

AEARU
Association of East Asian Research Universities

Minutes of the
Sixth Annual General Meeting
October 19, 2000
Osaka University, Osaka

PRESENT

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Prof. Makoto NAGAO	President, Kyoto University
Prof. JIANG Shusheng	President, Nanjing University
Prof. Tadimitsu KISHIMOTO	President, Osaka University
Prof. XU Zhihong	President, Peking University
Prof. Sung-Kee CHUNG	President, Pohang University of Science and Technology
Prof. Ki-Jun LEE	President, Seoul National University
Prof. Wei-Jao CHEN (Vice Chairperson)	President, Taiwan University
Prof. Hiroyuki ABÉ	President, Tohoku University
Prof. Yoshiyuki NAITO	President, Tokyo Institute of Technology
Prof. C. L. LIU*	President, Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu
Prof. HU Dongcheng	Vice President, Tsinghua University-Beijing
Prof. ZHU Qing-Shi	President, University of Science and Technology of China
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Prof. Yasuo KITAHARA	President, University of Tsukuba

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APOLOGIES

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***REMARKS**

Due to circumstances requiring attention at their respective universities, President LIU of Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu left in the morning of October 19, and President WANG of Fudan University arrived in the afternoon of October 19.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECTS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
I.	<u>INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY CHAIR HASUMI</u>	
A.	<u>Turnover of AEARU Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary</u>	
	<p>1. Chair HASUMI called the 6th Annual General Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Before entering the main proceedings, Chair HASUMI mentioned the Nobel Prize, because this year three of the recipients are from the East Asian Region:</p>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Korean President Kim Dae Jung for Peace and, 2. Chinese Writer Gao Xingjian for Literature and, 3. Dr. Hideki Shirakawa for Chemistry. 	
	<p>As Dr. SHIRAKAWA is an alumni of TiTech and also a professor emeritus of the University of Tsukuba, Chair HASUMI asked President NAITO and President KITAHARA to transmit AEARU's congratulations to the prize recipient.</p>	TiTech Tsukuba
	<p>2. Chair HASUMI, the president of UT and the 4th Chair of AEARU, then opened the meeting. Chair HASUMI noted that at the last AGM at Taiwan University he was elected Chair, and President CHEN of Taiwan University was elected Vice-chair, with both beginning their term as of January of this year. Chair HASUMI also explained that with his assumption of the chair, the Secretariat was transferred from POSTECH to UT and he introduced Ms. Keiko MATSUI, who is now in charge of AEARU's office work.</p>	
	<p>3. Chair HASUMI noted there are three absences from the Annual General Meeting. President CHOI of KAIST, President WANG of Tsinghua University-Beijing, and President LIU of Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu. Chair HASUMI further noted that Tsinghua University-Beijing was being represented by Vice-president HU, and President CHEN of Taiwan University will speak if necessary on behalf of Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu.</p>	
C.	<u>Presentation of Gift to President CHUNG, previous Chair of AEARU</u>	
	<p>4. Chair HASUMI expressed his appreciation to President CHUNG of POSTECH, his predecessor as AEARU Chair, on behalf of all member universities and presented President CHUNG with a commemorative gift. President CHUNG followed with words of gratitude.</p>	

B. Welcome Remarks by President KISHIMOTO, Osaka University

5. Chair HASUMI expressed his appreciation to President KISHIMOTO for hosting this meeting, and also thanked the faculty members and employees of Osaka University's International Affairs Division who have been involved in the preparations for this AGM.
6. President KISHIMOTO welcomed the guests to Osaka University and lauded AEARU on its various initiatives, especially highlighting the successful workshops and the student summer camps.

II. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the 5th Annual General Meeting

7. The Minutes of the 5th Annual General Meeting, held at Taiwan University on October 28, 1999, were accepted as written.

B. Minutes of the 5th Board of Directors Meeting

8. The Minutes of the 5th Board of Directors Meeting, held at Taiwan University on October 28, 1999, were accepted as written.

C. Minutes of the 6th Board of Directors Meeting

9. The Minutes of the 6th Board of Directors Meeting, held at Pohang University of Science and Technology on June 8, 2000, were accepted as written.

III. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

A. Chair HASUMI, The University of Tokyo

1. Turnover Updates

10. Chair HASUMI noted that President XU Zhihong replaced Prof. CHEN Jia-er as President of Peking University last November, and asked participants to welcome him.
11. President XU greeted the members. He added that being president of Peking University is a big challenge, and expressed his hope to learn from the experience of other AEARU members.

2. AEARU Printed Brochure
 3. Request by Kyoto University for AEARU cooperation in the International Conference on Digital Libraries
 4. Possibility of Inviting Kim Il Sung University to AEARU
12. Items 2,3 and 4 were tabled for discussion later in the meeting, and Chair HASUMI went directly to proposals for new activities.

5. Proposals for Additional Activities

13. Chair HASUMI mentioned that at the BOD meeting in June President ZHU proposed holding a workshop on Distance Learning, and also noted that in response to this, President WOO said that HKUST would be willing to hold such a workshop if the field of Online Education were added and if he could obtain cooperation from two or three other universities. USTC HKUST
14. Chair HASUMI, furthermore, mentioned that President ZHU said that USTC would be willing to hold a workshop linking the humanities and social sciences with the natural sciences and technology. USTC

B. Vice-chair CHEN, Taiwan University

15. Vice-chair CHEN first expressed his heartfelt thanks to President KISHIMOTO and the staff of Osaka University for their thoughtful arrangements and also to President CHUNG, the previous chair, and President HASUMI, for their excellent leadership and successful organization of this meeting.
16. Vice-chair CHEN explained that the two member universities from Taiwan, Taiwan University and Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu, have been dedicating themselves to the activities held by the member universities of AEARU. Vice-chair CHEN added that Tsing Hua-Hsinchu and KAIST are planning to hold the first workshop on Science and Technology Parks together and the proposal is being studied. TH-Hsinchu KAIST
17. Vice-chair CHEN added that President LIU had volunteered to do a survey of the tax law of Taiwan and other places with regards to the possibility of establishing an AEARU Foundation. As President LIU had left the AGM that morning due to an emergency situation in his university, Professor HSU will speak on his behalf later in the AGM.

IV. REPORTS AND UPDATES OF 1999/2000 WORKSHOPS AND STUDENT SUMMER CAMPS

18. Chair HASUMI noted that AEARU's workshops and student camps have been very successful and asked the organizers of each of the activities to give a brief report.
- A. 1st Microelectronics Workshop, SNU, October 12-14, 1999
19. Prof. LEE was asked to report for President LEE and stated this workshop, co-hosted by ISRC, had good participation from 13 universities from 5 regions.
- B. 1st Cultural Workshop, Taiwan University, October 27, 1999
20. Chair HASUMI stated this workshop was AEARU's first cultural event and was organized by UT and generously hosted by Taiwan University. The title was "The Problem of Rationality in Asia," and it had three speakers. The workshop was very successful and had many participants.
- C. 3rd Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Workshop, TiTech, November 19-20, 1999
21. Prof. AIZAWA, who was in charge of this workshop, reported that the program included 4 sessions covering all areas of biotechnology and biosciences. There were a total of 81 participants. He added that the 2nd workshop organizing committee suggested young students should be encouraged to participate in future workshops, and for this purpose some financial support was provided. In total, 17 students attended and presented in poster sessions. It was proposed that the next workshop be hosted by POSTECH.
- D. 2nd Computer Science Workshop, HKUST, December 15-17, 1999
22. President WOO noted that this workshop was held in conjunction with the ICS '99, so it is difficult to identify the exact number of participants, however, attendance was good. President WOO added that in the future it may be a good idea to attach AEARU's workshops to other major meetings.
- E. Student Summer Camp (Topical), HKUST, July 30-August 5, 2000
23. President WOO said that he was proud that the students who

participated in this camp prepared a book, and a book for the General Student Camp in Tokyo was also prepared.

24. President WOO added he was happy to see that the organizers of the camp at HKUST were quite critical of themselves and also pointed out which areas needed improvement.
25. President WOO next mentioned that the students who took part in these Students Camps were wanting to form an alumni association, and that it seems that this has been done already. The report says that they have formed one on the web, and to date 43 have joined it.

F. Student Summer Camp (General), The University of Tokyo, August 4-11, 2000

26. Chair HASUMI noted that this camp was very successful with 70 participants from 14 member universities.
27. Chair HASUMI pointed out that camps are very difficult to organize in Japan because of the lack of dormitories at universities.

