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MINUTES OF THE 3RD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (2014 – 2018) SCA EXCO 03/2014-2018

Date: 15 January 2018

Time: 9.30 am

Venue: Millennium 4, Level 2, Grand Millennium Hotel, KL, Malaysia

ATTENDANCE

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| 1. | Mr. Pan Yi Chuan | President |
| 2. | Ms. Taeko Utsugi | 1 st Vice President |
| 3. | Mr. See Kok Wooi | Vice President |
| 4. | Mr. Banyong Kiatkongchuchai | Vice President |
| 5. | Dato' Low Beng Choo | Hon. Life President |
| 6. | Mr. Hiromi Tokuda | Advisor |
| 7. | Ms. Sally Lim Swee Gaik | Secretary-General |
| 8. | Mr. Chang Chia Hsin | Secretary-General (President's Office) |

By Invitation

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| 1. | Mr. Wan Md. Tambrin | Brunei – Secretary-General |
| 2. | Ms. Zhang Xuan | China- Deputy Secretary-General |
| 3. | Mr. Chang Chia Hsing | Chinese-Taipei – Secretary-General |
| 4. | Mr. Fong Song Kuan | Hong Kong - President |
| 5. | Ms. Heidi Ip | Hong Kong – Secretary-General |
| 6. | Mr. L.R.Maurya | India – Secretary-General |
| 7. | Dr. Pravin Anaokar | India - CEO |
| 8. | Mr. Andika Monoarfa | Indonesia - President |
| 9. | Mr. Ali Baldawi | Iraq-President |
| 10. | Mr. Sugao Takahashi | Japan – Executive Director |
| 11. | Mr. Hiroyuki Yokota | Japan – Secretary-General |
| 12. | Ms. Kim Eun Young | Korea – Vice President |
| 13. | Mr. See Kok Wooi | Malaysia - President |
| 14. | Mr. Muhammad Zeeshan | Pakistan – Vice President |
| 15. | Mr. Denis Nuevo | Philippines – Secretary-General |
| 16. | Ms. Foo Pei | Singapore - President |
| 17. | Ms. Haruhi Goto | SCA Chief Umpire/Coordinator |

Observers

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| 1. | Mr. Hideyuki Sawa | Mizuno Representative |
| 2. | Ms. Tsai Yi-San (Justin) | CTASA Staff/Interpreter |

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| 3. | Mr. Tomohiro Hisaka | JSA Staff/Interpreter |
| 4. | Ms. Taeko Ono | JSA Staff/Interpreter |
| 5. | Ms. Akiko Ito | JSA Interpreter |
| 6. | Mr. Woo Jisuk | KBSA Staff/Interpreter |

1. ROLL CALL

- 1.1 SCA President Pan Yi Chuan called the meeting to order at 9.30 am as SCA Secretary-General Sally Lim completed the Roll Call and confirmed that a quorum was present.
- 1.2 SCA Hon. Life President Dato' Beng Choo Low informed that special invitations were sent out to the Presidents/Secretary-Generals of all SCA affiliate-members to attend this EXCO Meeting as there were important issues and decisions to be made for Softball in Asia. She informed that SCA had two (2) new members; Mongolia and Nepal, but both were not able to send representatives to this Meeting.
- 1.3 All delegates and invitees present gave a brief introduction of himself/herself.

2. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME ADDRESS

- 2.1 SCA President Mr. Pan Yi Chuan welcomed everyone and stated that it was an honour to have so many delegates and invited guests to be present. He wished everyone a very happy new year for 2018 with best wishes for happiness and prosperity.
- 2.2 He congratulated Japan, Philippines, Chinese Taipei, China, Korea and Indonesia (as host country although 7th team in ranking) for qualifying for the Jakarta Asian Games Softball competition to be held in August 2018, with Hong Kong as the 6th qualified team.
- 2.3 He conveyed special thanks to all members for their cooperation and stated that Softball development in Asia must continue with support from all members and WBSC.
- 2.4 He pledged his contribution as SCA President of USD3,000.00 to each country that hosts an Asian Championship in 2018.

3. MINUTES OF 23RD SCA CONGRESS 2016/ASIA REGIONAL MEETING 2017

- 3.1 The Minutes of the 23rd SCA Congress held in Kuala Lumpur on 15 December 2016 and the Minutes of the Asia regional Meeting held in Gaborone, Botswana on 12 October 2017 were unanimously approved.

