealand)

Athlete Representative (Female): Ms. Erika Jacqueline Anne Polidori (Puerto Rico)

<u>28 OCTOBER – 5 NOVEMBER 2017</u> SOFTBALL CONFEDERATION ASIA (SCA) UMPIRES COURSE

A SCA Umpires Certification Course was conducted by Ms. Haruhi Goto, Regional Chief Umpire/Coordinator Asia. She was assisted by Mr. Rosli Ismail, Chief Umpire from Softball Association of Malaysia (SAM). A total of 13 umpires from Hong Kong Softball Association (HKSA) participated; consisting of 10 males and 3 females.

Passed SCA Certification:

1.	Ms. QU Zhe	(Female)		
2.	Ms. CHEUNG Wing Yan	(Female)		
3.	Mr. CHUNG Syn Hang	(Male)		
4.	Mr. PANG Kam Man	(Male)		
5.	Mr. KO Chun Cheung	(Male)		
6.	Mr. AU Wai Hung	(Male)		
7.	Mr. CHOY Kai Chung	(Male)		
8.	Mr. TSO Ka Wai	(Male)	Males:	Seven (7)
9.	Mr. NG Ka Him	(Male)	Female:	Two (2)

SCA records thanks to Ms. Haruhi Goto, Mr. Rosli Ismail and HKSA officials for conducting a very successful Umpire Course.

<u>1 – 5 NOVEMBER 2017</u>

6TH ASIAN JUNIOR MEN (19 & UNDER) SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – HONG KONG.

The 6^{th} Asian Junior Men (19 & Under) Softball Championship 2017 was held at the Tin Kwong Road Softball Stadium in Hong Kong from 1-5 November 2017 and the following Technical Officials were appointed:

Technical Delegate:	Mr. See Kok Wooi	(Malaysia)
Chief Umpire:	Ms. Haruhi Goto	(Japan)
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Asst. Chief Umpire:		(Malaysia)
Umpires:	1. Mr. Li Zhe	(China)
	2. Ms. Zhang Zhemin	(China)
	3. Mr. Hung Chin Liang	(Chinese Taipei)
	4. Ms. Chang Tsih Yang	(Chinese Taipei)
	5. Mr. Shuro Tsukioka	(Japan)
	6. Ms. Rika Otani	(Japan)
	7. Mr. Chung Syn Hang	(Hong Kong)
	8. Mr. Ko Chun Cheung	(Hong Kong)
	9. Mr. Choy Kai Chung	(Hong Kong)
	10. Mr. Tso Ka Wai	(Hong Kong)
	11. Ms. Lo Wing Yan	(Hong Kong)
	12. Mr. Marcus Yeo Chee Ming	(Singapore)
	13. Mr. Suksawat Supot	(Thailand)

Seven (7) teams participated in the above Championship, namely, Japan, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

After a preliminary single round robin competition, the standing of the 6 teams was as follows: Japan, Philippines, India, Indonesia, Singapore & Hong Kong with the top four (4) teams qualifying for the single page-system play-off. The final results and team standing were as follows:

First: Japan
Second: Philippines
Third: Indonesia
Fourth: India
Fifth: Singapore
Sixth: Hong Kong

Seventh: Thailand

SCA records its thanks to Mizuno for providing the competition balls and to Hong Kong Softball Association (HKSA), its officials and volunteers, for ensuring a successful competition, to all athletes and team officials for their competitive yet good sportsmanlike participation, all SCA members and officials for their dedicated service.

<u>17 NOVEMBER 2017</u>

Ms. Beng Choo Low, together with Mr. See Kok Wooi & Ms. Sally Lim, went to Manila for a meeting with Philippines Softball (ASAPHIL) President Jean-Henri Lhuillier and Board members as well as Philippines Baseball (PABA) Secretary-General Joaquin Loyazaga. Discussion was on the development of Softball and Baseball in general in Philippines as well as the planning for the inclusion of Men's Baseball, Men's Softball and Women's Softball in the South East Asian (SEA) Games to be hosted by Philippines in November/December 2019.