G. 3rd Computer Science Workshop, Peking University, August 23, 2000

28. President XU noted that the workshop was held in conjunction with the 16th IFIP (International Federation for Information Processing) World Computer Congress, and it was adopted as part of the formal program of the WCC 2000. The main focus of this year's workshop was collaboration in the new century. A total of 23 participants attended from 19 universities and 5 countries. The workshop was quite successful in that the participants could exchange experiences in research management and computer science curricula and explore the possibilities of collaboration in research and education.

H. 3rd Web Technology Workshop, Tsinghua University-Beijing, August 22-23, 1999

29. Vice-president HU reported that this workshop was held at the same time as APAN (Asia-Pacific Advanced Network) 2000. About 30 people from 8 universities attended and had thorough discussions on Internet Technology. Because of the rapid development of the Internet, all the participants agreed that an AEARU workshop on Web Technology should be held once every year for better mutual understanding and cooperation. It was also proposed by the workshop participants that

AEARU should expand the range of members to universities in Singapore, Malaysia, and so on.

I. Workshop Summary Report

30. Chair HASUMI commented that AEARU workshops and student camps are very active. However, in order to make them even better, it is necessary to have a common awareness among member universities about the implementation of each activity.
31. Chair HASUMI added that at the 6th BOD meeting in June it was decided that each of the universities that held a workshop or student camp would put together a one-page summary of the particular activity within 3 months of its completion and send this to the AEARU Chair or Secretariat, who would in turn forward copies to the presidents of all member universities. A proposal for the contents of these summaries, drawn up by the Secretariat, was distributed and accepted. Summaries should include: the workshop title, date, host, venue, the members of the organizing committee, the numbers of participants broken down by AEARU university affiliation, the program, and any other relevant remarks. ALL

V. PREVIEW OF 2000/2001 WORKSHOPS AND STUDENT SUMMER CAMPS

A. 2nd Cultural Workshop, The University of Tokyo, October 20-21, 2000

32. Chair HASUMI noted that everyone was cordially invited to attend this workshop which would be held immediately after the AGM at the Komaba Campus of the University of Tokyo. The theme is "Postmodernism: Its Conditions and Problems in Asia," and there are 7 main speakers. UT

B. 4th Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Workshop, POSTECH, November 24-25, 2000

33. President CHUNG stated that the theme of this workshop will be "Genomics: Investigation of the Genome and Gene." So far 27 representatives from 12 member universities have indicated they will attend. Nanjing University and Tsinghua University-Beijing have decided not to attend, and Peking University, Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu, and USTC have yet to respond. He added that if any of these three universities have interest, to please respond as soon as POSTECH Peking U. TH-Hsinchu USTC

possible.

C. 1st Environmental Workshop, HKUST, January 9-10, 2001

34. President WOO reported that so far 12 universities had submitted HKUST abstracts for 25 papers, with 4 more on the way, for a final total of 29. He asked presidents of schools that have not submitted any papers to ALL encourage their schools to do so.
35. President WOO also noted that AEARU has produced 11 different kinds of events since its inception. President WOO felt that of all organizations of a similar nature, AEARU is probably the most grassroots operated with both faculty and student involvement.

D. 1st Business School Deans and Faculty Management Workshop, KAIST, May 16-18, 2001

36. Since President CHOI of KAIST was not present, Chair HASUMI KAIST reported on the handout titled “Workshop for the Development and Collaboration of Asian Business Schools.” This workshop will be held in conjunction with KAIST’s 30th Anniversary, and invitations will soon be sent to deans of Business Schools.

E. Student Summer Camp - Topical, HKUST (Summer 2001)

37. President WOO mentioned that HKUST has hosted a topical summer HKUST camp every year since 1998, and will hold another one in 2001 in conjunction with their 10th Anniversary. He encouraged other ALL universities to get involved in hosting Summer Camps.

F. Student Summer Camp - General, (Summer 2001)

38. President HASUMI stated that no host has been decided for this student Fudan U. camp and asked for volunteers. President WOO inquired whether Fudan University would be interested in hosting this camp. Since President WANG of Fudan University was to arrive in the afternoon it was decided to ask him then.
39. President WOO reported that President XU of Peking University said he Peking U. will try to persuade him to host the camp.
40. Chair HASUMI brought up the possibility of AEARU increasing the ALL numbers of student camps it hosts each year from the present 2 a year to

3 or 5.