4. ASIA COMPETITIONS/EVENTS

4.1 Age Group Competitions

- 4.1.1 Dato' Beng Choo Low informed that World Baseball Softball Confederation - Softball Division (WBSC-SD) would be looking at starting the World Cup for Under 16 for Girls' Softball, in addition to the current Under 19 Championships (Junior Men and Junior Women) with national teams participation through qualification competitions at the Regional/Continental levels.
- 4.1.2 She proposed that SCA change the Asian age-group competitions to Under 15

and Under 18 from 2019 onwards so that the players from the teams that qualify could still be able to continue to play the World Championships, whereas under the current Asian Under 19, for example, some of the players who are 19 in the Asian competitions will not be eligible to participate in the following year's World competition. After some discussion, all members present agreed unanimously to the proposal

- 4.1.3 Mr. Hiromi Tokuda inquired as to whether SCA intended to start an Asian Softball championship for the Under 12. Dato' Beng Choo Low stated that SCA should wait for the WBSC to finalise its plans for the World Cup for Under 12 before deciding further. She informed that World Softball Championships was a very important item on the Agenda for the WBSC Board Meeting in Rome in February 2018.

4.2 SCA Umpires Certification Courses

- 4.2.1 SCA Vice President See Kok Woon informed that he was still in discussion with Mr. Bob Stanton (WBSC-SD Chief Umpire) and Ms. Haruhi Goto (SCA Chief Umpire/Coordinator) to fix the dates for the SCA Umpires Certification Courses for Asia for 2018 and would inform members when confirmed. It was noted that the following courses were planned:
- (i) In Indonesia (Jakarta) – 17 to 20 April 2018 in conjunction with the Asian Men Softball Championship 2018 – New Umpires/Re-certification
 - (ii) In Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur) – April 2018 – update on new Rules; no certification.
 - (iii) In Philippines (Clark) – 7 to 11 May 2018 in conjunction with the Asian Junior Women (19 Under) Championship 2018 – New Umpires/Re-certification.

4.3 Asian Softball Coaching Seminar (Chiba, Japan)

- 4.3.1 Members noted and thanked the Japan Softball Association (JSA) for organising a Softball Coaching Seminar from 7 – 9 March 2018 in Tokyo, Japan.
- 4.3.2 JSA representative, Mr. Tomohiro Hisaka informed the response was poor, and distributed the documents and schedule at the meeting. SCA members were encouraged to send their national coaches (maximum three (3) coaches each country) to attend.
- 4.3.3 Members were reminded that the Seminar is only for those qualified to coach and not for other officials as it was a working Seminar and that the deadline for registration was 8 February 2018.

4.4 10th Asian Men Championship 2018

- 4.4.1 Indonesia Baseball-Softball President Andika Monoarfa confirmed that **Indonesia** would be hosting the 10th Asian Men Softball Championship in the **Senayan Softball Stadium in Jakarta** from **23 – 28 April 2018**. He showed a video presentation of the preparations and competition venue, He informed that

the Championship would serve as a “test event” for the Asian Games Softball competition as the venue would be used for the Asian Games 2018.

- 4.4.2 Mr. Andika Monoarfa inquired whether it was mandatory for the 20-second clock to be used for the Asian Championship and Asian Games as it would be very expensive to install such equipment. Dato’ Beng Choo Low informed that it was not compulsory.

4.5 7th Asian Junior (19 & Under) Women Championship 2018

- 4.5.1 Philippines Softball Secretary General confirmed that **Philippines** would be hosting the 7th Asian Junior (19 & Under) Women Championship at the **Clark International Sports Complex**, Pampanga from **13 – 18 May 2018**.
- 4.5.2 He distributed the documents with the relevant information and showed a video presentation on the preparations and competition venue.

4.6 18th Asian Games 2018 – Jakarta, Indonesia

- 4.6.1 Dato’ Beng Choo Low informed that the Softball competition in the 18th Asian Games Jakarta 2018 would be from 19 – 24 August 2018, that is at the start of the Games which would give the Softball athletes an opportunity to be part of the Games Opening Ceremony on 18 August.
- 4.6.2 She informed that all the participating teams would have to register through their respective National Olympic Committee (NOCs). The teams would play a single round robin Preliminary competition, with the top four (4) teams to qualify to play in the final round Play-off Single Page System.
- 4.6.3 She informed that under the Olympic Council of Asian (OCA) Constitution and Rules, the Asian Games was an “Open” competition but SCA proposed that the SCA members comply with the 6-teams qualification as agreed by all members, with the Asian Women Championship Taichung 2017 as the qualifying competition.
- 4.6.4 The 6 teams that qualified were Japan, Philippines, Chinese-Taipei, China, Korea with host Indonesia (ranked 7th), whilst Hong Kong was the 6th qualified team.

