

AEARU 20th Board of Directors Meeting
April 17, 2007
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

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| Prof. Chan-Mo Park | President, POSTECH |
| Prof. Toshio Yokoyama | Vice-president, Kyoto University |
| Prof. Paul Ching-Wu Chu | President, HKUST |
| Prof. Wen-Tsuen Chen | President, Tsing Hua University – Hsinchu |
| Prof. Qingshi Zhu | President, USTC |

SECRETARY

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| Ms. Julie Kim | AEARU Secretariat International Affairs Office, POSTECH |
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IN ATTENDANCE

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| Ms. Jung-Hee Yang | Manager, International Affairs Office |
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Kyoto University

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| Mr. Masao Tsukamoto | Director, International Affairs Division |
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HKUST

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| Mr. C. K. Yeung | Director, International Programs |
| Ms. Serena Chan | University Development Officer |
| Mr. Raymond Chow | University Development Officer |

Tsing Hua University – Hsinchu

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| Dr. Chung-min Chen | Chair, Univ. Committee on Int'l Affairs |
| Prof. Hsiao-Wei Chiang | Director, Academic Cooperation |

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| Mr. Zhengkai Zhou | Deputy Director, International Affairs Office |
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MEETING MINUTES

I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Chairperson Chan-Mo Park welcomed all members in present to the 20th BOD Meeting. Before he started the meeting, he introduced a new secretary of AEARU, Ms. Julie Kim to all members.

President of HKUST, Prof. Paul Ching-Wu Chu, gave a short welcoming message to all Board members attending the meeting. During his speech, he raised two issues to the members. One was that National Cheung Kung University expressed its interest in joining AEARU. He informed the members that the university is the second largest university in Taiwan. The other was the 5th East Asia Game which would be held in December, 2008 in Hong Kong. He also explained that the organizing committee of this event would like to invite all members of AEARU. Exact date is yet to be determined. Lastly, he wished everyone would enjoy their stay in Hong Kong.

Concerning the membership of AEARU, Chairperson Park added that there was one university in Korea, Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology, wanting to join the association. He also reminded that it was decided not to expand the membership of AEARU in previous annual general meetings. He further commented that the expansion of membership was not something the BOD members could decide but rather it should be discussed during the next AGM in Kyoto.

II. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Chairperson Park explained that minutes of the 12th AGM and the 19th BOD Meeting were already confirmed by all members prior to this meeting. He also asked the attending members to contact the secretary of AEARU for any misinformation need to be corrected if they would find one later.

III. REVIEW OF AEARU ACTIVITIES IN 2006

1. International Symposium Towards Establishment of the Sustainability Science; February 2-4, 2006, University of Tokyo, Japan

It was reviewed during the last AGM.

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, San Francisco, U.S.A

Mr. Masao Tsukamoto summarized the event as a successful symposium.

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

It was reported during the last AGM.

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

It was reviewed during the last AGM.

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

On behalf of Tsukuba University, Chairperson Park briefly reported results of the activity. The activity report in the back of the meeting folder provided detailed information.

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

Chairperson Park gave an overview of the activity to the members. The activity report in the back of the meeting folder provided detailed information.

Chairperson Park explained about one of the issues raised during the conference which was Open Courseware in China, Japan, and U.S.A. He encouraged the members to share their ideas about this matter.

All members lively discussed on this subject.

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

Chairperson Park outlined the activity and more details were provided in the

activity report included in the back of the meeting folder.

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

Prof. David Hsiao-Wei Chiang reported that the workshop was held in conjunction with the Third Workshop on Grid Technologies and Applications. There were 12 presentations and 22 participants from six AEARU member universities attending the workshop. He asked the members to look at the appendix for more details of the workshop.

After the report, there was a discussion on User Created Contents (UCC) among the members. During the discussion, they especially expressed their concerns about an issue that broadcasting UCC with wrong contents would lead to spread of false information on Internet. Chairperson Park suggested that now should be the time to consider about this matter as a current issue of Computer Science and Technology.

IV. SCHEDULED AEARU ACTIVITIES OF 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

On behalf of the University of Tokyo, Chairperson Park announced this year’s conference, co-hosted by the University of Indonesia, would be held in Jakarta, Indonesia.

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

Chairperson Park briefly informed the members about this activity including deadline for registration.

Chairperson Park encouraged the members once again to bring up different topics for a new activity of AEARU as discussed during the last AGM.

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

Chairperson Park explained that this general student summer camp would invite 68 students from all AEARU member universities. The deadline for registration was unknown at the time of the meeting. National Taiwan University would soon provide all members with more information on this activity.

4. 2nd Advanced Materials Science Workshop; Oct. 6-7, Nanjing University, China
Chairperson Park informed the members of an overview of this activity. He hoped that more information would be available by the next AGM at Kyoto University in August.
5. Conference on Mission of Universities in the U-World “Cooperation and Exchanges of Universities in a Globalized World – Building a Digital Bridge among AEARU Member Universities”; Nov. 16-17, Nanjing University, China
Chairperson Park informed the members of an overview of this activity.

Chairperson Park added that this could be a very interesting conference to participate in. He further commented that many countries would like to make a ubiquitous community where people can communicate to each other at any time from any places with any devices.

6. Science and Technology Parks Workshop “The Environment in Asia: Research and Development and Academic/Industrial Collaborations in the Energy Field”; University of Tokyo, Japan (No specific dates)
Chairperson Park told the members that no specific program of the workshop was determined or organized.
7. Symposium on “Collaborations with Industry, City, and Public”; Tohoku University, Japan (No specific dates)
Like Science and Technology Parks Workshop, Chairperson Park said that no specific plans were available at the time but they would be asked to submit detailed information by the next meeting.
8. Medical Center Workshop; Peking University, China(No specific dates)
Chairperson Park explained that no detailed information of this workshop was available at the time and the secretary would contact them to learn more details by the next meeting.

