

**AEARU**  
**Association of East Asian Research Universities**

**Minutes of the**  
**Fifth Annual General Meeting**  
**October 28, 1999**  
**Taiwan University, Taipei**

**PRESENT**

Prof. Chia -Wei WOO	President, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Prof. Duk In CHOI	President, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology
Prof. Kenjiro SUZUKI	Chair, Committee for International Academic Exchange, Kyoto University
Prof. Li XIE	Vice President, Nanjing University
Prof. Tadimitsu KISHIMOTO	President, Osaka University
Prof. Hui-Sheng CHI	Vice President, Peking University
Prof. Sung-Kee CHUNG (Chairperson)	President, Pohang University of Science and Technology
Prof. Wei-Jao CHEN	President, Taiwan University
Prof. Hiroyuki ABE	President, Tohoku University
Prof. Yoshiyuki NAITO	President, Tokyo Institute of Technology
Prof. C. L. LIU	President, Tsing Hua University - Hsinchu
Prof. Qingshi ZHU	President, University of Science and Technology of China
Prof. Shigehiko HASUMI (Vice Chairperson)	President, University of Tokyo
Prof. Yoichi IWASAKI	Vice President, University of Tsukuba

**SECRETARY**

Ms. Dana WALKER	International Affairs Coordinator, Pohang University of Science and Technology
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## **IN ATTENDANCE**

### *Hong Kong University of Science and Technology*

Ms. Loretta PANG                      Director of International Programs

### *Kyoto University*

Prof. Muneo TOKUNAGA              Graduate School of Letters

### *Osaka University*

Prof. Toshiomi YOSHIDA              International Center for Biotechnology  
Mr. Kenji FUJIWARA                  Deputy Head, International Relations Division  
Ms. Yoko KIMOTO                      International Exchange Section, International  
Relations

### *Taiwan University*

Prof. Mu-Lan HSU                      Director, Center for International Academic  
Exchanges

### *Tohoku University*

Prof. Naofumi IWATSUKI              Chair, Special Committee of International Academic  
Exchange  
Prof. Yoshio TAGUCHI                  Chair, Special Committee for International Student  
Exchange  
Mr. Yuzo HOSHI                          International Exchange Division  
Ms. Yuki INOUE                          Student Exchange Division

### *Tsing Hua University - Hsinchu*

Prof. Tien-Ko WANG                      Secretary General  
Prof. Hsin-Hsiung CHEN                Special Advisor to the President

### *University of Tokyo*

Prof. Shunsuke OTANI                      Graduate School of Engineering  
Ms. Hiroko TODA                          International Affairs Division

### *University of Tsukuba*

Mr. Koji TSUKAMOTO                      Associate Head, Division of International Relations

## **APOLOGIES**

President WANG Shenghong              Fudan University  
President Ki-Jun LEE                          Seoul National University  
President WANG Dazhong                      Tsinghua University - Beijing

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**I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY CHAIRPERSON**

A. Chairperson CHUNG called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chair CHUNG welcomed presidents and observers of AEARU Member Universities to the Fifth Annual General Meeting hosted by Taiwan University. He welcomed those he had previously met at the Fourth Annual General Meeting in Shanghai, and those new attending this meeting.

2. Chair CHUNG expressed his appreciation to Wei-Jao CHEN, President of Taiwan University for hosting this meeting in the midst of a very difficult time caused by the recent earthquake, extending condolences to the victims of the natural disaster, and praying for a speedy recovery for Taiwan. Chair CHUNG then introduced AEARU's host, President Wei-Jao CHEN of Taiwan University.

B. President CHEN addressed the Members

3. President CHEN stated that Taiwan University was greatly honored to host this event, and also expressed his gratitude to those who had contacted him with their concern over the recent earthquake in Taiwan. He explained that the epicenter was in the middle of Taiwan, so that damage occurred in Taipei was minimal and the Taiwan University campus was unhurt.

