

AEARU
Association of East Asian Research Universities
Minutes of the
9th Annual General Meeting
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University of Science and Technology of China

PRESENT

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Prof. WANG Shenghong	President, Fudan University
Prof. Chang-Sun HONG	President, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology
Prof. ZHAN Rong	Associate to the President, Nanjing University
Prof. Yoshikatsu MUROOKA	Professor, Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, Osaka University
Prof. XU Zhihong	President, Peking University
Prof. Chan-Mo PARK	President, Pohang University of Science and Technology
Prof. Un-Chan CHUNG	President, Seoul National University
Prof. Wei-Jao CHEN (Chair)	President, Taiwan University
Prof. Shigeru Sato	Director, International Student Center, Tohoku University
Prof. Masuo AIZAWA	President, Tokyo Institute of Technology
Prof. Hsia-San SHU	President, Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu
Prof. GU Binglin	President, Tsinghua University-Beijing
Prof. ZHU Qingshi (Vice-Chair)	University of Science and Technology of China
Prof. Hiroshi KOMIYAMA	Vice-President, The University of Tokyo
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Ms. Olga LING Secretary, AEARU Secretariat

IN ATTENDANCE

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
I.	<u>INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND REPORTS BY CHAIR CHEN</u>	
1.	Chair Wei-Jao CHEN called the 9 th Annual General Meeting to order at 09:00 AM. Chair CHEN welcomed all the participants to the 9 th Annual General Meeting. He expressed his appreciation to President ZHU and USTC for hosting this meeting.	
2.	Chair CHEN reported that the 12 th Board of Director's Meeting, May 14-17 at the University of Tokyo was cancelled due to the outbreak of SARS. The Secretariat corresponded with the BOD members on issues that were to be discussed at the meeting and details of the correspondences were revised to "Matters to be discussed prior to the 9 th AGM".	TU UT BOD
3.	Chair CHEN noted that many workshops and camps were postponed or cancelled during the epidemic of SARS. He would like to discuss on the rearrangement of these workshops later at the meeting.	
A.	<u>Turnover Update</u>	
1.	<u>Change of presidency at Tohoku University from Professor Hiroyuki ABÉ to Professor Takashi YOSHIMOTO on November 6, 2002</u>	Tohoku U.
2.	<u>Change of the presidency at Tsinghua University-Beijing from Professor WANG Dazhong to Professor GU Binglin on April 28, 2003</u>	TH-Beijing
3.	<u>Change of presidency at Osaka University from Professor Tadimitsu KISHIMOTO to Professor Hideo MIYAHARA on August 26, 2003</u>	Osaka U.
4.	<u>Change of presidency at POSTECH to Professor Chan-Mo PARK since September 4, 2003</u>	POSTECH
4.	Chair CHEN noted the turnover update of Tohoku University, Tsinghua University-Beijing, Osaka University and POSTECH. He welcomed President GU Binglin of Tsinghua University-Beijing and President Chan-Mo PARK of POSTECH. Chair CHEN also introduced President SHU of Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu who succeeded President Chung Laung LIU's position last year.	TH-Hsinchu
5.	President PARK of POSTECH greeted the members and he corrected that he succeeded his position in 2003 not 2002.	POSTECH

II. VICE CHAIR ZHU'S REPORT

6. Vice Chair ZHU welcomed all the presidents and participants to Hefei. He said USTC is honored to host the 9th Annual General Meeting and the 13th Board of Director's Meeting. Vice Chair ZHU expressed his hope that all the guests would enjoy their stay in Hefei.

Vice-Chair

III. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the 8th Annual General Meeting, held October 1, 2002 at KAIST
 - B. Minutes of the 11th Board of Directors Meeting, held October 1, 2002 at KAIST
7. The agenda for both the 8th Annual General Meeting and the 11th Board of Directors Meeting were adopted as proposed.

