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FIDIC / ASPAC & TCDPAP International Conference at Seoul, Korea 2008

The FIDIC/ASPAC & TCDPAP International conference on “Role of Engineering in the Globalization Era” was held at Seoul Korea in 22-25 April 2008, hosted by Korea Engineering and Consulting Association (KENCA) in association with the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) and FIDIC Member Associations of Asia-Pacific Region (ASPAC) was joined by Secretariat for Technical Consultancy Development Programme for Asia and the Pacific (TCDPAP). ASPAC had given full support and contribution to the conference.

At the Conference, we discussed the role of engineers and engineering in respect of design, construction and environmental issues and could share our experience and the knowledge.

Technical sessions were the following three themes.

- Solving the Disparity in Engineering Techniques
- Outsourcing: Human Resources
- PPP & Procurement of International Funding

Participation was from various countries, and approximately 400 delegates attended including foreign and local participants.



Opening Ceremony in ASPAC&TCDPAP Conference at Seoul

ASPAC Extra Meeting at Seoul

The ASPAC Extra Meeting was also held during the Conference on 24th April 2008. We discussed our activities in 2007 and our future activities plans such as Open website, Young Professionals Forum (YPF) of ASPAC version, Training of Trainers by FIDIC, and Participation in FIDIC Conference 2008 Quebec, etc.

Participants were ASPAC Executive Committee members, Mr.Akihiko Hirotani (ASPAC Chair), and representatives from the ASPAC member Associations of 10 countries and Dr.John Boyd (President, FIDIC), and Mr.Haque (TCDPAP Chair). 23 persons participated all members.

Participants:

EC-Members:

Akihiko Hirotani (ASPAC Chair; AJCE)



K.K.Kapila (ASPAC Member of Executive Committee; CEAI)

Karamat Ullah Chaudry (ASPAC Member of Executive Committee; ACEP)

Dennis Sheehan (ASPAC Member of Executive Committee; ACEA)

Representatives from ASPAC MA:

ACEA (Australia)	Dennis Sheehan
ACENZ (New Zealand)	Adam Thornton
BACE (Bangladesh)	Mahbub Haque
CEAI (India)	K.K.Kapila
ACEP (Pakistan)	Karamat Ullah Chaudry
AJCE (Japan)	Yoshihiko Yamashita
KENCA (Korea)	Cho Haeng Rae, Myeong Jin Lee, Jiyeon Yoo
SCAEN (Nepal)	Keshab Amatya, Badan Nyachhyon, Tuk Lal Adhikari
ACESL (Sri Lanka)	Kumarasamy Suntharalingam
VECAS (Vietnam)	Le Duc Son, Pham Thi Thu Hang

Secretary:

Masakazu Maeda, Kazutosi Akasaka , Eiko Watatsu (ASPAC Secretary; AJCE)

Observers:

John Boid (FIDIC President), Enrico Vink (FIDIC Managing Director), Subhash Mehrotra (FIDIC EC), Sunil Abrol (TCDPAP Secretary)

Point of the meeting

- Mr. Hirotani welcomed all delegates to the meeting and presented the Agenda for the meeting;
 - Progress of the ASPAC Action Plan
 - Proposed to set up ASPAC YPF (Young Professionals Forum)
- **ASPAC Action plan:** ASPAC secretariat, Mr.Akasaka, explained about ASPAC action plan and how it is progressing. The ASPAC activity 2007 was also introduced, such as participation in the conference held at Lahore and Singapore, and issue of ASPAC regional news, and having some seminars. Based on the plan, ASPAC try to share the information among member associations, so secretariat asked the member associations to cooperate to collect information of each member.
- **DAB seminar in Asia:** Secretariat also introduced future event such as seminar for dispute adjudication Board in Asia. Dr.Yamasita, secretary general of AJCE, explained this seminar in detail. Named to ‘the study on promotion plan of adjudicators in Asian region’ was promoted by JBIC (Japan Bank for International Corporation) and AJCE. Seminars are conducted first in



Tokyo and Kyoto in July, and then in Manila in mid to late August. The result of this study would be reported in Quebec conference.

