

MINUTES OF APDF EX CO MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY, 10 OCT 2004 AT PRINCE PALACE HOTEL, BANGKOK, THAILAND AT 2.00PM

Present

Ms Judy Wee	Chairperson (from 3.00pm)
Mr JB Munro	Vice Chairperson (In the Chair)
Prof Ryosuke Matsui	Secretary General
Mr Monthian Buntan	Chair of Working Committee on the Convention
Prof. Kim Hyung Shik	Co-Chair of Working Committee on Research & Development
Ms Deborah Wan	Representing Dr Joseph Kwok, Chair of Working Committee on Information
Mr Graham Smith	Representing Mr Frank Hall Bentick (Treasure)

Observers

Mr Lim Puay Tiak	APDF Singapore (Recorder of minutes)
Mr Narong Patibatsarakich	Thai with Disability Foundation
Mr D. M. Premadasa	S.L.F.R.D. Sri Lanka
Ms Sue Mackey	Handicap International
Ms Aki Fujiwara	Handicap International
Ms Aiko Akiyama	UNESCAP
Ms Kay Nagata	UNESCAP
Prof Eiko Okuno	University of Tsukuba, Japan
Prof Nareewan Chintakanond	Vice President, RI (Asia & Pacific)

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Mr JB Munro welcomed all present to the meeting and thanked UNESCAP for the courtesy of providing the use of meeting venue. As Ms Judy Wee was on her way from the airport, it was agreed he would chair the meeting.
- 1.2 All present introduced themselves to the meeting.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Ex Co Meeting

- 2.1 The minutes of the last Ex Co meeting held on 14 Jun 04 were accepted having been circulated without amendments.

3. Report on Membership

(a) Present status on membership

- 3.1 Mr Munro informed that although he agreed to write a personalised letter to each of the RNN NGOs to invite them to be a member of APDF, he was yet to do the draft for the Secretariat. He confirmed that APDF was not limiting its membership to one organisation per country. Subject to Executive Committee acceptance any NGO with a paid up annual membership fee of US\$50 would be accepted. NGOs were asked to pay 2 years membership fees (i.e. US\$100) each time.

JB Munro

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(b) Present financial status

3.2 Mr Matsui referred to the financial status report dated 8 Oct 04 which were presented on behalf of Mr Frank Hall-Bentic, Treasurer of APDF. There was a bank balance of US\$3,530. He encouraged provisional and potential members to confirm their membership status by paying the membership fees.

All

4. Report of Working Committees

(a) Convention

4.1 Mr Monthian advised that there were beginning signs of delays towards the end of the 3rd Ad Hoc meeting. There were disputes on the definition of articles as well as duplication of processes resulting in unnecessary delays. Monthian added that members were divided on how soon the Convention would be finalised.

4.2 Mr JB Munro cautioned that with such delays, NGOs may not have the financial resources to attend future Ad Hoc meetings. Members also have to cope with changes in delegates, often leading to repetition and re-clarification of concerns.

(b) Conference proposed for Melbourne in November 2005

4.3 Mr Graham Smith circulated the revised conference details from Mr Frank Hall-Bentic. With a change in the conference venue to Rydges Hotel in the Central Business District (CBD) in Melbourne, the registration fees could be reduced to US\$150 with early bird rates at US\$100. This would include the use of the Main Room and breakout rooms for 300 delegates with the provision of arrival tea/coffee, morning & afternoon teas, coffees & treats, buffet lunches and 2 complimentary welcome cocktails. However, the cost did not include the banquet dinner and accommodation.

4.4 Mr Graham Smith added that they were negotiating with government agencies, corporations and philanthropic organisations for possible sponsorship. To a query, he added that there were ample accessible hotel rooms in the Melbourne CBD and surrounding areas for use by PWD. As the transportation system in Melbourne was increasingly made accessible for PWD, there would be no problem in travelling to conference venue...

4.5 As the proposed conference dates were 20 to 24 Nov 2005, Mr Monthian cautioned that there was a possible conflict with the World ICT Conference to be held in Tunisia around the same time. He agreed to check and confirm the dates of the World ICT Conference. Ms Kay Nagata also agreed the TWGDC meeting could be held in 1 day instead of 2 days.

