

AEARU 13th Annual General Meeting
August 22, 2007
Kyoto University

The names of the participants are listed in the alphabetical order of university names.

PRESENT

Prof. CHEN Yinzhang	Director of Foreign Affairs Office, Fudan University
Prof. Roland T H CHIN	Acting Vice-President, HKUST
Prof. Sang Soo KIM	Vice President, KAIST
Prof. Kazuo OIKE	President, Kyoto University
Prof. Si-Chen LEE	President, National Taiwan University
Prof. Kiichiro TSUJI	Specially Appointed Professor, GLOCOL, Osaka University
Prof. Chan-Mo PARK	President, POSTECH
Dr. Shin Bok KIM	Vice President, Seoul National University
Prof. XIE Weihe	Vice President, Tsinghua University – Beijing
Prof. Wen-Tsuen CHEN	President, Tsing Hua University – Hsinchu
Prof. Akihisa INOUE	President, Tohoku University
Prof. Hiroshi KOMIYAMA	President, The University of Tokyo
Prof. Yoichi IWASAKI	President, University of Tsukuba
Prof. Qingshi ZHU	President, USTC

SECRETARY

Ms. Julie KIM	AEARU Secretariat, POSTECH
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IN ATTENDANCE

Fudan University

Ms. WANG Ying	Program Manager, Foreign Affairs Office
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KAIST

Prof. Hyuk Sang KWON	Dean, Public & International Relations
Mr. Im Koo BAE	Coordinator, International Relations Team

Kyoto University

Prof. Shuzo NISHIMURA	Executive Vice-President for International Affairs and Information Infrastructure
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Mr. Ainslie KERR International Affairs Division

National Taiwan University

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Osaka University

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Tsinghua University – Beijing

Mr. XIA Guangzhi Deputy Director, Office of Int'l Cooperation & Exchange

Tsing Hua University – Hsinchu

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Prof. CHEN Chung-Min Chief Executive Officer

Tohoku University

Mr. Hideo KADOWAKI Director, International Exchange Division
Mr. Kazuo SASAMURA Chief, Section of Int'l Cooperation and Information

The University of Tokyo

Prof. Kazuhiko TAKEUCHI Vice-President for International Relations
Prof. Tadatomo SUGA Professor of Precision Engineering
Ms. Toko UETA Staff, International Affairs Division
Mr. Shin-ichi OKUBO Deputy Chief Secretary, Office of President

University of Tsukuba

Prof. Masaki ONOZAWA

Mr. Seitoku MINAGAWA

Chair, Master's Program in Area Studies

Head, Division of International Affairs

USTC

Prof. YANG Jie

Professor of Precision Machinery & Instrumentation

MEETING MINUTES

I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park welcomed everyone in attendance to the 13th AEARU Annual General Meeting and thanked President Kazuo Oike and Kyoto University for hosting this year's meeting. He also asked the members if there were any changes that should be made to the agenda of the meeting.

President Kazuo Oike of Kyoto University expressed his pleasure in hosting this event as vice-chairperson of AEARU and briefly gave a history of Kyoto University. He also mentioned three common characteristics of all member universities: they are research oriented, located in East Asia and have a shared history of using Chinese characters. He thanked those present for their cooperation in arranging the meeting and wished everyone a pleasant stay in Kyoto.

Before proceeding with the meeting, all attending members briefly introduced themselves as some of them were attending the AGM for the first time.

II. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

- A. Minutes of 12th AGM & 19th BOD Meeting; Sep. 27, 2006, POSTECH, Korea
- B. Minutes of 20th BOD Meeting; April 17, 2007 HKUST, Hong Kong

Chairperson Park asked the members if there were any corrections to be made in either of the minutes which were sent to them by the secretary in early January and May respectively. He encouraged everyone to contact the secretariat regarding that matter.