KAIST

IV. REVIEW OF 2002/2003 WORKSHOPS AND STUDENT SUMMER CAMPS

- A. Workshops in 2002
 1. 1st Workshop on Network Education, Taiwan University, Nov 13-14, 2002
8. Chair CHEN reported that the 1st Workshop on Network Education was held at Taiwan University during November 13-14 last year. It was a good opportunity for scholars and professionals to share their knowledge on applications of network education. Taiwan University received 45 participants including 21 participants from 12 of AEARU member universities.
9. This workshop was very successful and Taiwan University would like to hold the 2nd Workshop on Network Education at the end of this year. Chair CHEN stated that he would introduce the 2nd Workshop on Network Education later in the meeting.
2. 6th Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Workshop, Osaka University, November 21-22, 2002
10. Chair CHEN introduced that the Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Workshop has always been popular among AEARU workshops since 1997.

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11. Professor MUROOKA explained that Osaka University received over 100 participants at this workshop including the active participants, audiences of academic staffs and students. This workshop was composed by three sessions (medical-related research, molecular biology, and biotechnology), with 22 lectures presented by participants from 11 AEARU member universities. Osaka
- B. Workshops in 2003
1. 1st Medical Center Workshop, HKUST/Peking University/Taiwan University, April 16-18, 2003 (Postponed) HKUST
12. Since President CHU of HKUST was not present, Chair CHEN reported that the 1st Medical Center Workshop was originally scheduled during April 16-18 at the Medical center of Peking University and Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in Shenzhen, but it was cancelled due to the outbreak of SARS. He also thanked HKUST and Peking University for all the arrangements. TU
PKU
13. President XU Zhihong of Peking University added that this workshop would be postponed to next year.
14. Chair CHEN suggested returning to this issue later at the meeting.
2. Student Summer Camp (General), USTC, July 13-19, 2003 (Cancelled)
15. Vice-Chair ZHU explained that USTC invited CLUSTER students to attend the 2003 Student Summer Camp (General), but unfortunately, it was cancelled due to the outbreak of SARS. USTC plan to hold the 2004 Student Summer Camp (general). USTC
3. Student Summer Camp (Topical), Taiwan University, July 24-30, 2003 (Cancelled)
16. Chair CHEN reported that the 2003 Student Summer Camp (Topical) was also cancelled because of SARS. Taiwan University would like to hold the Student Summer Camp (Topical) next year. TU
4. 2nd Environmental Workshop, POSTECH, August 26-27, 2003 (Postponed)

17. Chair CHEN noted that this is the second time for the 2nd Environmental Workshop to be cancelled. It was first scheduled in June 2002, but it was postponed due to the insufficiency of papers received by the deadline. Chair CHEN was concerned about the participation of this workshop.

POSTECH

18. President Chan-Mo PARK of POSTECH described that they decided to postpone this workshop to early next year due to the situation of SARS. Since issues on environment have become very important nowadays, President PARK said he believes POSTECH will be able to receive more participants and POSTECH will try their best to organize this workshop.

V. **PREVIEW OF 2003/2004 WORKSHOPS AND STUDENT SUMMER CAMPS**

A. Workshops to be held in/proposed in 2003

1. 5th Workshop on Web Technology and Computer Science, University of Tsukuba, October 15-16, 2003

19. Chair CHEN introduced that the 5th Workshop on Web Technology and Computer Science would be held at the University of Tsukuba next month.

20. Professor Osamu KIKUCHI of the University of Tsukuba added that this workshop would be held as it was scheduled. This workshop would be held in two days: 1) Presentations on Web Technology on the first day and 2) Presentations on Computer Science on the second day. Updated information on this workshop can be linked from AEARU website. The University of Tsukuba has received 32 registrations and they are expecting to receive 40 more from Tsukuba Science City.

U. Tsukuba

2. 2nd AEARU Science & Technology Park Workshop: Business Incubation and Technology Transfer, KAIST, November 20-21, 2003

21. Chair CHEN reminded that the 1st Science & Technology Park Workshop was held at Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu last year and it was decided that the 2nd workshop would be held at KAIST.

