

# **AEARU 11<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**August 7-9, 2005, Shanghai, China**

**Fudan University**

## **PRESENT**

Prof. Shenghong Wang	President, Fudan University
Prof. Yuk-Shee Chan	Vice-President, Hong Kong Univ. of Science & Tech.
Prof. Robert B. Laughlin	President, KAIST
Prof. Kojiro Irikura	Executive Vice President, Kyoto University
Prof. Rong Zhang	Vice-President, Nanjing University
Prof. Yukichi Umakoshi	Vice-President, Osaka University
Prof. Zhihong Xu	President, Peking University
Prof. Chan-Mo Park	President, POSTECH
Prof. Ho-In Lee	Vice-President, Seoul National University
Prof. Tzong-Ho Bau	Vice-President, Taiwan University
Prof. Binglin Gu	President, Tsinghua University-Beijing
Prof. Hsia-San Shu	President, Tsinghua University-Hsinchu
Prof. Yasutake Iguchi	Dean of Graduate School of Engineering, Tohoku Uni.
Prof. Yutaka Kirino	Executive Vice-President, the University of Tokyo
Prof. Masuo Aizawa	President, Tokyo Institute of Technology
Prof. Yoichi Iwasaki	President, University of Tsukuba
Prof. Qingshi Zhu	President, University of Science & Tech. of China

## **SECRETARY**

Mr. Zhou Zhengkai      AEARU Secretariat, Deputy Director of International Office, USTC

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

### **Fudan University**

Prof. Yinzhang Chen      Director, International Office  
Ms. Ann Wenqing Tang      Director Assistant, International Office

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

Ms Serena CHAN      University Development Officer, International

### **Kyoto University**

Dr. Toshio Yokoyama      Vice President  
Mr. Satoru Endo      Director, International Affairs Division

### **Nanjing University**

Dr. Cong Cong      Deputy Director, International Office

### **Osaka University**

Mr. Masao Tsukamoto      Head of International Affairs Division

### **Peking University**

Dr. Yansong Li Director, International Office

**Pohang University of Science & Technology**

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Ms. Jung-Hee Yang Manager, International Affairs

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**Tsinghua University-Hinchi**

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Prof. David Hsiao-Wei Chiang Director, Academic Cooperation

**Tohoku University**

Mr. Hideaki Hirayama Director, International Exchange Division

**The University of Tokyo**

Prof. Kazuhiko Takeuchi Director, Division for International Relations

Mr. Koichi Fukui Representative, Beijing Office

Mr. Jin Fei Representative, Beijing Office

Mr. Yoshihiro Miyoshi Deputy Representative, Beijing Office

Mr. Li Wei Representative Assistant, Beijing Office

**Tokyo Institute of Technology**

Dr. Akira Aoki Chief

Dr. Nobuhisa Osaku Chief

**University of Tsukuba**

Mr. Satoshi Tsuzuki Head, Division of International Affairs

**University of Science and Technology of China**

Dr. Zhang Mengping Director of International Office

**MEETING MINUTES**

President Shenghong WANG of Fudan University extended his warmest welcome and paid his highest respect to the participants. In his remarks he said it was the second time that Fudan University has hosted the AGM and noted that the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AEARU coincided with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fudan University. He reflected on the 100 year's history of the university and its development over the years. Fudan University has a student population of 30,000 and over 2,100 teaching faculty.

Chairperson Qingshi ZHU thanked the speaker and congratulated Fudan University on its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. He also expressed his appreciation to Fudan University for hosting the AGM.

## **I. TURNOVER UPDATE**

Chairperson Qingshi ZHU informed attendees of the change in presidency at the University of Tokyo from President Takeshi SASAKI to President Hiroshi KOMIYAMA. He then invited Executive Vice President Yutaka KIRINO of University of Tokyo to give a brief introduction of President KOMIYAMA.

Chairperson Qingshi ZHU also informed attendees of the change in presidency at Taiwan University from President Wei-Jao CHEN to President Si-Chen LEE and read a brief biography of President Si-Chen LEE. He then invited the Vice President of Taiwan University to give a brief address on behalf of President Si-Chen LEE.

Certificates of appreciation were awarded to the outgoing presidents of the two universities and these were received on their behalf by the respective Vice Presidents.

## **II. ISSUE ON THE CHANGE OF PRESENT TERM'S VICE CHAIRPERSON**

The issue of appointing a new vice chairperson to replace President Laughlin of KAIST was discussed. President Laughlin made some brief remarks about his need to give up the position. Chairperson Qingshi ZHU nominated President Park as the new vice chairperson. All members agreed to the nomination and President Park was installed as the new vice chairperson. President Park then made some brief remarks of doing his best in serving the Association.