III. REVIEW OF AEARU ACTIVITIES IN 2006

1. International Symposium Towards the Establishment of Sustainability Science; February 2-4, 2006, University of Tokyo, Japan
2. AEARU and APRU Joint Symposium on Earthquake Hazard along the Pacific Rim – Global Watch and Environment Impact ; April 21-22, 2006, co-hosted by Osaka University and UC-Berkeley, USA

3. 1st AEARU Student Physical Competition; July 23-28, 2006, Tsinghua University-Beijing, China

4. Student Summer Camp (General); August 6-12, 2006, National Taiwan University, Taiwan

Since the above four activities were reviewed by all members at the 12th Annual General Meeting last year, it was agreed to start from the number 5 in the list.

5. 8th Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Workshop; November 4-6, 2006, Tsukuba University, Japan

6. APRU Distance Learning & the Internet 2006 Conference co-hosted by AEARU “Technology Enabled Global Knowledge Structuring”; November 8-10, 2006, University of Tokyo, Japan

7. 4th Workshop on Network Education “Digital Archives and e-Learning”; November 16-17, 2006, National Taiwan University, Taiwan

8. 7th Workshop on Web Technology & Computer Science; December 6-7, 2006, Tsinghua University-Hsinchu, Taiwan

The above four activities were briefly reported by the representatives of each host university. More details can be found in the activity pages of the meeting folder.

IV. REVIEW OF AEARU ACTIVITIES IN 2007

1. APRU/AEARU Research Symposium on Earthquake Hazards around the Pacific Rim “Diversity of Earthquake, Tsunami and Volcanic Phenomena and their Hazards”; June 21-22, University of Tokyo, Japan

President Hiroshi Komiyama of the University of Tokyo informed the meeting that 149 participants from eight countries attended the symposium, and that he would like to have strong cooperation with AEARU for future events of this kind.

2. Academic Conference on “Evidence Based Medicine and its Implication to our Medical Practice”; June 22-23, Fudan University, China

Prof. Chen Yinzhong of Fudan University explained that the conference was cancelled due to the small number of participants. If other members would be still interested, he said, the university could try to arrange this kind of conference again.

V. SCHEDULED AEARU ACTIVITIES OF 2007 & 2008

1. Student Summer Camp (General); Aug. 19-25, National Taiwan University, Taiwan

President Si-Chen Lee of National Taiwan University briefly described the program which was being held at the university during the time of the meeting. The results of the activity could not be reported, but he explained that there were 68 students participating, and 40 staff members involved in the camp. According to the president, various programs were offered to the participating students including sightseeing, a dance party and a laboratory tour.

2. 2nd Advanced Materials Science Workshop; Oct. 6-7, Nanjing University, China

Due to absence of Nanjing University, it could not be discussed during the meeting.

3. The AEARU Workshop on “Collaboration among Universities in the Ubiquitous World: Building a Digital Bridge for the Collaboration among AEARU Members”; Nov. 16-17, Nanjing University, China

Due to absence of Nanjing University, it could not be discussed during the meeting.

4. AEARU Joint Workshop – International Collaboration for Asian Sustainable Society; the University of Tokyo, Oct. 25-26 (Nanjing, China), Oct. 29-30 (Wuxi, China)

President Komiyama gave a brief explanation of this joint workshop with Nanjing University. He explained that there would be three parts to the event: the AEARU Science and Technology Park Workshop, the International Conference on EcoElectronics, and the Workshop on Engineering for Resources, Energy and Manufacturing Technology. He then encouraged the members to refer to the leaflet, which was handed out to them at the beginning of the meeting for more information on

this event.

5. 3rd Environmental Workshop; July 18-19, 2008, USTC, China

President Qingshi Zhu of the University of Science and Technology of China commented that the conference would focus on sustainable energy resources, especially on fuel cells, solar energy and biomass. He expressed his hopes that each member university would send delegations to attend this workshop.

6. 8th Workshop on Web Technology & Computer Science; February 27-28, 2008, KAIST, Korea

Vice President Sang Soo Kim of the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology announced that it would be held in Korea from February 27 to 28, 2008.

VI. UNSCHEDULED AEARU ACTIVITIES

No Dates Available Yet

1. Symposium on “Collaborations with Industry, City, and Public”; Tohoku University, Japan

This symposium was announced as a cancelled activity prior to the meeting, however, President Akihisa Inoue of Tohoku University reported that it would in fact be hosted by the university in January or February of next year. He promised to provide more detailed information after returning to Tohoku.