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22. President Chang-Sun HONG of KAIST first invited all the member universities to participate this workshop. The theme of this workshop is “Technology Commercialization through Cooperation among East-Asian Universities & Industries”. This workshop consists two parts:

- 1) case studies on successful business incubation and technology transfer, and 2) presentation & business talks for technology transfer.
- KAIST
3. 2nd Workshop on Network Education, Taiwan University, December 10-11, 2003
23. Chair CHEN indicated that Taiwan University has received 60 papers including 6 papers from 10 participants from Nanjing University, Peking University, and Osaka University. Taiwan University would like to receive more participants from our member universities.
- TU
24. Chair CHEN concluded that there would be three more workshops by the end of 2003: the 5th Workshop on Web Technology and Computer Science at Tsukuba University, the 2nd Science & Technology Park Workshop at KAIST and the 2nd Workshop on Network Education at Taiwan University.
- B. Workshops to be held in/proposed in 2004
1. International Conference on Traditions of Controversy East & West, Taiwan University/International Association for the Study of Controversies (IASC), April 1-4, 2004 (Postponed)
25. Chair CHEN mentioned that IASC, the co-organizing committee of this conference, proposed that they would like to postpone this conference to 2005 due to the procedure of publishing a book series on “controversies”. The complete book series would be published in 2004 and therefore, they would like to have the conference rescheduled after the publication.
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IASC
26. Professor Hsiou-Wei LIN, executive Secretary of AEARU Secretariat, added that IASC contacted Taiwan University that they would like to postpone this conference not only because of the preparation for the publication, but also because they required more time to obtain financial supports.
2. International Symposium on BioSystems, KAIST, August 26-28, 2004
- KAIST
27. President HONG introduced that KAIST established the Department of BioSyttems in 2002. BioSystems Department focuses on interdisciplinary education for BioInformatics, BioElectronics, and BioMEMS. This symposium is designed for presentation on recent research results, panel discussion on efficient multidisciplinary education

on BioSystems and discussion on future directions on BioSystems. The construction of the new building of the department is almost finished and he would like to invite all the members to join this symposium. KAIST

3. Student Summer Camp (General)

28. President CHEN restated that the 2004 Student Summer Camp (General) would be held at the University of Science and Technology of China. USTC

4. Student Summer Camp (Topical)

29. The 2004 Student Summer Camp (Topical) would be held at Taiwan University. TU

5. 7th Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Workshop, Tsinghua University, Beijing, 2004

30. Chair CHEN noted that the 6th Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Workshop was held at Osaka University last year and it was decided that the 7th Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Workshop would be held at Tsinghua University, Beijing. TH-Beijing

31. President GU Binglin of Tsinghua University-Beijing announced that this workshop might be held in June, 2004.

32. Chair CHEN confirmed with member universities on workshops to be held in the future. President XU reminded that the 1st Workshop on Medical Center will also be rescheduled to 2004.

VI. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 8TH AGM

A. Proposal of inviting CLUSTER students to AEARU's Student Summer Camps in the future

33. President CHEN described that USTC invited CLUSTER students to attend the 2003 Student Summer Camp General, but unfortunately, the camp was cancelled. He would like to know if CLUSTER students would still be invited to future AEARU student summer camps. CLUSTER
USTC

34. Vice Chair ZHU indicated that the 2003 Student Summer Camp (General) meant to be an experimental camp for inviting CLUSTER students to see if there would be any technical difficulties when establishing links between two associations. Since the 2003 camp was cancelled, USTC would like

to invite CLUSTER students to the 2004 Student Summer Camp (General). President ZHU added that CLUSTER member universities are mostly elite universities in Europe and culture exchanges might be beneficial to both associations. USTC would send invitation to CLUSTER for the camp next year.

CLUSTER
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35. Chair CHEN gave a brief introduction on CLUSTER to the members. CLUSTER, the Consortium Linking Universities of Science and Technology for Education and Research, is an organization comprised of 11 leading European universities of technology. CLUSTER has expressed their interests in creating links with AEARU several times in the past years. Although this proposal has not been very favorable among AEARU member universities in the past, it might still be a good start to begin the cooperation by inviting their students to AEARU student summer camp.

VII. AEARU BROCHURE

A. Things has been carried out by the Secretariat since the previous AGM

36. Professor LIN reported that the layout of the 2003 brochure is similar to the previous version which and includes a brief introduction of AEARU, description of each member universities as well as the contact address of all the members. The Secretariat has also uploaded the complete brochure on-line at the AEARU homepage.

Secretariat

B. Things will be carried out after the 9th AGM

37. The edited 1st draft was sent to the member universities and the Secretariat would like to receive the revised 1st draft 10 days after the 9th AGM. The revised 2nd draft would be returned to the members by mid-October.