G. 2nd Microelectronics Workshop, Peking University (Summer 2001)

41. President XU noted that they would like to hold the workshop in July or August 2001 and hope that at least two participants from each member university will attend. This workshop is being organized by the Institute of Microelectronics of Peking University. Peking U.
ALL

H. 4th Computer Science Workshop

I. 4th Web Technology Workshop

42. Chair HASUMI asked for any volunteers to host these two workshops next year. President ZHU of USTC offered to host the 4th Web Technology Workshop, and President NAGAO of Kyoto University volunteered to host the 4th Computer Science Workshop. USTC
Kyoto U.

J. 1st Science and Technology Parks Workshop, Tsing Hua University - Hsinchu, KAIST (Date undecided)

43. President HASUMI mentioned that President CHOI informed him that KAIST is willing to help Tsing Hua University to organize the workshop, and that the High Tech Venture Center of KAIST, housing 124 venture business, is expected to react positively toward the workshop. Since President LIU of Tsing Hua University - Hsinchu had to return to his university, Professor HSU of Taiwan University presented a document on his behalf. She explained that the title was being expanded to include the word Incubators and that the workshop would take place in July or August 2001. TH-Hsinchu
KAIST

K. NEW PROPOSAL: Medical Center Workshop

44. President WOO brought up a suggestion that HKUST and Peking University may volunteer to hold a medical-related workshop - something AEARU hasn't done yet - for next year at a medical center which HKUST is forming with Peking University in Shenzhen across the border from Hong Kong. HKUST
Peking U.
45. President WOO added that a medical center today is more than a medical school, as it has basic sciences as well as PhD programs, and is spinning off Biotechnology companies. He asked if the AEARU members would be interested in such a workshop.

46. President NAGAO of Kyoto University said that the medical area is very broad, and felt it would be better to focus the topic. He inquired if the workshop would be primarily concerned with management issues. He suggested a subtitle be attached when a proposal is written.
47. President WOO said his own view is not so much concerned with one particular area, as with what a medical center is today, as opposed to the old days when it was only a medical school with a teaching hospital. He indicated that what he would like is for his people to learn from the experiences of other universities, which have successful medical centers, and generate ideas as to how a medical center should ideally be. President WOO then asked for President XU 's opinion.
48. President XU said organization, including management, as well as prospects in the next century could be discussed.
49. President CHEN agreed with President NAGAO. He suggested the focus could be on education at or the management of a medical center or of a joint venture between a medical school and industry.
50. President WOO suggested that maybe President CHEN should be Taiwan U. invited to join them to help organize the workshop.
51. Chair HASUMI expressed gratitude for the interesting and surprising proposal. He surmised that in the future the word 'medical' may mean something quite different from what we mean by the word today.

F. Student Summer Camp - General (Summer 2001)

52. President LEE said that if Fudan University cannot hold the student SNU summer camp, SNU is willing to host it.
53. Chair HASUMI suggested that perhaps one more student summer camp could be held.
54. President WOO mentioned that if one more camp is to be held it should be a topical one, so as not compete with one another.

VI. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 6TH BOD

A. AEARU Printed Brochure

55. Chair HASUMI asked everyone to look at AEARU's new printed

brochure. He said it was decided at the 6th BOD that an updated brochure will be printed about once every 3 years. He asked for and received approval for updating AEARU brochure every 3 years.

56. Chair HASUMI expressed AEARU's thanks to President CHUNG of BOD POSTECH for kindly covering the cost of printing 1000 copies of the brochure this time. He then suggested that the details of how to work out the expenses in printing the next edition of the brochure should be considered at the BOD in the Spring of 2001.

B. AEARU's Cooperation with Other Organizations

57. Chair HASUMI commented that, Kyoto University had asked AEARU for cooperation with its International Conference on Digital Libraries, and it was decided to determine AEARU's response to this request at the 6th BOD and report on it at the AGM. He pointed out there is no problem if there is enough time to discuss such requests and vote on them, but not all requests allow ample time to respond. So, he next moved to propose how AEARU should deal with such requests for cooperation.