C. Tohoku University as the 17th AEARU Member

4. Chair CHUNG informed the Members that according to a resolution at the last Annual General Meeting in Shanghai, Tohoku University was invited to join, and had accepted. He then introduced President Hiroyuki ABÉ of Tohoku University to address the Members.
5. President ABÉ first expressed his honor at joining AEARU, thanking both Chair CHUNG and Vice Chair Hasumi. Tohoku University was founded in 1907 as Japan's third national university. At that time there was no seat of higher education in the northeastern part of Japan. Now much has changed. One of the special features of Tohoku University was that it was the first university to admit female students. The University is located in Sendai, 350 kilometers north of Tokyo. With the high speed rail

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system, time between Sendai and Tokyo is less than two hours, making attending meetings in Tokyo more convenient. President ABE then explained that his background was in mechanical engineering. In conclusion, he expressed his thanks to President CHEN for being his host.

## **II. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### A. Minutes of the Fourth Annual General Meeting

6. The Minutes of the Fourth Annual General Meeting held at Fudan University, October 29, 1998 were accepted as written.

### B. Minutes of the Fourth Board of Directors Meeting

7. The Minutes of the Fourth Board of Directors Meeting held at the University of Tokyo on June 2, 1999 were changed by unanimous decision reflecting a punctuation change in VI (6) by HKUST. Additionally, Prof. Yoichi IWASAKI Vice President, University of Tsukuba requested changes in Section VII, Paragraph 30, which read as:
  8. *The Board reviewed participation of member universities in various AEARU sponsored activities. President and Chairperson CHUNG asked President and Vice Chair HASUMI to encourage Tsukuba to be more active. Vice Chair HASUMI said he no longer knew the president of the University of Tsukuba or anyone in the administrative offices since Prof. Esaki's retirement, but he will contact the new president*
9. After discussion, it was agreed to amend Paragraph 30 to read as: POSTECH  
  
*The Board reviewed participation of member universities in various AEARU sponsored activities. President and Chairperson CHUNG and Vice Chair HASUMI encouraged all members to be more active.*
10. After these changes were agreed upon, the Board of Directors' Minutes were approved.

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11.	It was asked, that as the Board of Directors' Minutes were written, whether Peking University and Tsinghua University-Beijing had "been asked" or had they actually co-hosted a Student Summer Camp. Chair CHUNG informed the Members that the joint Summer Camp had been held. A report was then distributed to the Members.	
12.	President LIU mentioned that the AEARU Activity Table needed to be corrected to show the attendance to the First Computer Workshop held at Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu.	POSTECH

### **III. OFFICERS REPORTS**

#### **A. Chair CHUNG, POSTECH**

13. Fudan University's former President Yang Fujia stepped down January 5th, and the new President is President WANG Shenghong, who, unfortunately, isn't present at this meeting.
14. Seoul National University's former President stepped down, and the new President installed November 10, 1998 is President LEE Ki-Jun, who, unfortunately, is not present at this meeting.
15. Chair CHUNG noted that of AEARU's 17 members, 10 were represented by their presidents and four by designated representatives. The three universities not present were Fudan University, Tsinghua University-Beijing and Seoul National University.
16. At the Board of Directors' Meeting in Tokyo last June, President WOO kindly informed us that his university now provides AEARU Member University faculty with office facilities when they are traveling in Hong Kong

#### **B. Vice Chair President HASUMI, University of Tokyo**

17. Vice Chair HASUMI stated he had nothing to report, but commented on the First Cultural Workshop that was held the previous day, noting that it had been successful. Vice Chair HASUMI thanked President CHEN and Taiwan University for hosting the workshop.