**Monthian
Graham**

4.6 It was agreed that the Ex Co meet again on Tuesday, 12 Oct 04 to finalise the APDF Conference 2005 after more details were available.

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(c) Information

- 4.7 Ms Deborah Wan presented the report on Dr Joseph Kwok's behalf. She said that as a follow-up to the web-based meeting by APDF Ex Co, KAMPI of Philippines had agreed to serve as webmaster for APDF as well as play a more active role in supporting the information work of APDF. **Joseph Kwok**

(d) Research & Development

- 4.8 Prof Kim Hyung Shik requested more time to finalise plans for a regional conference on research and development. Ms Judy Wee said there was a need to set up an online resource library for APDF. **Kim Hyung Shik**

(e) Gender

- 4.8 Ms Aiko Akiyama reported on behalf of Ms Supattraporn Tanatikan. She informed that an outcome of the Working Committee was in the 3 women with disabilities (Arunee, blind lady & Japanese lady??) attended a conference in Japan. Mr JB Munro added that there was a Pacific countries conference on disability issues concerning women.

(f) Fund Raising & Sponsorship

- 4.9 There was no report as the Chair of Working Committee was absent. **Godfrey Ooi**

5. UNESCAP/APDF Joint Workshop on the Convention (11 & 12 Oct 04)

- 5.1 Ms Kay Nagata circulated the draft report for comments by the meeting. She stressed that the Workshop was a joint effort by UNESCAP and APDF and that she had asked Judy and JB to Chair and Vice Chair the two meeting. Both parties should work towards the outcome of the report/statement for the Workshop. **All**

6. Any Other Matters

(a) 2005 Accessible Tourism Conference Proposal – Eden Fd Taiwan

- 6.1 There were some concerns raised on the political implications of Taiwan hosting the conference. Members were in support of the proposal to hold the Accessible Tourism Conference on 5 to 8 May 2005 in Taiwan but were uncertain as to what were the benefits for APDF to be involved. During the meeting, a tele-conference with Ms Emma Lee of Eden Social Welfare Foundation was held. The following concerns were addressed:
- Role of APDF – to decide on whether it should be organised in association / collaboration / consultation with APDF
 - Outcome of achieving greater employment of PWD in accessible tourism throughout the Asia Pacific Region in line

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with the aims of the BMF. To be by way of a statement or declaration (not policy statement) on accessible tourism in support of BMF

- Judy, Ryo and Joseph accepted a role as volunteer advisers to the Eden Foundation as it develops its proposal.

6.2 Emma on behalf of Eden Social Welfare Foundation agreed to revert to Ms Judy Wee on her discussions with colleagues on the above concerns by Monday, 11 Oct 04. The Ex Co would meet on 12 Oct 04 to finalise its decision on the proposal.

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(b) RI Regional Conference 2006

6.3 Prof Nareewan Chintakanond advised that the 13th RI Asia & Pacific Regional Conference would be held in Bangkok from 29 Nov to 2 Dec 2006. She invited APDF to support the Conference by holding its Board meeting and/or workshops during the same time.

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(c) Pacific Disability Forum

6.4 Mr JB Munro advised that the Pacific Disability Forum held its inaugural meeting in Fiji in July 2004. It had decided to be a stand-alone constitutional entity. It was addressing operational issues like where to register the entity etc. JB said this development could be the pioneer for further Disability Forums to be set up in other parts of the Asia Pacific Region as part of the overall APDF. Ryo advised that a letter of welcome had been sent to the PDF.

(d) New Members

6.5 Mr JB Munro formally announced the acceptance of the following new applications for membership:

- Handicaps Welfare Association (Singapore)
- Handicap International (France)

(e) Next Ex Co Meeting

6.6 The next Ex Co meeting would be held on Tuesday, 12 Oct 2004. Details would be given by Ms Judy Wee.

7. Ms Judy Wee thanked all for taking time off their busy schedules to attend the meeting. She encouraged everyone to assist in recruiting new members to APDF.

8. There being no other matters, the meeting ended at 5.10pm.