58. Chair HASUMI first stated that if some organization would like to cooperate with AEARU, in principle, such requests will be deliberated on at the AGM, but when there is not ample time to discuss such a request at a general meeting, it will be deliberated and voted on at a Board Meeting and reported at the General Meeting directly thereafter. However, when there is not ample time to deliberate on a request at a Board Meeting, the Board members will discuss by letter, telephone, or e-mail, vote on it, and then report the decision at the Board Meeting and the General Meeting directly thereafter. ALL

59. President WOO suggested to attach the qualification that if the Board votes unanimously the proposal will be accepted. However, if the vote is not unanimous, all member universities should be contacted by e-mail and asked for a response within one week, then the Board should vote again. The vote does not have to be unanimous in the end, but at least there would be one round of discussion.

60. Chair HASUMI thanked President WOO for his suggestion, and asked for any opinions. Since there were no further comments, Chair HASUMI declared the proposal approved with the one modification.

C. Possibility of Inviting Kim Il Sung University to AEARU

61. Chair HASUMI stated that AEARU has not decided to invite Kim Il Sung as an official member of the association, but is very interested in knowing more about Kim Il Sung University. Chair HASUMI asked President ZHU of USTC if he had some information.
62. President ZHU stated that he asked the Academy of Sciences of North Korea to contact Kim Il Sung University as USTC has some official ties with the Academy. Subsequently, USTC received a fax from the Academy saying it will send information about the university, however, such information has yet to be received. President ZHU said, if necessary, he can get in touch with the Academy again. USTC
63. President ZHU also indicated that in a fax of August 12, the Academy asked that the University of Technology of North Korea also be considered. He added that the fax also included an invitation to AEARU to send a delegation to visit the Academy.
64. President CHUNG gave a brief history of Kim Il Sung University stating that it was founded in 1946, at first with 7 faculties. Subsequently, several faculties were spun off as a separate university, and therefore at the moment, Kim Il Sung University has only two faculties comprising natural sciences and humanities and social sciences. The engineering program of Kim Il Sung University became Kim Chaek University of Technology.
65. President CHUNG added that a faculty member of POSTECH who has visited Kim Chaek University of Technology in Pyongyang requested information about both Kim Chaek University and Kim Il Sung University. He was told that the requested information will be collected and mailed to POSTECH through the proper channels, but so far nothing has been received yet. President CHUNG suggested that AEARU wait a little bit longer before making any decision. POSTECH
66. President WOO stated that AEARU should strictly make membership decisions based on whether the level of research is suitable to what would be considered a leading research university in East Asia and should avoid any political elements in inviting universities to join AEARU.
67. Chair HASUMI agreed with President WOO and stated that for now no invitation would be given and that AEARU will wait for other more precise information to be reported at the BOD.

D. Proposals for Additional Activities

- Distance/On-line Education

68. Chair HASUMI mentioned that at the Board meeting in June there was a proposal about holding these two new workshops. He asked for any opinions, suggestions, or comments.
69. President NAGAO commented from his experiment within Kyoto University and the University of California Los Angeles that on-line education is quite exciting for both teachers and students, but that there are many difficult problems. He said it is a matter requiring deeper discussion.
70. Chair HASUMI commented that distance learning or on-line education is very exciting but very expensive. Moreover, while easy to conduct within Asia, the time differences between the US, Japan and Europe make it difficult to arrange.
71. President WOO commented that on-line education can cause lots of concern for universities especially, as an overwhelming commercial interest seems to be taking over because of the high investment required. He wondered if universities shouldn't be uniting to take the lead and suggested that AEARU look into this subject perhaps by forming a committee.
72. President NAGAO proposed that if there are some universities ALL interested in this kind of experiment, they should try to contact each other and discuss what can be done. If various trials are realizable, then they should be discussed at the next AGM. He felt the topic wasn't quite ready for discussion in this setting.
73. Chair HASUMI thanked the two and said AEARU should study how to make effective on-line education or distance learning possible.
74. The meeting adjourned for a photo session and lunch at 11:50 a.m.

VII. FINANCES – AEARU's Future

75. Chair HASUMI reconvened the meeting at 2:20 p.m.
76. Chair HASUMI stated that at the 5th General Meeting, it was reported

that it will be difficult to establish an AEARU Foundation because of the current economic situation and legal problems in each country. He added that President LIU was supposed to investigate the Taiwan tax law as Taiwan might be the most appropriate place to set up an AEARU Foundation.