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C.	<u>Secretary A. Dana WALKER, POSTECH</u>	
18.	Secretary WALKER mentioned that the AEARU Website needs to be used more and incorporate more Internet options. It was suggested a Task Force be assigned to expand website and its capabilities when the site moves to the new host university next year.	Task Force TAIWAN U
19.	Secretary WALKER demonstrated how the AEARU Brochure appeared on the Internet with the computer setup that Taiwan University had graciously provided. It was noted that the Directory Links did not work with Internet Explorer, but had worked with Netscape. After much discussion, concerning editing procedure, it was decided that the Internet AEARU Brochure would remain on the AEARU Website for at least six months, with changes and additions or deletions being made upon the request of Member Universities to Secretary Walker. After such time when all Members were in consensus with the content, then POSTECH would assume its initial responsibility to provide AEARU with a printed Brochure.	ALL POSTECH
20.	President Woo noted that the phrasing "Mainland China" should be "Chinese Mainland"	
21.	President Hasumi suggested the correction of the AEARU regional map.	

## **IV. 1998-1999 WORKSHOP REPORTS AND UPDATES**

- A. Student Summer Camp (Topical)
22. "Information Technology in the New Millennium" HKUST, July 25-31, 1999. Report distributed. President WOO commented that HKUST students from the three schools (Sciences, Engineering and Business & Management) were very enthusiastic in organizing this event.
- B. Student Summer Camp (General)
23. "Global Environmental Issues in the 21st Century" Peking University & Tsinghua-Beijing, August 25-Sept. 1, 1999. The Report was distributed.

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C.	<u>First Microelectronics Workshop</u>	
24.	Seoul National University (SNU), October 12-14, 1999. Since no SNU representative was present, no report was available. The Secretary will request a report.	POSTECH, SNU
D.	<u>Second Web Technology Workshop</u>	
25.	KAIST, October 20-21, 1999 was reported by President CHOI of KAIST, who stated that the Workshop had about 25 participants from eight member universities. From Korea: KAIST, SNU, POSTECH; from Japan: University of Tokyo, Kyoto University, and Tsukuba University; from Chinese Mainland: Tsinghua University-Beijing and from Taiwan: Taiwan University.	POSTECH, KAIST
26.	Proceedings from this Workshop will soon be on the Internet.	
27.	Tsinghua University-Beijing was recommended by the Steering Committee as the host for the 3rd Web Technology Workshop in August 2000. The Committee is awaiting confirmation of acceptance from Tsinghua University-Beijing.	Tsinghua- Beijing
E.	<u>Third Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Workshop</u>	
28.	Tokyo Institute of Technology (TiTech) will sponsor this event on November 19-20, 1999.	
F.	<u>Second Computer Science Workshop</u>	ALL
29.	"Internet Applications" in conjunction with The International Computer Congress (ICC 99) and the 5th International Computer Science Conference (ICSC'99), HKUST, December 15-17, 1999. President WOO explained how this workshop has been linked to these two important associations, with the ICC three-day conference and two parallel workshops, one being AEARU. Confirmed registrations as of this date include: KAIST, Kyoto University, University of Tsukuba, the University of Tokyo, Tsinghua University – Beijing and Osaka University.	
30.	President WOO said he would be surprised if less than all AEARU 17 universities were not present at these two important international conferences. He reminded those present of the deadline being November 15 <sup>th</sup> .	





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D.	<u>The Business School Deans &amp; Faculty Management Workshop</u>	KAIST
39.	This Workshop was reported on by President CHOI of KAIST noting that it is scheduled for 2000. President CHOI informed the group that business schools deans and faculty involved had changed thus the workshop was postponed. KAIST is now willing to host this workshop in Seoul sometime next year.	
40.	President CHOI noted that among AEARU's 17 members, some members don't have business schools. President WOO suggested and agreed universities with Departments of Economics are welcome to participate.	
E.	<u>Correction of Activities' Reports</u>	
41.	Prof. Suzuki, Kyoto University, pointed out that report on activities after the last General Meeting cannot appear under the Old Business 1999. Actually, Kyoto University hosted the first Web Technology Workshop in which more than 80 participated from 11 member universities on November 24 and 25, 1998. It was very successful and 14 papers were presented in the workshop.	Kyoto University
<b>VI.</b>	<b><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></b>	
A.	<u>Chair CHUNG introduced proposals for 2000 workshops</u>	
42.	Chair CHUNG noted that Student Camps, Biotechnology, Computer Science, Web Technology and the newest - Microelectronics Workshop - were all going well, and needed to be continued together with the Student Camps.	
43.	(1) Student Summer Camp – General, President HASUMI said the University of Tokyo would like to host this workshop in August. President HASUMI suggested collection of nominal fees slightly higher than HKUST from participants.	U-Tokyo
44.	(2) Student Summer Camp - Topical, President WOO volunteered to host another topical Student Summer Camp since HKUST students were enthusiastic about this Camp.	HKUST, Co-host requested

