

AEARU 20th Annual General Meeting

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SECRETARY

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IN ATTENDANCE

Nanjing University

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Seoul National University	
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Fudan University	
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Kyoto University	
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Osaka University	
Ryoko MINATO	Staff Member, International Affairs Division
Ye CHEN	Staff Member, International Affairs Division
Peking University	
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Taiwan University	
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Kazuo AKIYAMA Vice Executive Director for Global Affairs
Taifang WANG Local staff of the University of Tsukuba Shanghai Office

MEETING MINUTES

I. INTRODUCTION REMARKS

The Chairperson Chen Jun began the 20th Annual General Meeting by greeting and welcoming the member presidents and representatives.

Chairperson Chen Jun reported the recent changes of member university presidents. The out-going presidents are: President Lih J. Chen of Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu, OH Yeon-cheon of Seoul National University, President Hiroshi Matsumoto of Kyoto University, and President Yang Yuliang of Fudan University.

Dr Sun Wen further reported that following the tradition of AEARU, the Secretariat has prepared Plaques of Appreciation for the respective outgoing presidents to express gratitude and to commemorate their contribution to AEARU in past years. The Certificate to former Chairperson Lih J. Chen had been presented on the 34th BOD Meeting in this April. The representatives from SNU, Kyoto and Fudan received the Certificates.

Chairperson Chen Jun further announced the change of Vice-Chairperson. Prof. Wooil Lee has taken the position of EVP of the Vice-Chair University-SNU, and becomes the new Vice-Chairperson of AEARU while Prof. Junggi Im has finished his term.

II. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

1. Minutes of the 19th AGM; December 8, 2013, Tsing Hua University- Hsinchu, Taiwan

The minutes of the above meeting were compiled by the AEARU Secretary and distributed to all members. With no amendment, the minutes were confirmed.

III REVIEW/REPORT OF AEARU ACTIVITIES IN 2014

1. Symposium on Teaching and Learning in East Asian Research Universities; May 21-22, 2014; Nanjing University
2. 5th AEARU Advanced Material Workshop; June 4, 2014; Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
3. 3rd Student Physical Competition; July 14-19, 2014; University of Tsukuba
4. International Symposium on Ocean Engineering 2014 of KAIST – University of Tokyo - Shanghai Jiaotong University; July 2014; Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

5. 2014 Student Summer Camp; August 19-26, 2014; Osaka University
6. 2014 AEARU Workshop on “R&D Policy and Asian Research Universities”; September 2014; Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (Cancelled)
7. 5th AEARU Energy and Environmental Workshop; October 22-24, 2014; Taiwan University
8. CJKT Internet of Things Workshop; October 30-31, 2014; Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology
9. 4th Science and Technology Parks Workshop; November 1, 2014; Nanjing University

Dr. Sun Wen reported on the Symposium on Teaching and Learning in East Asian Research Universities which was hosted by Nanjing University in May this year. Over 170 participants gathered at Nanjing to exchange views and share experience on pursuing excellence in teaching at research-oriented universities. The Symposium was conducted in the form of plenary and concurrent sessions. The plenary presentations focus on topics such as creating a lively environment that nurtures learning and creativity, general education, active learning, flipped learning, and students' learning style. The concurrent sessions focus on Information Technology and Higher Education, Classroom Teaching and Students' Learning Challenges and Experience in Managing the Centers for Teaching and Learning. The success of the 1st Symposium on Teaching and Learning in East Asian Research Universities helps Nanjing University to continue the second phase of its undergraduate education reform, that is, to improve the overall teaching quality.

Vice President Eden Y. WOON reported that Hong Kong University of Science and Technology hosted the 5th AEARU Advanced Material Workshop in June this year. The workshop had participants not only from AEARU universities but also from many other universities from Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan. HKUST was grateful to AEARU for funding 10,000 USD to this program and this was an excellent event for this organization. The Chairperson stated that the Advanced Material Workshop was a good platform for high-caliber researchers and top-notch students in our region to explore many exciting topics in the field of material science.

President NAGATA reported on the 3rd Student Physical Competition. The Basketball Competition was held in University of Tsukuba in July this year. President NAGATA expressed gratitude to Fudan University, Nanjing University, KAIST and NTU for supporting their games. More importantly, students' interaction was fascinating and they had developed friendship with each other which was the best part of the competition. The Chairperson stated that it had been years since the last student phys-

ical competition and expressed gratitude to Tsukuba for continuing this meaningful event for students.