## **III. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> AGM and the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> BOD meetings were confirmed. Dr. David Hsiao-Wei CHIANG from Tsinghua University-Hsinchu showed photos taken during the 10<sup>th</sup> AGM and the 15<sup>th</sup> BOD meetings through powerpoint.

## **IV. REVIEW OF WORKSHOPS IN 2004**

1.1<sup>st</sup> AEARU Medical Center Workshop, HKUST/Peking University/Taiwan University, Shenzhen, China, April 21-23, 2004

President Zhihong XU of Peking University commented that the workshop was extremely useful. The workshop was postponed from 2003 due to SARS and participants had a lot to discuss.

2.2<sup>nd</sup> AEARU Environmental Workshop, Pohang University of Science & Technology, August 19-20, 2004

President Park thanked all the universities that participated. Seventy-four persons attended the workshop.

3.2004 AEARU Student Summer Camp (General), University of Science & Technology of China, August 11-17, 2004

A booklet on the workshop was circulated before the meeting. No comments were given.

4. 2004 AEARU Student Summer Camp (Topical), Taiwan University, August 15-21, 2004

No comments were made.

5. AEARU International Symposium on Bio-Systems, KAIST, August 20-21, 2004

No comments were made.

6. 2<sup>nd</sup> AEARU Science & Technology Park Workshop: Business Incubation & Technology Transfer, KAIST, November 19-21, 2004

No comments were made.

## **V. PREVIEW OF WORKSHOPS, MEETINGS AND STUDENT SUMMER CAMPS IN 2005**

1.1<sup>st</sup> Students Physical Game-Futsal Game, Tsinghua University

President Binglin GU of Tsinghua University-Beijing said that the Game was postponed since there are only two member universities outside of China Mainland showed interest in participating in it.

2. Students Summer Camp (General), July 24-30, 2005, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Vice President Yuk Shee CHAN said that Participants got a chance to visit Hong Kong and understand its history and development.

3. Students Summer Camp (Topical), August 15-21, 2005, Tsinghua University-Hsinchu

Dr. David Hsiao-Wei CHIANG from Tsinghua University-Hsinchu said that the theme of the camp will be "Impact of Technology on Civilization". The one-week workshop will include two seminars, discussions, cultural exchanges and sightseeing. Sixty students from 17 member universities have registered.

4. AEARU and APRU Joint Symposium on Earthquake Hazards around the Pacific Rim – Prediction and Disaster Prevention, August 31-September 2, 2005

Executive Vice President Kojiro IRIKURA of Kyoto University said that the symposium will be held jointly by AEARU and APRU.

5. 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Web Technology & Computer Science, POSTECH, October 6-7, 2005, Pohang University of Science and Technology, Korea

President Chan-Mo PARK said that this workshop will be sponsored by ITRC and supported by the Ministry of Information and Communication of the Korean Government. Students and faculty will not only attend a workshop but also have the opportunity to enjoy some Korean culture.

6.3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop on Network Education, December 5-6, 2005, Seoul National University, Korea  
Vice President Ho-In LEE of Seoul National University said that preparations are underway for this workshop. A call for papers has been distributed to member universities.

7.2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on Advanced Materials Research, November 30-December 2, 2005, Nanjing University

Vice President Rong ZHANG of Nanjing University said that this workshop will offer a platform for intense and lively discussions on research of material science and promote collaboration among all members. Some famous speakers from inside and outside Mainland China have been invited.

A call for papers has been sent out. A second circular will be sent in September. The due date is October 30, 2005.

8.11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting and 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting, August 7-9, 2005, Fudan University  
Chairperson Qingshi ZHU said that this is taking place currently.

9.7<sup>th</sup> Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Workshop, Tsinghua University, Beijing

President Binglin GU of Tsinghua University-Beijing said that this workshop will take place from September 19 to 21, 2005.

10. International Conference on Traditions of Controversy East & West, Taiwan University

Vice President BAO of Taiwan University commented that there was need for more dialogue on this issue and that this conference will give opportunity for discussions on controversy between east and west.

## **VI. WORKSHOPS AND STUDENT SUMMER CAMPS TO BE HELD IN/PROPOSED FOR 2006**

1. Student Summer Camp (Topical), unscheduled

A call was made for a volunteer to host this workshop.

2. Student Summer Camp (General), unscheduled

A call was made for a volunteer to host this workshop.

3. 7<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Web Technology & Computer Science, unscheduled

4. 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Network Education

A call was made for a volunteer to host this workshop.

5. 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop for Development and Collaboration of Asian Business schools, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology

6. 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop on Advanced Materials Research, unscheduled

A proposal was made to discuss the above activities at the BOD meeting later in the day.