- **ASPAC YPF:** ASPAC secretariat, Miss Watatsu, explained about ASPAC YPF (Young Professionals Forum). ASPAC YPF is the place for young consulting engineers to communicate and enlighten each other. This rough proposal would be suggested to the ASPAC GAM formally in next Quebec conference. Secretariat asked the member associations to recommend young engineer as a Steering Committee members.
- Chairman informed that he received 6 country reports from India (CEAI), Sri Lanka (ACESL), New Zealand (ACENZ), Australia (ACEA), Vietnam (VECAS) and Pakistan (ACEP).
- **Message from FIDIC President:** Mr. John Boid, FIDIC President, focused that FIDIC have recognized that delivery of the best practices is just as important as putting them together and documenting them. He mentioned that he would support ASPAC because the activity of regional grouping within FIDIC is developing, and becoming increasingly significant. He also proposed that ASPAC has some informal sub-grouping according to different needs, because there are many countries in ASPAC region that are in very different stages of development.
- **Message from FIDIC Managing Director:** Mr. Enrico Vink, FIDIC Managing Director, focused that FIDIC have been expanded the activities in recent times within Asia. FIDIC could expand the range of training programs to support MA. Regarding the ASPAC YPF, this is a logical link between the FIDIC young professional programs. He also pointed out that there was certainly a strong need and demand for adjudication at a more local level and FIDIC will work with member collectively or individual countries.
- The end of the meeting, Chairman thanked members for their strong support. There was a very rigorous opinion exchange and information. Chairman mentioned that we should show the presence of ASPAC and consulting engineers in this region, because ASPAC region was facing very rapid economic development and consulting engineers were riding the wave, building capacity as consulting engineers very, very rapidly.



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Country report from Member Associations and Open Discussion

We are pleased to inform you the activity of our member associations.

CEAI (India) *Consulting Engineers Association of India*

- Mr.K.K.Kapila introduced about training programs in India.
- As far as the FIDIC training programs are concerned, they are organizing one in each quarter and have already lined up the dates and the schedule.
- There are four programs envisaged in the current year for the regional people.

ACESL (Sri Lanka) *Association of Consulting Engineers, Sri Lanka*

- Mr. Keshab Amatya introduced about training programs in Sri Lanka.
- They had successfully carried out two training programs.
- One is on the application of contract, the FIDIC contract documents, there are two seminars which were quite successful already, and also one pending next month is the dispute adjudication and adjudication board.

ACENZ (New Zealand) *Association of Consulting Engineers New Zealand (Inc.)*

- Mr. Adam Thornton introduced the situation of consultant industry in New Zealand.
- They have an election year coming up, and it is that time when politicians for a change want to hear from us so they are taking advantage of that and there are some interesting developments.

ACENZ (Australia) *Association of Consulting Engineers Australia*

- Mr. Dennis Sheehan introduced the strategic plans for promotion of engineering in Australia.
- They are already running a training course on safety and design for their engineers and a contract administration course.
- They have also in plans business management courses, marketing courses.

VECAS (Vietnam) *Vietnam Engineering Consultant Association*

- Miss. Pham Thi Thu Hang introduced the seminars in Vietnam.
- They focus to translate and complete the MTB version of the FIDIC culture and they have been organized some seminar in Vietnam to teach content to member and non-member in Vietnam.



ACEP (Pakistan) *Association of Consulting Engineers Pakistan*

- Mr. Chaudry introduced the Activity Association of Consulting Engineers of Pakistan.
- He also pointed out the problem of the industry in Pakistan such as human resource and because of the oil prices.

Open discussion

- Mr. Subhash Mehrotra mentioned that even though the seminars were displayed on the website of each association, but it will be good for each seminar to communicate with the ASPAC countries. He also focused that ASPAC member need to identify the trainers in the ASPAC regions.

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