<u>29 NOVEMBER – 4 DECEMBER 2017</u> OUALIFIER - 11TH ASIAN WOMEN SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 11th Asian Women Softball Chamiponhsip was held in Taichung, Taiwan from 29 November to 4 December 2017. The Asian Championship also served as Qualifiers for the 18th Asian Games Jakarta 2018 (six (6) teams) and the WBSC Women World Softball Championship Chiba 2018 (three (3) teams from Asia). The following were appointed as Technical Officials:

Technical Delegate: Mr. See Kok Wooi (Malaysia) Chief Umpire: Ms. Haruhi Goto (Japan)

Asst. Chief Umpire: Mr. Lin, Yu-Sung (Chinese Taipei UIC)

Umpires: Ms. Liu, Juan - Judy (China)

Mr. Chen Jun (China)

Mr. Hung Chin Liang (Chinese Taipei) Mr. Chang Tsih Yang (Chinese Taipei)

Mr. Kazuhiro Otomo (Japan) Ms. Kaori Yoshinaga (Japan) Mr. Choy Kai Chung (Hong Kong) Mr. Tso Ka Wai (Hong Kong) Mr. Hwang Jeng Sup (Korea)

Mr. Albert Chia (Singapore)

Mr. Narawut Hajdulah-Ngoh (Thailand) Mr. Lin, Ming-Yi (Chinese Taipei) Mr. Hu, Tsang-Sheng (Chinese Taipei) Mr. Hung, Chih-Liang (Chinese Taipei) Mr. Chen, Hung-Lin (Jacky) (Chinese Taipei)

Mr. Wang, Nien-Tai (Chinese Taipei) Mr. Chang, Che-Chia (JJ) (Chinese Taipei) Mr. Jan, Chao-Hsu (Jefferson) (Chinese Taipei) Ms. Tseng, Chiung-Hsien (Chinese Taipei)

Venue: WAN-SHOU Baseball Stadium & GIN-LONG Baseball Park, Taichung, Taiwan

Although twelve (12) teams entered, only ten (10) teams (Iran & Pakistan withdrew) participated in the above championship, namely, China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India,

Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. They were divided into two (2) groups for a Preliminary Single Round robin competition:

Group A: Japan, Philippines, Korea, Hong Kong, Thailand, Pakistan Group B: Chinese Taipei, China, Singapore, Indonesia, India, Iran

After the preliminary round robin competition, the standing of the six (6) teams was as follows: Japan, Chinese Taipei, China, Philippines, Korea & Hong Kong with the top 2 teams from each group qualifying for the Single Page-system Play-off. The final results and team standing were as follows:

First: Japan
Second: Philippines
Third: Chinese Taipei

Fourth: China Fifth: Korea

Sixth: Hong Kong, China Seventh: Singapore & Indonesia Ninth: Thailand & India

The six (6) teams from Japan, Philippines, Chinese Taipei, China, Korea & Indonesia (host country) qualified for the Asian Games Jakarta 2018.

The three (3) teams from Philippines, Chinese Taipei and China have qualified for the WBSC World Softball Championship 2018 in Chiba, Japan, with Japan as host qualifying automatically as host team.

SCA records its thanks to the Chinese Taipei Amateur Softball Association (CTASA), its officials and volunteers, for ensuring a successful competition, to all athletes and team officials for their competitive yet good sportsmanlike participation, all SCA members and officials for their dedicated service. SCA would also like to record its thanks to Mizuno for providing the competition balls.

21 DECEMBER 2017

JAKARTA ASIAN GAMES MEETING

Ms. Beng Choo Low and Mr. See Kok Wooi, representing Softball Confederation Asia, together with Mr. Chris Day and Mr. Kung Fu Pao representing Baseball Federation Asia attended meetings with the representatives from Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), Indoneisa Asian Games Organising Committee (INASGOC) and Indonesia Baseball Softball Federation (IBSF) in Jakarta to discuss preparations and arrangements for the Softball competition (Women) and Baseball (Men) in the Jakarta Asian Games in August 2018.