C. Budget

38. The budget of the brochure is approximately US\$2.27 per brochure.
For example: Taiwan University-100 copies x US\$2.27 = US\$227.14

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Regarding the next term's Chair, Vice-Chair and BOD Members

39. Chair CHEN said that his term as the chair of AEARU will be ended in December and it is time to elect for next term's Chair, Vice-Chair and BOD Members.

BOD

40. Chair CHEN suggested that according to the tradition, next term's Chair should be the President of a university from mainland China. Chair Chen asked for nominations for the next term's Chair, Vice-Chair and BOD Members. Chair
41. President Hsia-San SHU of Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu nominated Vice-Chair ZHU as next Chair. President WANG Shenghong of Fudan University seconded this motion. All the members unanimously elected Vice-Chair ZHU of USTC as AEARU's new Chair for 2004-2005. Vice-Chair
42. Chair CHEN explained that under the rotation system among the five regions, next term's Vice-Chair should be the president of a university from either Hong Kong or Korea. TH-Hsinchu
USTC
43. President Masuo AIZAWA of Tokyo Institute of Technology nominated President HONG of KAIST to serve as next term's Vice-Chair. President HONG stated that instead of himself, he would like to nominate President Un-Chan CHUNG of Seoul National University.
44. President CHUNG expressed that since he is a newcomer to the AEARU meeting, it might not be appropriate for him to be nominated. He would also like to nominate President HONG for next year's Vice-Chair. President SHU seconded President CHUNG's nomination and all the members unanimously elected President HONG of KAIST as AEARU's new Vice-Chair for 2004-2005. Tokyo Tech
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45. Chair CHEN explained that AEARU's BOD member is formed by five member university's presidents from each region (China, Hong Kong, Korea, Japan and Taiwan). As it was discussed at the 7th AGM in Hong Kong, the five members are Chair, Vice-Chair, Immediate Past Chair and Two other members. It was adopted that President ZHU will be next term's Chair, President HONG will be next term's Vice-Chair, and Chair CHEN will serve as the Immediate Past Chair. The rest of the BOD members will be from Hong Kong and Japan. Since HKUST is the only member university from Hong Kong Region, President CHU will remain on the Board representing Hong Kong. Chair
46. President AIZAWA asked Professor. Hiroshi KOMIYAMA of the University of Tokyo if President SASAKI has made any comment on the nomination of the president from Japan region. UT

47. President CHEN reported that according to the “Report on Matters to be discussed prior to the 9th AGM”, UT suggested that they would discuss with member universities from Japan on this matter. Professor. KOMIYAMA responded that UT would like to nominate the new president of Kyoto University as the BOD member representing Japan. President AIZAWA seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The new president of Kyoto University was unanimously elected as a new member of the Board of Directors. Tokyo Tech
48. Chair CHEN added that he received a message from Vice-President of Kyoto University, Professor Kohei SHIOTA that he was unable to attend the meeting due to the delay of his flight. Kyoto U.
- B. Methods to promote and raise workshop participation
49. Chair CHEN described that as it was previously discussed that some of the workshops had difficulties on receiving participants such as the 2nd Environmental Workshop host by POSTECH. POSTECH
50. President PARK responded that the new Vice-President of POSTECH is the director of the environmental department and they would indeed try their best to make it a successful workshop. President PARK mentioned that the idea of funding for the workshop might be beneficial as to raise participation. POSTECH would consider other methods to raise the participation of the workshop.
51. President SHU added that perhaps each university should designate a person in charge to coordinate with the organizing committee of the host university as to promote the workshop. TH-Hsinchu
52. Chair CHEN explained that the workshop on Molecular Biology and Biotechnology has a working group that is formed by the former hosts and participants who have attended this workshop many times. Members of the working group would discuss on the date and venue of the next workshop and other problems that was raised at the workshop. Chair CHEN commented that perhaps this workshop would be a good example to evaluate and improve AEARU workshops.
53. President XU said PKU organized a net meeting during the epidemic of SARS and he suggested that this technology could possibly apply to AEARU future meetings or workshops. PKU