77. Professor HSU presented the message left by President LIU. She stated that under Taiwanese tax law, the tax deductible amount of money which an individual or corporate organization can donate to a university is unlimited.
78. Professor HSU then stated the second point of President LIU's report is that under Taiwan tax law any individual or corporate organization can donate money to a non-profit organization that has been approved in advance at either the central or local government level. Individuals or corporate organizations that donate money to a non-profit organization are eligible to claim a tax benefit of no more than 20% of the total income of an individual or no more than 10% of the turnover of a corporate organization.
79. However, Prof. HSU stated that in her discussion with President LIU about this matter, they felt that since foreign investors would probably not be able to enjoy the tax shelter in Taiwan, the issue requires more study.
80. Professor HSU said President LIU had promised to study the matter TH-Hsinchu more.

VIII. DATES AND VENUES OF AEARU MEETINGS

A. 7th AGM at HKUST, Fall 2001

81. President WOO suggested early October as the date for the 7th AGM, as HKUST October 2 will be HKUST's 10th Anniversary and, moreover, there will be a meeting of the presidents of 10 leading universities in China including both the mainland and Hong Kong around that time. He said HKUST will probably plan a one-day symposium of some sort and would like to invite all AEARU members to come to HKUST for a few days.

IX. A. AEARU's 5th Anniversary Celebration during the 7th AGM in 2001

82. President WOO said that HKUST's doesn't yet have any firm ideas and ALL

asked member universities to send him any suggestions by e-mail.

83. Chair HASUMI said this matter could be discussed further at the BOD meeting to follow the AGM. BOD

VIII. B. 8th BOD at USTC, May 2001

84. President ZHU said USTC will hold the BOD in mid-May. He added other members are also invited to come as observers if they like. USTC

C. 9th BOD at HKUST, Fall 2001, with 7th AGM

85. Chair HASUMI stated that 9th BOD will be held in early October along with the 7th AGM, but unfortunately the AGM for 2002 has yet to be decided. He asked if any university would be willing to host this event. HKUST

86. It was decided to discuss the matter further at the BOD meeting. BOD

IX. OTHER MATTERS

B. Student Summer Camp Alumni Association

87. Chair HASUMI noted that students who have participated in the student summer camps generally hope to continue friendly exchanges with their fellow participants on a long-term basis. However, in regards to organizing an Alumni Association, it was decided at the BOD in June that AEARU will provide encouragement and moral support but will entrust the matter to the students and not provide financial aid. He asked for the General Meeting's approval of this decision, and it was given.

C. Web Site Task Force

88. Chair HASUMI explained that at the previous General Meeting the idea of establishing a Web Site Task Force to maintain and supervise AEARU's home page was discussed, but that he proposed at the Board Meeting in June that as long as AEARU's Secretariat is located at the University of Tokyo, its faculty members, and when necessary, experts, could form a Task Force to maintain and supervise AEARU's home page. He asked for approval of this decision, and it was granted.

D. The Nature Yearbook of Science and Technology

89. Chair HASUMI explained that next January, *Nature Magazine* will be

publishing *The Nature Yearbook of Science and Technology* and invited AEARU to submit a profile and that the Secretariat has done so. The printed yearbook will be accompanied by an on-line web version.

X. ADJOURNMENT

90. Chair HASUMI expressed his appreciation to everyone for their cooperation and asked for suggestions, comments, or opinions before closing the meeting.
91. President NAGAO praised the AEARU brochure and expressed his appreciation to POSTECH for its efforts. He asked if more copies could be obtained.
92. Ms. MATSUI explained that 50 copies will be mailed to each member UT university. If more copies are needed, the brochure will have to be reprinted as the total number printed this time was 1000.
93. Chair HASUMI thanked President KISHIMOTO for hosting the meeting at Osaka University. He noted that the next General Meeting is scheduled to be held in the fall of 2001 at HKUST and asked President WOO about his announcement that he will be retiring from his presidential post.
94. President WOO said that he announced his resignation effective March next year. He suggested that those presidents who have retired might want to form some kind of Alumni Club to keep up the friendships generated over the years.
95. Chair HASUMI commented that he will be also leaving his position as president of UT at the end of next March, so there will be a mid-term change in the AEARU Chair. He apologized in advance for any trouble that may be caused by this change and expressed his hope that the same sort of cooperation and guidance that he has received will be extended to his successor.
96. Chair HASUMI adjourned the meeting at 2:45p.m.