15 JANUARY 2018

3RD SCA EXCO MEETING-KUALA LUMPUR

Please refer to the Minutes of the Meeting attached

16 & 17 JANUARY 2018 BASIC SOFTBALL CLINIC

A Basic Softball Clinic was conducted by SCA 1st Vice President/JSA Vice President Ms. Taeko Utsugi, together with 2 Olympians Ms. Satoko Mabuchi and Ms. Rei Nishiyama in

SMK Taman Bukit Maluri in Kuala Lumpur. It was attended by about 100 schoolchildren aged 9 – 14 years. Softball Association of Malaysia (SAM) assisted in organizing the Clinic.

SCA records its thanks to Ms. Utsugi, Ms. Satoko Mabuchi, Ms. Rei Nishiyama, JSA and SAM for their contribution to this Clinic.

12 FEBRUARY 2018

MEETING WITH KBSA – SEOUL, KOREA

The Hon. Life President of SCA, Ms. Beng Choo Low, together with SCA Secretary-General Ms. Sally Lim, met with Korea Baseball Softball Association (KBSA) officials for a discussion on future plans for Korea softball. Among the items discussed was the engagement of a foreign coach for the team, umpire certification seminar and the possibility of allowing softball players from North Korea to join the team.

7-9 MARCH 2018

ASIAN SOFTBALL COACHING SEMINAR – CHIBA, JAPAN

The Seminar was attended by 26 coaches/participants from 8 National Federations. They were:

- 1. Mr. Wan Md. Tambrin (brunei)
- 2. Mr. Johnny Lau Kwok Yip (Hong Kong)
- 3. Mr. Chan Hei Wan (Hong Kong)
- 4. Ms. Heidi Ip Kit Ching (Hong Kong)
- 5. Mr. Louis Wai Hei Yu (Hong Kong)
- 6. Mr. See Kok Wooi (Malaysia)
- 7. Mr. Lee Keat Seng (Malaysia)
- 8. Mr. Ong Lian Bee (Malaysia)
- 9. Mr. Mohd. Hanafi (Malaysia)
- 10. Ms. Guo Jia (China)
- 11. Ms. Zhou Yuhong (China)
- 12. Mr. Jiao Chenxi (China)
- 13. Mr. Lim Byeong Jung (Korea)
- 14. Mr. Kang Yoon Chul (Korea)
- 15. Ms. An Yeon Soon (Korea)
- 16. Mrs. Hosseini Hamidah (Iran)
- 17. Moshirian Farahi Mehrnaz (Iran)
- 18. Mr. Jajat Darajat Kusumah Negara (Indonesia)
- 19. Ms. Carrin Garimurti (Indonesia)
- 20. Mr. Muhammad Zeeshan Merchant (Pakistan)
- 21. Mr. Manzoor Adil Shiraz (Pakistan)
- 22. Mr. Marchant Muhammad Abbas (Pakistan)
- 23. Mr. Asif Shiraz (Pakistan)
- 24. Ms. Krongchit Yimpaiboon (Thailand)
- 25. Mr. Thanikal Boonmahatanakorn (Thailand)
- 26. Mr. Sarawut Chinsupankpimech (Thailand)

The 6 Lecturers from JSA were:

- 1. Ms. Taeko Utsugi
- 2. Yosuke Sato

- 3. Hiroshi Yajima
- 4. Toshihiro Kuriyama
- 5. Isamu Tone gawa
- 6. Hirotaka Kadomatsu

SCA records its thanks to JSA for conducting and sponsoring this Seminar.

<u>18 – 28 APRIL 2018 – JAKARTA, INDONESIA</u> UMPIRES CERTIFICATION SEMINAR

A SCA Umpire Certification Seminar was conducted by Ms. Haruhi Goto, Asia Regional Chief Umpire/Coordinator. She was assisted by Mr. Rosli Ismail, UIC Malaysia. Theory lessons were held at the Century Park Hotel and on-field evaluation at Softball Field Pintu 1 Senayan. There were 16 participants, (all male) – 7 for SCA Certification (6 from Indonesia & 1 from Singapore) and 9 for Recertification (5 from Indonesia, 1 from Malaysia, 2 from Singapore and 1 from Thailand).