C. Requests from other universities to join AEARU

54. Chair CHEN reported that the Secretariat received letters from Hanseo University (Korea) and Korea University on joining AEARU. Chair CHEN inquired if the number of the members should be increased. Chair CHEN also asked about the academic status of Hanseo University and Korea University. Chair
55. President PARK responded that he has not heard anything about Hanseo University, but they did not attend the bimonthly gathering for the research universities in Korea, which most of the Korean leading universities attend. President CHUNG added that perhaps it is inappropriate for Hanseo University to join AEARU. POSTECH
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56. President HONG commented that it is very important to determine whether new members would be acceptable before deciding which university is qualified to join AEARU. If admitting new member universities is acceptable, what will be the quota for the new members. KAIST
57. Professor KOMIYAMA added that UT also received contact from Kyushu University that they would like to join AEARU. UT
58. Chair CHEN agreed with President HONG that it is necessary to decide whether the number of the members should be expended or not.
59. President HONG emphasized that the following three issues should be decided at today's meeting. First, whether AEARU would like to expend its membership. Second, what would be the quota for new members. Third, what would be the procedure for the nomination. KAIST
60. President SHU pointed out the number of the universities is very large and the criteria should not be requests from university who wish to join AEARU. President SHU expressed that the current number of the members, seventeen, is a manageable size that is a good number for the membership. President HONG supported President SHU's suggestion and he said perhaps new member need to be invited by AEARU. TH-Hsinchu
61. Chair CHEN commented to remain the membership for now.

D. Cooperation with CESAER

62. Chair CHEN explained that besides requests from universities on creating links with AEARU, the Secretariat also received contact from the Conference of European Schools for Advanced Engineering Education and Research (CESAER). On their letter, they expressed that they would like to invite President HONG to attend CESAER's General Assembly in Lyon, France in late October. At the meeting, they would like President HONG to deliver a short presentation on AEARU. KAIST
CESAER
63. President HONG responded that he was invited by CESAER to their meeting in October, but he has not replied CESAER yet on whether he will be able to attend this meeting or not. He will contact CESAER on the details after returning to KAIST.

IX. DATES AND VENUES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

A. 14th BOD in 2004, HKUST

64. Professor LIN informed that HKUST expressed their willingness to hold this meeting next year and they would provide more information at the meeting. HKUST
65. Chair CHEN suggested discussing this matter later at the 13th Board of Directors' Meeting after President CHU's arrival.

B. 10th AGM in 2004

66. Chair CHEN indicated that the 10th AGM will be held at Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu.
67. President SHU introduced that they would like to bring all the participants to Hsinchu because it is a very interesting place especially in technology field. They would like to arrange sign up tour to Tsing Hua University, Chiao Tung University, the Science Park, and the Industrial Technology Research Institute. President SHU added that they would also like to cooperate with Taiwan University on arranging the actual meeting in Chi-Tou and perhaps arranging a trip to the Sun Moon Lake after the meeting. TH-Hsinchu

C. 15th BOD in 2004

68. Chair CHEN noted that the 15th BOD would also be held by Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu. TH-Hsinchu
69. President ZHU asked about the schedule for the 10th AGM. President SHU responded that it is now scheduled during September 19-22. USTC
70. President ZHU indicated that early September is usually a busy month for most of the presidents. He prefer to have the meeting scheduled either at the end of September or early October since universities in China has a ten days holiday in early October. President WANG agreed with President ZHU's suggestion. President SHU stated that they would rearrange the schedule to either the end of September or early October. Fudan U.

X. ADJOURNMENT

71. Chair CHEN asked for further suggestions and he expressed his appreciation to everyone for their cooperation. Chair
72. Chair CHEN indicated that the Secretariat will prepare a draft of the meeting minutes and it will send it to all the members.
73. Chair CHEN noted that it is the second year of his term to Chair AEARU and the Secretariat will shift to USTC next year. He thanked all the members for their support and assistance.
74. Chair CHEN mentioned that on November 15, Taiwan University will celebrate its 75th anniversary and there will be an "International Conference on the Development of Higher Education in the 21st Century" during November 13-14 as part of the celebration. President CHEN expressed that he is looking forward to meeting some of the members in Taiwan. TU
75. Chair CHEN adjourned the meeting at 10:10 AM.