Vice President Seung Bin PARK reported that KAIST hosted a three days conference on ocean engineering. Ocean system engineering was established in KAIST about five years ago and was going very strong. Ocean system engineering probably is going to be another big area that KAIST will explore. The Chairperson stated that the symposium had greatly helped to improve research collaboration among scholars and students from Korea, Japan and China.

Executive Vice President OKAMURA stated that it was a great honor for Osaka University to host the AEARU Student Summer Camp 2014. The summer camp was from August 19 to 26 at Osaka University's Toyonaka and Suita campuses. Participants from AEARU member institutions were 28 and with 33 Osaka University students, totally 61 students participated in the event. A hosting committee was organized by many Osaka University student volunteers and faculty members to carry out the summer camp. Student coordinators played leading roles in organizing the entire event, including coordinating campus tours, laboratory visits, firm visits, Osaka town excursions and an over-night coach trip to Awaji Island, where they enjoyed nature and sunshine. Participants discussed ideal higher education systems for students as groups, and then on the last day, each group presented their own ideas about a hypothetical AEARU University, a world-leading future higher education institution. All the participants were glad to have this opportunity. The first picture on the delivered paper was taken on the welcome reception and the logo was designed by Osaka University students. At the very end of the camp, all the participants had become very close friends. Osaka University sincerely hopes the friendships and communications among the future leaders in East Asia, formed at Osaka University in the summer of 2014, will be long-lasting and meaningful. The Chairperson stated that the motto of this year's camp "enjoy locally and communicate globally" was very interesting and we were glad to see that students from Osaka university has played an active role in organizing this camp, making this camp a real experience for improving leadership as well as friendship.

Dr. Sun Wen reported that the 2014 AEARU Workshop on "R&D Policy and Asian Research Universities" was originally scheduled in September 2014 by KAIST but was cancelled. The Secretariat had to apologize for the cancellation of this event as slow transfer of the granted AEARU funding affected the smooth organization of the Workshop.

Vice President Seung Bin PARK responded that KAIST would propose to host the AEARU Work-

shop on “R&D Policy and Asian Research Universities” again in 2015.

Dean Luisa Chang gave a brief report on the 5th AEARU Energy and Environmental Workshop. The workshop was held from October 22 to 24 this year in Taiwan University and it was the second time for Taiwan University to host this workshop. There were 86 participants from HKUST, University of Tokyo, University of Tsukuba, Peking University and the first rate university of Taiwan such as Tsing Hua University (Hsinchu). This year, the topics were renewable energies, energy policies and management, and education and talent cultivation. Taiwan University hoped that in the next year there would be more universities to host this workshop, it was platform for universities from East Asia, and especially maybe an important effort could be made to preserve our planet. The Chairperson stated that Taiwan University had hosted the Energy and Environmental Workshop twice and a lot of important discussions had been made to solve the energy and environmental problems faced by all human beings.

The CJKT Internet of Things Workshop hosted by KAIST was held during the same period of this AGM from October 30 to 31. Vice President Seung Bin PARK was going to report it in the next meeting. President CHEN Jun stated that KAIST had been very active in hosting academic workshops and symposia in 2014 and expressed gratitude for KAIST’s contribution to the variety and diversity of AEARU activities.

*The progress report of the CJKT Internet of Things Workshop has been included in the meeting binder.

Dr. Sun Wen reported that the 4th Science and Technology Parks Workshop would be held on this campus tomorrow. Tomorrow we will have administrators, academics and students from University of Tsukuba, Osaka University and Peking University to share their successful experience in university science and technology parks.

IV. SCHEDULED AEARU ACTIVITIES

1. 3rd Symposium on the Culture of Chinese Characters; Spring 2015; Peking University
2. 3rd Medical Center Workshop; Winter 2014; Fudan University
3. 10th Web Technology and Computer Science Workshop, February 2015; University of Tsukuba
4. AEARU symposium 2013 on “Green and Resilient Growth (GRG) of Asian Cities”; July 2015; KAIST

5. Young Researchers International Conference; Fall 2015; University of Tsukuba

Dr. Sun Wen stated that above activities and workshops were proposed by AEARU member universities and she invited organizers of these activities to say a few words about the events that they were working on.