2. Medical Center Workshop; Peking University, China

Due to the absence of a representative from Peking University, there was no information available about this activity.

3. 9th Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Workshop; HKUST, Hong Kong, China

Vice President Roland Chin of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology commented that dates were to be confirmed, but that it would be arranged for early next year.

No Host University Available Yet

1. 2nd Student Physical Competition

Chairperson Park expressed his regret that this had not been arranged by any members since it was first held in 2006. He also reminded the members of the last competition's great success and how students really enjoyed the activity.

President Lee of National Taiwan University volunteered to host this activity and he mentioned that it would be good to arrange it in conjunction with his university's 80th anniversary next year.

Vice President Xie Weihe of Tsinghua University – Beijing suggested to President Lee that a student summer camp be arranged in conjunction with the physical competition.

However, it was concluded that only the physical competition would be held this time.

2. 4th Cultural Workshop

President Chen Wen-Tsuen of Tsing Hua University – Hsinchu announced his plan to hold this workshop next year. He told the members that it was most likely to be held in October of next year and it would focus on Confucianism and its recent developments in East Asia. He then promised to submit his university's proposal for the activity in the near future. He also asked the members for any suggestions or comments regarding this workshop.

VII. ISSUES TO BE REPORTED

1. AEARU Domain Name – aearu.org; registered through Register.com in January, 2007

Chairperson Park informed the members of a new AEARU domain name which was registered in January 2007. He also suggested that the annual fees for the web hosting should be paid by the current chair university.

2. Publication of the 2007 AEARU Brochure

Chairperson Park confirmed that copies of the 2007 AEARU Brochure were

distributed to all member universities in last April.

Then the publication of the next AEARU brochure was discussed among the members. Chairperson Park asked the members to propose any suggestions for the next edition of the brochure to Kyoto University, the next chair university.

3. Constitutional Amendment Clauses 4.5 & 4.6

The amendments to clauses 4.5 and 4.6 of the AEARU Constitution were announced and confirmed.

Chairperson Park explained that the members would only be required to vote for a vice-chair university, which would become the chair university following its 2-year term as vice-chair.

VIII. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON & BOD MEMBERS

First, there was discussion concerning the election of new BOD members from each region.

President Zhu informed the members that his university would no longer be a BOD member after this year. He also added that his university served as a BOD member for 8 years (first as a BOD member, then as vice-chair university, chair university, and then immediate past chair university). President Zhu suggested that now would be an appropriate time for other universities from China to become new BOD members.

President Zhu said that he would discuss the matter with the other representatives of the universities from China and a new BOD member would be selected.

President Chen also mentioned that his university joined the BOD last year and he would also discuss the expansion of the BOD membership next year with National Taiwan University.

In the second part of this session, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology was nominated as the next vice-chair university by Chairperson Park and the other members agreed with this proposal. Therefore, the current president of the

university, Prof. Paul Ching-Wu Chu will be serving as vice-chairperson.

President Zhu explained that, having discussed the matter among the representatives from the three Chinese universities in attendance, they had agreed to recommend Nanjing University as a new BOD member. President Zhu added that he now had to discuss the matter with the president of Peking University, and then with the president of Nanjing University.

IX. DATES AND VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

1. 14th AGM and 23rd BOD Meeting; 2008 Fall, USTC, China

Although USTC would not be a BOD member next year, President Zhu invited all members to the next AGM which will be held at USTC next year in conjunction with the university's 50th Anniversary.

2. 22nd BOD Meeting; Spring, 2008 Undecided

It was agreed among the members that a new BOD member should host this BOD meeting as an obligation.

X. ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

1. AEARU Membership Expansion (Guidelines)

Chairperson Park began the debate by mentioning the nine founding members of AEARU which are Fudan University, HKUST, KAIST, POSTECH, Tsinghua University – Beijing, Tsing Hua University – Hsinchu, USTC, the University of Tokyo, and University of Tsukuba. He also added that the last member, Tohoku University, joined the association in 1998.