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45.	President WOO added that the topics he preferred included water and air environmental, coastal and ecology issues that affect all regional Members. He also asked if any other AEARU Member would like to be a partner with HKUST in this venture to contact him.	
46.	It was noted that HKUST had first instituted a nominal fee per student attendee, equivalent to about US \$200, but that the workshop was still greatly subsidized. It was also noted that Tsinghua-Beijing and Peking University had followed HKUST's example and also required nominal fees for their Summer Workshop.	
47.	(3) President CHOI reported that the Third Web Technology Workshop may be hosted by Tsinghua University-Beijing, as had been discussed at this year's Workshop, with a confirmation from Tsinghua University-Beijing expected soon.	TS-Beijing
48.	(4) Chair CHUNG volunteered that POSTECH would sponsor the 4 <sup>th</sup> Microbiology and Biotechnology Workshop next Fall, probably in November.	POSTECH
49.	(5) The First Environmental & Ecology Workshop will be held at HKUST	HKUST

## **VII. ELECTIONS**

### **A. Change in Order of Agenda Items**

50. The early departure of President NAITO of the Tokyo Institute of Technology required a rescheduling of workshop discussion for the afternoon, while AEARU Elections were moved forward to accommodate his participation.

### **B. Election of Chairperson**

51. Chair CHUNG noted, in keeping with AEARU's rotation system among the five regional members, that the next Chair should come from a Member University from the Chinese Mainland, Japan, or Taiwan.

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52.	President Duk In CHOI of KAIST moved that it would be natural that Vice Chair HASUMI of the University of Tokyo becomes the new Chair. President WOO of HKUST seconded this motion, however stating that AEARU did not wish to make a precedent that the Vice Chair would always become the Chair, and thus President CHOI amended his first motion and reworded it as a new motion, nominating President HASUMI of the University of Tokyo to be AEARU's new Chair for 2000-2002. President WOO seconded this new motion. President HASUMI graciously accepted the nomination, despite his many responsibilities which include heading an association of all Japanese universities. No other nominations were put before the floor. AEARU members then unanimously elected President HASUMI of the University of Tokyo as AEARU's new Chair.	HASUMI, U-Tokyo
53.	President HASUMI, in accepting the position of AEARU's Chairperson mentioned how he had become President of the University of Tokyo two and half years ago "by accident" and was pleased that becoming Chairperson of AEARU, rather than "by accident" was "natural". He accepted this position, requesting support, since "I cannot understand all the scientific workshops, but I would like to fulfill my business responsibilities well. I am very honored to be the next Chairperson of this Association."	
C.	<u>Election of Vice Chairperson</u>	
54.	President LIU of the Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu nominated President CHEN of Taiwan University. President CHEN was asked if he could accept this nomination and did so. No other nominations were put before the floor. AEARU Members then unanimously elected President CHEN of Taiwan University as AEARU's new Vice Chairperson.	CHEN, Taiwan U
D.	<u>Election of Regional Board of Directors</u>	
55.	Since the Board of Directors is composed of members from each region, and HKUST was the only university in Hong Kong, President WOO was again nominated and elected as a member of the new Board of Directors.	WOO, HKUST

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56.	Chair CHUNG then noted that to complete the Board that a member from the Chinese Mainland was needed. President CHEN nominated President ZHU of USTC, who was unanimously elected by all Members.	ZHU, USTC
57.	Chair CHUNG then noted that according to the AEARU Constitution, he himself would be a member, as the immediate past Chair, and thus the representative from Korea.	CHUNG, POSTECH
58.	The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:10 p.m.	