Vice President Li Yansong reported that according to the discussion in previous BOD Meeting, the proposed date for the 3rd Symposium on the Culture of Chinese Characters was April 11-12(Sat-Sun). The venue will also be on PKU campus. The department of Chinese Language and Literature in conjunction with the Office of International Relations will be the main organizers of this symposium. In the symposium, professors from AEARU member universities will cover four topics, namely origin and revolution of Chinese Characters, the unearth documents, the Chinese characters and the traditional Chinese culture of Chinese characters, and the dissemination of Chinese characters. Two renowned Chinese scholars from Peking University and Beijing Normal University, Professor He and Professor Wang will be invited to be the keynote speakers. Peking University will provide local accommodation and meals for one participated scholar from each AEARU member universities.

Vice President Feng Xiaoyuan reported that Fudan University had to postpone the 3rd Medical Center Workshop to next year. The financial year of Fudan University was closed in the end of October and the activity was supposed to be in December. Fudan University is going to postpone this activity to spring next year and try best to make the activity successful.

President NAGATA reported on the 10th Web Technology and Computer Science Workshop. University of Tsukuba is going to host this meeting in February next year. And the main themes will be cloud computing, web technology, human-machine cooperation and brain-computer interaction. He introduced that the invited lecturer Dr. Ukawa, he is involving in the key computer projects in Japan. He called for member universities to participate in the workshop.

Dr. Sun Wen reported that the AEARU symposium 2013 on “Green and Resilient Growth (GRG) of Asian Cities” was cancelled and the cancellation was discussed at the 34th BOD Meeting. In 2015, KAIST is willing to reorganize this event.

Vice President Seung Bin PARK stated KAIST established the Institute for Disaster Management.

KAIST is planning to have the Green and Resilient Growth activity for East Asian students. It's a four day symposium and several speakers in that area will be invited. So they can educate the students in terms of safety and management of all kinds of disasters. Dr. Sun Wen stated that concerning the funding proposal, since the funding proposal of this symposium had been approved by the 19th AGM Meeting. If there is no objection, this AGM Meeting will continue to approve the funding request.

Vice President Caroline BENTON reported that University of Tsukuba was going to host the Young Researchers International Conference in late September or November next year. It's a three-day symposium. Young researchers will be invited to present their results at University Hall, University of Tsukuba. The purpose is welcome young researchers from all over the world, including AEARU members. AEARU young researchers will be able to interact with other researchers from other areas of the world, in hopes to promote research collaboration. University of Tsukuba requested for the amount of USD10, 000 to support students' participation.

Dr. Sun Wen asked if there were any comments on University of Tsukuba's funding proposal.

President NAGATA stated that University of Tsukuba hosted the Tsukuba Global Science Week every year and it had already been five times. This year University of Tsukuba invited more than 250 researchers worldwide. University of Tsukuba encourages students to meet with the top scientists from all over the world.

Dr. Sun Wen stated that if there was no objection, the funding request would be approved and the secretariat would put it in the minutes.

The Chairperson stated that we were very glad to see the AEARU funding was spent to support so many meaningful activities especially the participation of our students. We hope to have more proposals from member universities in 2015.

V. UNSCHEDULED AEARU ACTIVITIES - call for organizers

Dr. Sun Wen reported that these symposia, workshops and student activities are regularly organized by our member universities and ask for volunteers to organize the events. Prior to the AGM, three

member universities had shown willingness to host the following events:

1. Seoul National University- The 6th Advanced Materials Science Workshop
2. University of Science and Technology of China- 2015 Student Summer Camp
3. Nanjing University - (1)The 2nd Symposium on Teaching and Learning in East Asian Research Universities.

(2) The 4th Student Physical Competition;

Dr. Sun Wen asked for the confirmation with the three universities.

Executive Vice President Wooil stated that SNU would like to host the 6th Advanced Materials Science Workshop and looked forward to having renowned scholars and student at SNU campus. The specific program of the workshop has not been decided yet.

Vice Chairperson of the USTC Council JIANG Yi confirmed the willingness of USTC to host the 2015 Student Summer Camp.

Dr. Sun Wen reported that Nanjing University was planning to host two activities: (1)the 2nd Symposium on Teaching and Learning in East Asian Research Universities in May 2015. (2)the 4th Student Physical Competition in July 2015 and Nanjing University was going to invite volleyball teams from member universities to participate.

The Chairperson expressed gratitude to the three universities. He summarized the activity proposals after the 34th BOD meeting. After the 34th BOD Meeting, the secretariat received 9 activity proposals from AEARU member universities so far, not including the AGM and BOD Meetings. If we count these activities by region, 6 among the 9 were proposed by mainland Chinese universities, 2 by Japanese universities and 1 by Korean universities. We hope that all members will continuously and actively host and participate in various AEARU activities.