Passed the SCA Certification:

1. Harry James Orah	(Indonesia)
2. Imperial Zurni	(Indonesia)
3. S.P. Joyosukismo	(Indonesia)
4. Yanto Sugianto	(Indonesia)
5. Ayyub Safii	(Indonesia)
6. Masran Hassan	(Singapore)

Passed SCA Recertification

1. Rully Rinardi Andriyanto	(Indonesia)
2. Taufik Winardi	(Indonesia)
3. Dodi Sutandi	(Indonesia)
4. Fikri Tubagus Hamid	(Indonesia)
5. Dodi Aguspriadi	(Indonesia)
6. Albert Chia Leow Boon Heng	(Singapore)
7. Marcus Yeo Chee Ming	(Singapore)
8. Chawapong Metheethammawat	(Thailand)
9. Syed Muhammad Haffidzuddin	(Malaysia)
7. Marcus Yeo Chee Ming 8. Chawapong Metheethammawat	(Singapore) (Thailand)

SCA records its thanks to Ms. Haruhi Goto, Mr. Rosli Ismail and IBSF personnel for their assistance in the above Seminar.

<u>23 – 28 APRIL 2018 – JAKARTA, INDONESIA</u>

ASIA QUALIFIER

10TH ASIAN MEN SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2018 - JAKARTA

The 10th Asian Men Softball Championship 2018, which serves as the Qualifier for the WBSC Men Softball World Championship 2019 in Prague & Havilickuv, Czech Republic, was held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 23-28 April 2018.

Nine (9) Teams participated in the above Championship, namely, Chinese-Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. The following were appointed as Technical Officials:

Technical Delegate: Mr. See Kok Wooi (Malaysia)

Chief Umpire: Ms. Haruhi Goto (Japan) Asst. Chief Umpire: Mr. Rosli Ismail (Malaysia)

Umpires: Mr. Wang Nien Tai (Chinese Taipei)

Mr. Jan Chao-Hsu (Chinese Taipei)

Mr. Naoya Matsuda (Japan) Mr. Takaharu Miyake (Japan) Mr. Albert Chia (Singapore) Mr. Marcus Yeo (Singapore)

Mr. Ahmad Masran Hassan (Singapore) Mr. Syed Haffidzuddin (Malaysia)

Mr. Chawapong Metheethammawat (Thailand) Mr. Rully Rinardi Andriyanto (Indonesia)

Mr. Taufik Winardi (Indonesia)
Mr. Fikri Tubagus Hamid (Indonesia)
Mr. Dodu Aguspriadi (Indonesia)
Mr. Ayyub Syafii (Indonesia)
Mr. Yanto Sugianto (Indonesia)
Mr. Yongki Nikijuluw (Indonesia)
Mr. Imperial Zurni (Indonesia)

Mr. Joyosukismo (Indonesia) Mr. Harry James Orah (Indonesia)

After a preliminary single round robin competition, the standing of the top 4 teams was as follows: Japan, Philippines, Indonesia, and Singapore, with the top 4 teams qualifying for the single page-system play-off. The final results teams standing were as follows:

First: Japan
Second: Philippines
Third: Singapore
Fourth: Indonesia
Fifth: Chinese Taipei
Sixth: Thailand
Seventh: Malaysia

Eighth: Hong Kong, China

Ninth: India

With the above results, Japan, Philippines and Singapore qualified from Asia to participate in the WBSC Men Softball World Championship to be held in Prague & Havilickuv, Czech Republic from 13-23 June 2019.

SCA records thanks to the Indonesia Baseball Softball Federation (IBSF), its officials and volunteers, for ensuring a successful competition, to all athletes and team officials for their competitive yet good sportsmanlike participation, all SCA members and officials for their dedicated service. SCA would also like to record its thanks to Mizuno for providing the competition balls.

2-3 MAY 2018

SCA UIC/UMPIRES/COACHES SEMINAR – KUALA LUMPUR

WBSC, SCA & SAM Umpires Refresher Course/Seminar for new rules 2018-2021 was organized by SCA together with SAM on 2 & 3 May in Kuala Lumpur. It was conducted by WBSC Chief Umpire Mr. Bob Stanton. He was assisted by Malaysia's UIC Mr. Rosli Ismail.