4.7 24th SCA Congress 2018

- 4.7.1 SCA President Pan Yi Chuan proposed the 24th SCA Congress 2018 to be held in Taichung in September 2018. After much discussion and deliberation, it is confirmed that the 24th SCA Congress would be held in Kuala Lumpur on 3 December 2018.
- 4.7.2 Dato’ Beng Choo Low reminded everyone that the 2018 SCA Congress was important as it was also for the election of the new SCA Executive Committee members for the new term 2018 – 2022.

4.8 7th East Asia Cup 2018 – Women Softball

4.8.1 Chinese-Taipei Secretary General Chang Chia Hsin confirmed that Chinese-Taipei would be hosting the 7th East Asia Cup – Women Softball as follows:

Date: 12 – 15 June 2018

Venue: Nantou, Taiwan

4.8.2 He confirmed that in addition to China, Japan, Korea and Chinese-Taipei, they would be inviting Hong Kong to participate.

4.9 2nd Asian Universities Women Softball Championship 2018

4.9.1 China Deputy Secretary General Zhang Xuan confirmed that China would be hosting the 2nd Asian Universities Women Softball Championship 2018 as follows:

Date: 23 – 26 October 2018

Venue: Nanjing Technology University, Nanjing, China.

4.9.2 The teams that indicated interest to participate were China, Chinese Taipei, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

4.10 3rd SEA Cup Men 2018

SCA Vice President See Kok Wooi informed that Thailand had indicated interest to host the 3rd SEA Cup – Men Softball in July 2018, but SCA had not received any written proposal.

4.11 South West Central Cup (Women)

4.11.1 Pakistan Vice President Zeeshan Merchant informed that Pakistan was interested to host the 1st South West Central Asia Cup – Women Softball in September 2018 and that he would ensure that Pakistan Softball submit to SCA, by March-April 2018, its proposal to host the competition.

4.11.2 The members noted that this competition has been postponed several times due to issues of entry visas and security for participating teams. Mr. Zeechan informed that the matters would be looked into and a solution proposed.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 JSA Survey on Softball Development in Asia

5.1.1 Japan President Hiromi Tokuda informed that JSA was conducting a survey on the status and development of Softball in Asia and requested all SCA members to complete the survey form handed out. He encouraged all SCA members to work together to strengthen Asian Softball.

5.2 Asian Women Softball Championship

5.2.1 It was noted that the Asian Women Softball Championship that was supposed to be held in 2015, was subsequently held in Taichung in 2017 due to it being postponed twice in 2015 and 2016. JSA President presented a chart of the Asian

and WBSC competitions' schedule for discussion.

- 5.2.2 There was discussion to hold the next Asian Women Softball Championship in 2019 so that it could serve as a “warm up” competition for the Asian teams for Tokyo Olympics 2020.

5.3 Re-certification of SCA Umpires

- 5.3.1 Dato' Beng Choo Low reminded members that all SCA umpires must sit for a re-certification test every five (5) years, that means, those who were certified before 2013 would no longer be eligible to umpire in 2018 unless they sit for a re-certification in 2018. She stated that the re-certification test may be done online on the WBSC website for those who have prior WBSC certification and for those with only prior SCA certification - at any of the SCA's Umpires Courses; and the Recertification Test consisted of thirty (30) questions only, with a 90% passing marks, followed by field evaluation.

5.4 New SCA Logo

- 5.4.1 Dato' Beng Choo Low informed that she had requested Hong Kong President Jimmy Fong to assist to design a new SCA logo for a more “simple clean” look.
- 5.4.2 Hong Kong President Jimmy Fong showed a video presentation of the proposed new SCA logo designed by him.
- 5.4.3 There was discussion and feedback given by the members present and Mr. Jimmy Fong informed that he would improve on the design and re-present it to SCA.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters arising, the meeting was adjourned at 1.30 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair of the meeting.

Minutes confirmed by:



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PAN YI CHUAN
President, Softball Confederation Asia

15 January 2018

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