The Chairperson then asked President Zhu why expansion was necessary.

President Zhu explained that not all seventeen members of AEARU were actively involved and it was an appropriate time to make a small change in the number of members. He argued that new members are generally active and one new candidate from each region should be nominated for the membership.

Chairperson Park proposed that, at most, one university from each of the five regions of AEARU should be admitted to join the membership. He then asked the other members for their opinions on this issue.

President Oike said that the definition of the five regions was not clear.

Chairperson Park replied that they are China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan, which have been defined as AEARU's regions since the founding of the association.

President Lee disagreed with the idea of expanding the association because he believed that AEARU should first increase mutual cooperation between the current member universities before considering expanding the membership.

Vice-President Chin commented that the objectives of AEARU were unclear. He then argued that AEARU should review its objectives and this would help the association decide whether expanding its membership should be considered or not.

In response, President Zhu explained that the objective is to collaborate and deepen the relationship between top academic and research universities in East Asia.

After hearing President Zhu's definition of the objective, President Lee suggested that if any new members are to be invited, then they should participate in all AEARU activities, but not be given any voting power. He further explained that membership could be granted to a candidate university provisionally for five years to see how active it would be as a member.

President Chen argued that before expanding the membership, the current members should deepen their collaboration through joint research, student exchanges and other activities. He also asserted that if there were no top research universities from the five regions missing from the AEARU roster, then the association should not expand.

Vice-President Shin Bok Kim of Seoul National University reminded the members that AEARU always wanted to keep the association small to enable close collaboration between members.

Chairperson Park then commented that having provisional members would

require an amendment in the AEARU Constitution and it might also offend some of these new members. He therefore suggested that AEARU should invite them as full members instead of adopting such a system.

However, most of the attending members agreed that AEARU should increase collaboration between the current members before expanding the membership. The point was also raised that all members should be more actively involved in AEARU activities.

Chairperson Park concluded that it was not a good time to expand the membership and that AEARU should encourage the current members to become more active before further considering expansion of the membership.

XI. MEMBER UNIVERSITY PRESENTATION

Please refer to the handouts included in the meeting folder for details of each presentation.

1. Fudan University – Ms. WANG Yi, AEARU Manager; “The Establishment of Shanghai Institute of Visual Art (SIVA), Fudan University”
2. HKUST – Prof. Roland CHIN, Acting Vice President; “Reinventing Undergraduate Education”
3. Kyoto University – Prof. Kazuo OIKE, President; “International Exchange Innovations at Kyoto University”
4. KAIST – Prof. Sang Soo KIM, Vice President; “Establishment of the KAIST Institutes for the World Leading Research University”
5. Nanjing University – Dr. ZOU Yajun, Associate Vice President; “Latest Big Issues for Nanjing University” (*Absent*)
6. National Taiwan University – Prof. Si-Chen LEE, President; “National Taiwan University’s Aiming for the Top Project”
7. Osaka University – Dr. Kiichiro Tsuji, Specially Appointed Professor, Global Collaboration Center; “Establishment of the Global Collaboration Center (GLOCOL)”

8. POSTECH – Prof. Chan-Mo PARK, President, “Installation of POSTECH Vision Information System (POVIS) – a PI based ERP system.”
9. Seoul National University – Prof. Shin Bok KIM, Vice President, “Graduate Scholarship for Excellent Foreign Students”
10. Tohoku University – Prof. Akihisa INOUE, President, “A Road Map to the Future ‘INOUE PLAN’”
11. Tsinghua University-Beijing – Prof. XIE Weihe, Vice President; “Developing the Research University through Innovation Education”
12. Tsukuba University – Dr. Yoichi IWASAKI, President; “Past, Present and Future of University of Tsukuba”
13. USTC – Prof. Qingshi Zhu, President; “Snapshot of USTC between 2003 and 2006”
14. University of Tokyo – Prof. Hiroshi KOMIYAMA, President; “Establishment of the Center for Knowledge Structuring”
15. Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu – Prof. Chung-Min CHEN, Chief Executive Officer; “NTHU: An Up-date”

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Park thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the meeting was adjourned.