## **VI. CONTINUING: NEW BUSINESS**

59. Chairperson CHUNG reconvened the meeting at 2:30 p.m. and, returning to the workshops, summarized the earlier proceedings.
- A. Summary of Workshops for 2000
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| 60. | (1) Student Camp General - University of Tokyo in August                      | U-Tokyo             |
|     | (2) Student Camp Topical - HKUST, requested a partner University              | HKUST w/<br>Co-host |
|     | (3) Fourth Microbiology and Molecular Biology POSTECH in November             | POSTECH             |
|     | (4) Third Web Technology - Tsinghua University-Beijing, needs to be confirmed | TS-Beijing          |
|     | (5) First Business Schools and Deans - KAIST with HKUST                       | KAIST w/<br>HKUST   |
|     | (6) First Environmental & Ecology 2000 - HKUST                                | HKUST               |

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B.	<u>Ongoing Workshops</u>	
61.	(7) Vice Chairperson HASUMI mentioned that the First Cultural Workshop was just held at Taiwan University the previous day, and suggested this workshop should continue. He said the University of Tokyo would host the Second Cultural Workshop in October or November of 2000.	U-Tokyo
62.	(8) President LIU of Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu discussed the importance of Science and Industrial Parks and their relationships with universities. Hsinchu has a very successful Science Technology Park, with total revenue on the order of 15 billion US dollars this year. Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu and other universities have small scale business incubation centers – and many other similar activities in universities in the region. President LIU volunteered to host the First Science and Technology Park Workshop, and asked for assistance from another university. President CHOI of KAIST volunteered as the co-host, with a flexible timeframe of either 2000 or 2001.	T-H-Hsinchu w/KAIST
63.	(9) Chairperson CHUNG returned the Members' attention to workshops for Computer Science and Microelectronics. Prof. Hui-Sheng CHI Vice President, Peking University, said they would enjoy holding these two workshops in conjunction.	Peking U
64.	(10) Discussion on the use of the English language at universities was discussed in relationship to an English language workshop. President WOO noted that at HKUST instruction is conducted in English, yet they still had some problems with students' English language ability. KAIST also mentioned it was having problems in applying English instruction as well as problems with student and faculty's fluency levels.	ALL
65.	Chairperson CHUNG noted that this was a problem for many universities, even while POSTECH was trying to become bilingual. He suggested this problem, including English language instruction for professors - to be Members' homework, and to be reconsidered in the future.	
66.	President CHOI of KAIST suggested the idea of bottom up rather than top down, namely to make arrangements with workshop organizers so that workshops plan their own future schedules.	

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67.	Chairperson CHUNG summarized the Workshops decided for 2000: (1) Student Camp (General), University of Tokyo (2) Student Camp (Topical), HKUST (3) 4th Molecular Biology & Biotechnology, POSTECH (4) 3rd Web Technology, Tsinghua University-Beijing (5) 3rd. Computer Science, Peking University (6) 2nd Microelectronics, Peking University (7) 1st Business Schools, KAIST (8) 1st Environmental & Ecology, HKUST (9) 2nd Cultural, University of Tokyo (10) Science & Technoparks, Tsing Hua-Hsinchu/KAIST (2000 or 2001)	U-Tokyo HKUST POSTECH TS-Beijing Peking U Peking U KAIST HKUST U-Tokyo TS-Hsinchu
D.	<u>AEARU Finances</u>	
68.	Chair CHUNG moved onto the business issue of financing activities. He reported that at the Tokyo Board of Directors' Meeting, the Chair and Vice Chair were to draft a business plan through which AEARU activities could be financed through a central AEARU Foundation. The original proposal from President WOO was that all 17 AEARU Members throughout the five regions to raise enough funds to establish an AEARU Foundation to support AEARU activities.	TS-Hsinchu
69.	Chair CHUNG stated that after discussions with Vice Chair HASUMI, they agreed the idea was good, but perhaps right now is not the best time because of the weak economic situation afflicting all Asian regions.	
70.	The second major impediment was legal barriers. Both in Japan and Korea it is difficult for corporations to donate money to a foundation located outside the country. These problems need to be addressed by professionals in legal and international business circles before seriously considering the foundation idea.	
71.	President LIU of Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu asked, "Where is AEARU located?" Chair CHUNG stated that it moves, going where the new Chair is. It was suggested AEARU should be an offshore foundation, or in Hong Kong. It was decided that experts were needed for advice.	