It was attended by 53 participants (49 from Malaysia, 1 each from Hong Kong and Singapore, 2 from Indoneisa).

SCA would like to record its thanks to Mr. Bob Stanton, Mr. Rosli Ismail and SAM for conducting the Seminar.

9-18 MAY 2018

<u>CLARK INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX, PAMPANGA, PHILIPPINES</u> UMPIRES CERTIFICATION COURSE

A SCA Umpires Certification Course was conducted by Ms. Haruhi Goto, Asia Regional Chief Umpire/Coordinator. She was assisted by Mr. Paulo Tabirara, UIC of ASAPHIL. Both theory and practical were held at The Village in the International Sports Complex in Clark, Pampanga where all the officials and players were accommodated. There were 20 participants (2 female, 18 male) - 16 from Philippines, 2 from Chinese Taipei and 1 each from Malaysia and Korea with 2 for Recertification [2 from Thailand – 1 male and 1 female].

Passed SCA Recertification:

- 1. Ms. Pattama Piamjit
- 2. Mr. Tavisit Kitmanee

Passed the SCA Certification:

1. Mr. Eduardo Balucas Jr. (Philippines) 2. Mr. Edgardo Ocampo (Philippines) 3. Mr. Jerome Hermogeno (Philippines) 4. Mr. Leonardo Belgar (Philippines) 5. Mr. Julius Xerces Felicerta (Philippines) 6. Mr. Mark Arliss Cloma (Philippines) (Chinese Taipei) 7. Mr. Hsieh Feng-An (Chinese Taipei) 8. Mr. Chen Hua-Wei 9. Mr. Eom Tae Goo (Korea) 10. Ms. Nor Azlin bt. Tarmizi (Malaysia)

SCA records its thanks to Ms. Haruhi Goto, Mr. Paulo Tabirara and ASAPHIL personnel for their assistance in the Umpire Certification Course.

13-18 MAY 2018

7TH ASIAN JUNIOR (19 & UNDER) WOMEN SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

The 7th Asian Junior Women (19 & Under) Softball Championship 2018 was held in The Village in the International Sports Complex in Clark, Pampanga, Philippines. The following Technical officials were appointed.

Technical Delegate: Mr. See Kok Wooi (Malaysia) SCA Chief Umpire/Coordinator: Ms. Haruhi Goto (Japan)

Tournament Director: Mr. Eufracio Dela Cruz (ASAPHIL)
Asst. Chief Umpire: Mr. Paulo Tabirara (ASAPHIL UIC)

8 teams participated in the above Championship, namely, China, Chinese-Taipei, India,

Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand.

After a preliminary single round robin competition, the top 4 teams qualified for the single page-system play-off. The final results were as follows:

First: Japan

Second: Chinese Taipei

Third: China
Fourth: Philippines
Fifth: Korea
Sixth: Malaysia
Seventh: Thailand
Eighth: India

SCA records its thanks to Mizuno for the competition balls, the Amateur Softball Association of Philippines (ASAPHIL), its officials and volunteers, for ensuring a successful competition, to all athletes and team officials for their competitive yet good sportsmanlike participation, all SCA members and officials for their dedicated service.

17 & 18 MAY 2018

BASEBALL 5 (BB5)

WBSC with SCA conducted a Baseball 5 Clinic in conjunction with the 7th Asian Junior Women (19 & Under) Softball Championship 2018 in Clark, Philippines for the players and officials. The Clinic was conducted by Andrea D'Auria and Valerio Cianfoni (WBSC Public Relations), the first of its kind in Asia. There was a clinic on the rules of BB5 and a demo of the game. The Junior Championship officials and players participated in the friendly competition amongst each other.

SCA records its thanks to Andrea, Valerio & WBSC for conducting the Clinic, and to WBSC Secretary-General Ms. Beng Choo Low for being present in Clark, Philippines.