V. UNSCHEDULED AEARU ACTIVITIES OF 2007

1. 2nd Student Physical Competition

Chairperson Park asked the members if any of the attended universities wanted to host this activity. He also asked the members to check with the rest of the member universities if any of them were interested in hosting this year's physical competition.

President Qingshi Zhu of USTC also suggested that since the first physical competition was held in Beijing, it would be good to have the activity in other regions of the member universities besides China.

In response, Chairperson Park said that he would ask SNU for a possibility of hosting this activity.

2. 3rd Environmental Workshop

President Zhu said his university might be interested in hosting the 3rd environmental workshop since there were many groups working on Biomass and its energy as well as environmental related issues. Chairperson Park announced that USTC would be marked as a potential host university of the 3rd environmental workshop.

3. 4th Cultural Workshop

Since the past workshops were done in Japan and Korea, President Zhu suggested that this workshop should be hosted by the member universities located in Mainland China. He also said that it would be interesting to hold the cultural workshop in his region where the cultural inheritance of Ming Dynasty and Tsing Dynasty are remaining.

4. 8th Workshop on Web Technology & Computer Science

Chairperson Park reminded the members that the workshop was held by Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu last year. Since the last activity was held in Taiwan, he told the members that it would be ideal to hold this activity in other regions and he would ask KAIST to host this activity.

5. 9th Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Workshop

President Paul Ching-Wu Chu of HKUST said that his university was very interested in holding this workshop and that he would ask his colleagues if they would be available for carrying out the event.

Chairperson Park asked the members if there were any other topics they would like to have it arranged as an activity of AEARU. When they would come up with one, he said, they should contact AEARU Secretariat.

VI. ISSUES TO BE REPORTED

1. AEARU Domain Name – aearu.org; registered through Register.com in January
Chairperson Park announced the purchase of permanent URL for AEARU website which was included in the brochure published this year. He explained that it would not be necessary to change the URL every time when the chair university was changed. He added that the original cost was paid by the chair university and it should be paid and maintained by next Chair University, Kyoto University for two years beginning January, 2008.
2. Publication of AEARU Brochure 2007
Chairperson Park introduced AEARU Brochure 2007 to the members. He mentioned that they tried to accommodate all corrections of each university. He also told the members that if any of the members find any corrections to be made, they should inform Kyoto University to have right information in the next brochure.
3. Constitutional Amendment Clauses 4.5 & 4.6
Chairperson Park made another announcement on the new Constitution which was introduced in the brochure. He informed the members that until there would be another amendment to change the constitution, they would not have to elect a chair university but only a vice-chair university. He also reminded the members that this elected vice-chair member would become a chair for the following term. He added that this amendment was approved by all AEARU members.

VII. ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

1. Proposal from Nanjing University, China; University Presentation Time

Chairperson Park presented a proposal from Vice President Pan Yi of Nanjing University, which he suggested a session for all representatives of the member universities to give presentations on any updates or changes of their universities during AGM.

Chairperson Park commented that some universities may have changes which could be helpful to other member universities then they should share with others. He also added that it should not be long however.

President Zhu suggested that there should be a time limit of five minutes for each member. He said that only one major change should be presented.

Other members agreed with suggestions of President Zhu.

2. Expansion of AEARU

The members discussed on the possibility of expanding AEARU membership which was brought up during the welcome remark by President Chu.

Chairperson Park said that it might be better to discuss this idea with all members at next AGM and it was decided to add this issue to the 13th AGM agenda.

It was then further discussed on regulations of the AEARU membership.

President Zhu expressed his idea that the membership should be renewed at least every 10 years. He argued that there should be some kind of a mechanism to keep the standard of members and we would need some guidelines to admit new members.

Chairperson Park suggested that there could be several ways to control the membership. He gave a few examples such as limiting the total number of members to 20 or 25. He also added that a candidate university should have recommendations from at least 10 member universities of AEARU. He commented that there should be some kind of a guideline to evaluate a candidate on its research fund, research papers and other characteristics of research-

oriented university.

It was agreed among all members that this issue, too, should be added to the 13th AGM agenda to be discussed.

In conclusion, Chairperson Park suggested BOD members to submit their ideas on creating membership guidelines such as member criteria by the middle of May that would be collected by the secretary of AEARU to be shared with the rest of members at the 13th AGM.

VIII. DATES AND VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

1. 13th AGM and 21st BOD Meeting; Aug. 21-23, 2007, Kyoto University, Japan
Chairperson Park announced next AEARU's AGM in Kyoto. He also mentioned that next vice-chairperson would be elected during this AGM.

Professor Yokoyama said that any ideas to make this AGM better and successful would be welcomed and they should be sent to Mr. Tsukamoto by mid-summer. He further added that he very much looked forward to hosting this great event of AEARU.

2. 14th AGM and 23rd BOD Meeting; 2008 Fall, USTC, China
Chairperson Park announced the hosting university of the 14th AGM and the 23rd BOD Meeting.

President Zhu commented that he was very pleased to host the 14th AGM and the 23rd BOD Meeting in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of USTC. He said that there would be many memorable activities and programs planned for this occasion.

Chairperson Park then reminded the members that a host university for the 22nd BOD Meeting was undecided which could be decided during the 13th AGM. He also asked the members if any of the BOD member universities would like to volunteer hosing this meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Park thanked President Chu for hosting the meeting and the rest of members for attending the meeting.