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	This network would then be able to make many decisions at that level and leave the more important business to the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and other Member University Presidents.	
77.	President CHOI of KAIST stated that the International Affairs Officers could do the preliminary workshop ideas so these can be presented at the Annual General Meetings.	
78.	It was suggested that a forum for the Directors of International Affairs or some other informal interaction mechanisms should be considered.	
79.	President CHOI of KAIST suggested that all 17 Members bring their International Affairs Officers at the next Annual General Meeting. Secretary WALKER suggested an Internet meeting. President WOO said face-to-face meetings were more productive. President WOO added that AEARU could bring all the international offices people together, and they could elect a person from each region to represent and meet to prepare for the Annual General Meetings and Board of Directors' Meetings at POSTECH.	ALL, Int'l Affairs Officers
80.	Rather than wait for the next Annual General Meeting, President WOO then moved that the five International Affairs Directors accompany their presidents at the next Board of Directors' Meeting at POSTECH. The motion was seconded and all members passed the motion unanimously.	
B.	<u>Correction of Numbers for the AGMs and BODs</u>	
81.	President WOO requested that the numbers of AGMs and BODs be corrected on the draft AEARU Brochure.	
C.	<u>Cultural and Humanities Workshops</u>	
82.	Vice President Hui-Sheng CHI of Peking University noted that, with the exception of the Cultural Workshop, all other work-shops were technical or in the natural sciences, with no humanities or social sciences workshops. He suggested more workshops on cultural and humanities, especially in face of the challenge of the next century.	
83.	President CHOI of KAIST mentioned that this was because AEARU was originally restricted to science and technology institutes.	



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84.	President WOO of HKUST who has been one of the founders of AEARU, recapped some early AEARU decisions, stating that at first AEARU was to be an association for science and technology universities. However, excellent universities such as Fudan, Tokyo and Tsukuba were to be invited. Since these universities were not limited to only science and technology, the decision was made to broaden the term to "research universities". Now that we have grown to 17 Members it probably is a good time to broaden some of the workshops to include humanities.	
85.	Chair CHUNG concluded the discussion of workshops by suggesting that AEARU workshops should be of excellent caliber first, and when we have enough resources, it would be desirable to have more humanities workshops in the future.	
D.	<u>Members thanked Chair CHUNG</u>	
86.	President WOO proposed that members thank Chairperson CHUNG on the record for his leadership, and his excellent and efficient conducting of this Annual General Meeting. Members concurred.	
E.	<u>Chair CHUNG made a closing statement</u>	
87.	"Before closing this annual meeting, as most of us realized, despite the rather short history of this organization, AEARU has been moving along rather vigorously and fast – both in quantity and quality of the activities that we are hosting and sponsoring. That vigor is largely due to active participation by all Member universities. All of you. And I'm really grateful for your active participation and support. I would like to express my appreciation to President CHEN and his staff for all the excellent preparations and warm hospitality, especially when Taiwan has been facing problems caused by the earthquake."	
X.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	
88.	There being no further business, Chair CHUNG adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.	