Dr. Sun Wen asked if there are other member universities interested in hosting the unscheduled AEARU activities.

Vice President Seung Bin PARK stated that the cancelled activity by KAIST in the previous year was going to be rescheduled next year in September. It was going to be a two-day conference and was about R&D policy of Asian universities.

Dr. Sun Wen stated that once the AEARU members has plans to organize AEARU activities, please contact the Secretariat and the Secretariat would try best to facilitate the organization of AEARU activities.

VI . SECRETARY REPORT

1. Status report of AEARU Activity Sponsorship

The Secretary reported that four AEARU activities had been sponsored.

First activity is 2014 Student Summer Camp organized by Osaka University. A total of USD10, 000 was granted to provide assistance for students' participation.

The summer camp has been successfully held. Activity report will be provided for discussion on the 20th AGM. *The funding transfer has been finished.

Second, the 3rd Student Physical Competition was hosted by the University of Tsukuba. A total of 10,000 USD was granted to provide assistance for students' participation. The physical competition has been successfully held. *The funding transfer has not been finished.

Third, the International Symposium on Ocean Engineering 2014 of KAIST – University of Tokyo - Shanghai Jiaotong University was organized by Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology. A total of 5,000 USD was granted to cover expenses of materials, local transportation, etc. The actual expense of supporting students' participation is USD \$2,700. *The funding transfer has not been finished.

Last one is CJKT Internet of Things Workshop also hosted by Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology. To assist the students from AEARU member universities on the costs of traveling and local expenses, a total of 5,000 USD was granted. *The funding transfer has not been finished.

The 2014 AEARU Workshop on “R&D Policy and Asian Research Universities” was proposed by KAIST. A total of 5,000 USD was granted to support students' participation. However the workshop was canceled. As a result, the funding transfer didn't happen.

2. Financial status of AEARU Treasury

The Secretary reported that for this period, there was an out-going expenditure of US \$27,700 for AEARU activities. And an incoming of US \$34,000 (the membership fee) and this makes a surplus for the period, \$6,300.

There's a total of US \$58,818.17 brought forward from last period. With the surplus mentioned previously added, it left the AEARU Treasury a total of US \$65,118.17 in the account.

VII. ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

1. Membership of AEARU

- Application for AEARU membership from Yonsei University

The Chairperson stated that SNU has requested that the Yonsei University from Korea be accepted as a new member. Just a few days ago, the Secretariat got official statement of application for AEARU membership from Yonsei University, explaining its qualifications to be a member of AEARU according to its academic excellence, research intensity, global outlook, and innovative dimension.

Dr. Sun Wen reported that according to Clause [3.5] Admission Process of the AEARU Constitution, after the submission of letter of recommendation by a current member, the Secretariat has presented the recommendation for deliberation by the Board of Directors. At the 35th BOD Meeting, all the BOD members agreed to accept Yonsei University as a new member. Now the issue was submitted to AGM Meeting for consideration. According to the Constitution, candidates shall be admitted to membership of AEARU upon approval by a two-thirds majority of all voting active members at an Annual General Meeting at which at least two-thirds of the current members of the Association are in attendance.

Executive Vice President Wooil Lee stated that Yonsei University met all the requirements of Membership Criteria stated in Clause [3.4] of AEARU Constitution. They have very strong intention to contribute actively to AEARU and have very good international recognition. In this year's QS ranking, they ranked around 100 in the world. They have excellent research achievements. Yonsei University is now one of the leaders in international cooperation in Korea.

Based on the discussions, Dr. Sun Wen proposed a vote of accepting Yonsei University as a new member of AEARU. 15 member universities presented at the AGM all voted for agreeing Yonsei

University to become the new member of AEARU. The result meets the requirement of AEARU Constitution about new membership.

-Leave absence of Tokyo Tech

Application by Tokyo Institute of Technology to be on temporary leave of absence until 2016

The Chairperson stated that a letter dated Oct. 8, 2014 by President Yoshinao Mishima was received, informing the Secretariat of their decision of not attending the Annual Meeting and asking for permission for their temporary absence from AEARU membership.

Dr. Sun Wen reported that at the 35th BOD meeting, BOD members have discussed the difficult situation Tokyo Tech is facing. She reminded representatives to refer to Clause 3.8 of AEARU Constitution-membership obligations for this issue. She continued to report that at the 35th BOD meeting, BOD members clarified the latest AEARU activity hosted by Tokyo Tech-summer camp in 2012. BOD members suggested amending the Clause since there is no regulation about leave of absence. She stated that the Secretariat will put the suggestions in record and inform Tokyo Tech of the comments from BOD members.