#### 7.Next year's activities

Vice President Yukichi UMAKOSHI said that next year Osaka University will be organizing a research symposium on earthquake hazard along the Pacific Rim.The title is "Global Watch and Environment Impact".This will be co-hosted by the University of California, Berkley and will be held in the San Francisco area in April.It would follow the symposium concerning earthquakes hosted by the University of Tokyo in the year 2007.Discussion will be on how to reduce the environmental impact of earthquakes through international warning network, risk management or industrial sites.Written material will be presented later.

Executive Vice President Yutaka KIRINO of the University of Tokyo would like to propose an international symposium on sustainability science to be held on February 2-4, 2006.If approved,the University of Tokyo will furnish more details.

An integrated research system for sustainability was recently established by the University of Tokyo supported by the Ministry of Education and the Government of Japan.It will include the following five topics for discussion:

- Fundamental technology for the development of sustainability science
- Climate change and energy issues particularly in Asia
- Water and population issues in Asia
- Relation between urban and rural focusing on mega cities in Asia
- Environmental risk assessment including the problem of diseases and many health issues in Asia

At present there are no written proposals but if the university is allowed to organize this event, it will send a summary of the proposal by email to all participants.

The next year's activities were deferred to the BOD meeting later in the day.

## VII. OTHER MATTERS

### A.Next edition of AEARU Printed Brochure

The Secretariat gave an overview of the contents of the brochure in which the 17 member universities will be featured.To date 12 universities submitted information.Those universities which have not yet sent their information to the secretariat were requested to do so soon.Cost per brochure is about 15 yuan or US\$1.85.When the brochure is ready, the secretariat will inform universities so they can order copies.

### B.Issue on KTH's (Royal Institute of Technology of Sweden) application for associate membership

Chairperson ZHU referred to the application for associate membership in AEARU by KTH.Discussion ensued on how AEARU should handle application for membership by regional and non-regional institutions.President Laughlin suggested that AEARU regulate its membership by charging for their brand name and setting a higher price for membership.He added that the increase in membership will give the organization more political power and advised AEARU to think of requests

in creative ways that would generate income. But most of the members did not agree with the idea of expansion of AEARU.

### C.Issue on the next term's Chair, Vice Chair and BOD Members

Chairperson ZHU advised of the need to appoint a new Chair.He further stated that there was no clear regulation that the Vice Chairperson should be the next chairperson but traditionally every term the Vice Chairperson was selected as the next Chairperson.

President Chan-Mo PARK of POSTECH was nominated as the only candidate for the next Chairpersonship.He remarked that to just become the Vice Chairperson then suddenly the Chairperson was too difficult for him and suggested that this matter be discussed further at the BOD meeting later in the day.

President LAUGHLIN suggested that members vote on a proposal to handle the chair appointment by mail ballot in writing so that the appointment can be made later in the year even though there will be no more meeting.

President Zhihong XU said he felt that every organization should have clear rules as to the leadership of the organization.He also felt that AEARU should automatically assume that the Vice Chair should become the Chair.Whether that transfer occurs after the meeting or at the end of the year, both are feasible.He added that if AEARU has clear rules, people will not be confused about what their responsibilities are in such a position.

Chairperson ZHU indicated he was the fifth chairperson and reiterated that AEARU has no written regulation but every term the Vice Chairperson became the Chairperson.This has been the tradition and the transfer should take place right after the meeting. His term ends December 31, 2005 but the three month period is a time for the secretary to transfer all the business from one university to another.

The following two suggestions were made for the appointment of the new Chair:

Members vote immediately

Members discuss and vote by mail

President Laughlin agreed with Professor Zhihong XU that very clear rules are needed and stated that the specific suggestion he proposed was quite legal.He added that the group had a job of making a decision about the leadership of the organization.

The new BOD will consist of five members – new Chairperson, new Vice Chairperson, immediate past Chair. Kyoto University and Taiwan University have been BOD members and they are changeable.President Chan-Mo PARK pointed out that a decision cannot be made on the other board members until the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are appointed.

Chairperson ZHU felt the best solution would be to decide by mail who will be the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson then the BOD members for the next term.

Finally it is agreed that there should be a vote by mail for the next term's Chair, Vice-Chair. And the AGM entrusts the BOD to discuss over the way of handling the vote.

## **VIII. DATES AND VENUES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

18<sup>th</sup> BOD Meeting in 2006, unscheduled

12<sup>th</sup> AGM and 19<sup>th</sup> BOD, unscheduled

These meetings are still unscheduled. President Chan-Mo PARK announced that POSTECH will be celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year and will be happy to host the 12<sup>th</sup> AGM and the 19<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting. The 18<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting will probably be in the early part of next year and the 12<sup>th</sup> AGM and 19<sup>th</sup> BOD will be in the later part.

## **X.ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson ZHU thanked all member universities for their participation and presented a special gift to President Shenghong WANG of Fudan University in appreciation of their hospitality and in celebration of their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.