<u>11 – 16 JUNE 2018</u>

7TH EAST ASIAN CUP –NANTOU, TAIWAN

The 7th East Asian Cup 2018 was held at the Nantou County Baseball Field in Nantou, Taiwan. Hong Kong was invited by host Chinese Taipei to participate; making a total of 5 teams – the other 4 being the regulars – China, Chinese Taipei, Japan and Korea.

The results are as follows:

Champion: Japan

1st Runner-up: Chinese Taipei

2nd Runner-up: Korea 4th: China

5th: Hong Kong, China

SCA would also like to record its thanks to Mizuno for providing the competition balls, and to CTSA for hosting this year's competition.

<u>20 – 23 JUNE TOKYO DOME</u> <u>JAPAN-USA ALL-STAR SERIES</u>

Please refer to Schedule & Results attached (lilac color)

23 - 25 JULY JAKARTA

SCA Hon Life President Dato' Beng Choo Low, together with SCA Secretary-General Sally Lim, and Asian Games Softball Technical Delegate Mr. See Kok Wooi made a visit to Jakarta to inspect the softball field and preparations by IBSF and INASGOC for the 18th Asian Games to be held in August. Dato' Low gave a briefing to the IBSF committee members, staff and volunteers. She also met with the tv and media personnel for discussions as both Baseball (Men) and Softball (Women) were to have "live" broadcast.

1 – 15 AUGUST CHIBA, JAPAN

Gold:

XVI WBSC WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The XVI WBSC Women's Softball World Championship featuring the top sixteen (16) national teams from six (6) continents (Africa, Asia, Europe, North & South America and Oceania) was held in Chiba, Japan. The teams were Australia, Botswana, Canada, China, Chinese-Taipei, Cuba, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Russia and USA. Congratulations to USA for emerging the champions, and they are the first team to qualify for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Japan, being the host, has also qualified to play in Tokyo 2020. The final standings are as follows:

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Silver:	Japan
Bronze:	Canada
4 th :	Australia
5 th :	Puerto Rico
6 th :	Mexico
7 th :	Italy
8 th :	Netherlands
9 th :	Chinese Taipei
10 th :	China
11 th ;	Great Britain
12 th :	Venezuela
13 th :	New Zealand
14 th :	Philippines
15 th ;	South Africa
16 th :	Botswana

USA

19 – 24 AUGUST 2018 18TH ASIAN GAMES JAKARTA

The 18th Asian Games was held in Jakarta, Indonesia where the Women Softball competition was held from 19th – 24th August 2018 at the Gelora Bung Karno (GBK) Softball Field, Senayan, Jakarta.

The Technical Meeting chaired by WBSC Secretary-General cum SCA Hon. Life President Dato' Low Beng Choo was held on 18th August 2018 at the Softball Asian Games office in GBK Senayan and all 25 ITOs and 11 NTOs were present.

The SCA officials were as follows:

Technical Delegate: Mr. See Kok Wooi (Malaysia)
Jury Members: Ms. Kim Eun Young (Korea)

Ms. Sally Lim (Malaysia)

Mr. Fong Song Kuan (Hong Kong)

Chief Umpire: Ms. Haruhi Goto (Japan)

Asst. Chief Umpire: Mr. Rully Andriyanto (Indonesia)

Umpires: Ms. Ge Lan (China)

Mr. Xie Xin (China)

Mr. Lin, Yu-Sung (Chinese Taipei) Mr. Huang, Shao-Chun (Chinese Taipei) Ms. Tseng Chiung Hsien (Chinese Taipei)

Ms. Lo Wing Yan (Hong Kong)

Ms. Mari Jinno (Japan)

Mr. Takahashi Hashimoto (Japan)

Mr. Jo Boyeon (Korea)

Ms. Nor Hajar A. Hamid (Malaysia)
Mr. Paulo Tabirara (Philippines)
Mr. Taufik Winardi (Indonesia)
Mr. TB Fikri Hamid (Indonesia)
Mr. Dodi Sutandi (Indonesia)
Mr. Dodi Agus Priadi (Indonesia)
Mr. Harry Jamers Orah (Indonesia)
Ms. Harryka Norimetsy (Japan)

Scorers: Ms. Haruka Norimatsu (Japan)