2. Preparation of standard AEARU logos

Dr. Sun Wen stated that the Secretariat worked with a qualified design company to prepare the vector graph of AEARU logo, i.e., to standardize it because during the preparation for the AGM &BOD, the Secretariat found that there were no high-resolution files of AEARU logos, so in order to facilitate preparation of future meetings, the Secretariat contacted a local design company and produced the logos. The files will be uploaded onto the AEARU website and be available for downloading by all AEARU members.

The Chairperson said it was a good idea to standardize the AEARU logos and he expressed gratitude to the Secretariat for the contribution.

3. AEARU-LERU cooperation

Dr. Sun Wen stated that at the 34th BOD Meeting this April, we have discussed the invitation from LERU to sign up to Hefei Statement, and the BOD members agreed to endorse the statement, a Press release of AEARU signing up to Hefei Statement on the Ten Characteristics of Contemporary Research Universities has been made on AEARU website to showcase our commitment to working closely with other international academic organizations including LERU. In

May this year, the Secretariat received an invitation from LERU for the first Global Social Sciences and Humanities Meeting at Leiden University. After the invitation having been circulated among BOD members, Tohoku University and Fudan University kindly agreed to attend the meeting. According to the meeting program, the Leiden Statement on the Role of the Social Sciences and Humanities in the Global Research Landscape will be signed by all participating research intensive university networks.

The Chairperson thanked Tohoku University and Fudan University for agreeing to attend the LERU Global SSH Meeting on behalf of AEARU, and he reported that at the 35th BOD meeting, it was agreed by all BOD members that EVP Toshiya Ueki of Tohoku University will sign the Leiden Statement on behalf of AEARU. The Secretariat will follow up on this issue with Tohoku University and report this on 36th BOD meeting.

EVP Toshiya Ueki said he will make a report soon after the LERU Global SSH Meeting.

VIII DATES AND VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

1. The 36th BOD Meeting; Spring 2015, Peking University
 - In conjunction with 3rd Symposium on the Culture of Chinese Characters
2. The 37th BOD & 21st AGM Meetings; Fall 2015, HKUST
3. The 38th BOD Meeting; Spring 2016, Host undecided
4. The 39th BOD & 22nd AGM Meetings; Fall 2016, Host undecided

Dr. Sun Wen reported the decision made at the 35th BOD Meeting about the dates and venues for future meetings: for the 36th BOD meeting, Peking University proposed to host the event on April 11, 2015 in conjunction with 3rd Symposium on the Culture of Chinese Characters. For the 37th BOD & 21st AGM Meetings, HKUST will host the events on December 4 to December 6, 2015. With no comments from members, the dates and venues for the above mentioned meetings are confirmed.

Dr. Sun Wen stated that hosts for the 38th BOD Meeting scheduled in Spring 2016 and the 39th BOD & 22nd AGM Meetings Fall 2016 are to be decided. She reported that at the 35th BOD Meeting, possibilities of SNU and Yonsei University to host these events were discussed. The

Secretariat will keep in touch with the two members for their confirmation.

IX GUEST PRESENTATION SESSION

Speech by Dr. Ben Sowter, Head of Division, QS Intelligence Unit

Topic: Opportunities and Challenges for East Asian Research Universities

After Dr. Ben Sowter's presentation, President Hong Hocheng pointed out two factors concerning the ranking system: how to evaluate the education quality and cost-effectiveness. Vice President Eden Y. WOON asked about the different methodologies adopted by QS in producing ranking in Asia and in the world. Dr. Sowter gave explanations in response.

X MEMBER UNIVERSITY PRESENTATION SESSION

Section 1: Enhancing Undergraduate Education for AEARU Universities

- Executive Vice President Woil Lee of Seoul National University
- Vice President Eden Woon of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
(Topic: Enhancing Undergraduate Education for HKUST)

Section Moderator: President Hong Hocheng of Tsinghua University-Hsinchu

Section 2: A Macroscopic View of Future Research Topics Suitable for AEARU Universities

- President Susumu Satomi of Tohoku University
- Vice President Caroline Benton of University of Tsukuba

Section Moderator: Vice President Liang-Gee Chen of Taiwan University

After the member university presentations, Chairperson Chen Jun thanked all members and announced the adjournment of the 20th Annual General Meeting.

XI ADJOURNMENT