Ms. Suh Yu Chun (Chinese Taipei) Mr. Ahyan Yusuf (Indonesia) Mr. Rachmad Aulia (Indonesia) Ms. Nina Ariyani Annisa (Indonesia) Mr. Alam Makhmudin (Indonesia) Ms. Melissa Maharani (Indonesia) Ms. Riska Dewi (Indonesia)

Ms. Della Prilandaru (Indonesia)

Technical Assistants: Mr. Mohd. Ikhsan b. Mohd. (Malaysia)

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Secretariat: Mr. Willeam Mah Choon How (Malaysia)

Mr. Fashirul Azeem (Malaysia) Mr. Muhamad Ridzuan (Malaysia)

Mr. Rosli Ismail (Malaysia)

7 teams qualified (from the 11th Asian Women Softball Championship Taichung 2017) to participate in the Asian Games Softball competition, namely, China, Chinese-Taipei, Hong Kong, Japan, Indonesia, Republic of Korea and Philippines.

After a preliminary single round robin competition, the standing of the 7 teams was as follows: Japan, China, Philippines, Chinese-Taipei, Korea, Indonesia and Hong Kong with the top 4 teams qualifying for the single page-system play-off. The final results - standing of the teams was as follows:

Gold: Japan

Silver: Chinese Taipei

Bronze: China

> Fourth: Philippines Fifth: Korea Sixth: Indonesia

Seventh: Hong Kong, China

SCA would like to record its thanks to WBSC President Mr. Riccardo Fraccari for making time to be in Jakarta from 17 - 22 August 2018, and convey appreciation to Mizuno who sponsored the competition balls, umpire uniforms, and SCA officials attire, not forgetting the hard work of personnel from Indonesia Baseball Softball Federation (IBSF) and INASGOC.

23 - 26 OCTOBER 2018

2ND ASIAN UNIVERSITY WOMEN SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2018 – NANJING, CHINA

A record eight (8) teams participated in the 2nd Asian University Women Softball Championship 2018 held in Nanjing Tech University, Nanjing, China. They were China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Iraq, Japan, Malaysia and Singapore. The teams were divided into 2 groups based on the results of the 1st Asian University Women Softball Championship held in Taichung in 2016.

Group AGroup BChinese TaipeiJapanChinaMalaysia

Singapore Hong Kong China

India Iraq

The Technical Delegate was Mr. See Kok Wooi who is also SCA Vice President. SCA Chief Umpire/Coordinator Ms. Haruhi Goto from JSA was assisted by CSA UIC Mr. Li Zhe and Ms. Jia Ali.

After a preliminary single round robin competition, the result was as follows:

Group AGroup B1. Chinese Taipei1. Japan2. China2. Malaysia

3. Singapore 3. Hong Kong China

4. India 4. Iraq

The top 2 teams from each group qualified for the double page-system winners Play-off whilst the other teams qualified for the Placing Play-off. The final result was as follows:

Gold: China

Silver: Chinese Taipei

Bronze: Japan
4th: Malaysia
5th: Singapore

6th: Hong Kong China

 7th:
 India

 8th:
 Iraq

SCA records its thanks to the Chinese Softball Association (CSA) and Nanjing Tech University, its officials and volunteers, for ensuring a successful competition, and to Mizuno for providing the competition balls.

CONCLUSION

Softball Confederation Asia records our sincere appreciation to all SCA affiliate-members and their respective officials/affiliates who have helped and supported in ensuring the success of SCA's programs and events, in particular China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia and Philippines who hosted the SCA competitions and events. We are happy to report that many of our SCA affiliate-members are active, having participated in at least one SCA event over the past 4 years. However, there are a few affiliates who are dormant and DID NOT participate in any competitions in the past 4 years.

We further thank Mizuno for their generous contribution and sponsorship, President Pan Yi Chuan and Japan Softball Association for their financial contribution towards the running of the SCA Administration and Congress, and all other sponsors, individuals and organisations that have supported SCA directly and indirectly.

We hope that all SCA affiliate-members will continue with the Asian unity and harmony, helping each other in promoting and developing softball in Asia effectively.

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1 November 2018