

ACECC OUTLOOK

 The Asian Civil Engineering Coordinating Council

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The 36th Executive Committee Meeting in Tokyo on April 15, 2019

1. Overview

The 36th Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) was held at the JSCE Head Office in Tokyo, Japan on April 15, 2019, just one day before the 8th Civil Engineering Conference in the Asian Region (CECAR8) which is held once every three years.

After CECAR7 (held in Hawaii) until CECAR8 (held this year in Tokyo), ACECC had been administered by the Chairs from JSCE, i.e. Prof. Osamu Kusakabe (International Press-in Association) for the Executive Committee Meeting (ECM), Prof. Mitsu Okamura (Ehime University) for the Planning Committee Meeting (PCM), and Mr. Masaaki Nakano (Nippon Koei Co., Ltd.) for the Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting (TCCM). The 36th ECM became the final ECM for the above chair members.

2. Major Conclusions of the 36th ECM

(1) Federation of Myanmar Engineering Society joined ACECC

As the Federation of Myanmar Engineering Society (Fed. MES) expressed a wish to join ACECC, we invited Fed. MES to attend the current ECM as an observer. At the PCM, the representative gave an overview of Fed. MES and it was approved as the 14th member organization of ACECC.

(2) Future Leader Activities

A plan for the Future Leader Forum (FLF), where young engineers from Asian countries get together to share information and best practices and participate in ACECC activities, was drafted three years ago. However, due to the change of the person in charge, the FLF has not held its workshop in the recent ECMs. In the previous ECM held in Melbourne, Mr. Sohail Bashir of IEP (Institution of Engineers, Pakistan) became the new leader of the FLF, who will be running the workshop henceforth. At the current PCM, it was reported that a framework is being considered that can support substantial activities; and such framework may be created by, for example, establishing FLF as a permanent meeting like the PCM and TCCM. It was decided that practical plans including the financial system will be proposed and discussed at the next 37th ECM in Goa.

(3) ACECC Finance Committee

The Secretary General showed the latest data on GNI per Capita for each ACECC member country which is the base to determine the ACECC membership fee. The new membership fee was shown by the Secretary General, and was unanimously approved by the Executive

Committee. The ACECC Constitution & By-laws was revised accordingly. The present chair of the Finance Committee, Engr. Sohail Bashir of IEP, accepted the request to continue his duties until the next 36th ECM.

(4) ACECC Tokyo Declaration 2019

With regard to the final draft of the “ACECC Tokyo Declaration 2019”, it was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee and signed by all the presidents of the member societies/institutions at the presidential meeting held on April 16, 2019 during CECAR8, and announced to the public at the closing ceremony of CECAR8. Dr. Kenichi Horikoshi, the Secretary General of ACECC, explained the details of the final contents.

(4) Technical Coordination Committee Meeting (TCCM)

At the TCCM, the activities of the following 10 Technical Committees were reported, and the contents were approved:

TC-13: “Building Information Modeling (BIM)” – (KSCE & CICHE)

TC-14: “Sustainable Infrastructure” – (ASCE)

TC-16: ITS-based Solutions for Urban Traffic Problems in Asia Pacific Countries (JSCE & KSCE)

TC-17: “Anti-Corruption” – (ASCE & PICE)

TC-18: “Adoption of Standard Operating Procedures for Design, Construction and Maintenance of Long-Span Bridges” – (KSCE)

TC-20: “Renewable Energy for Sustainable Development in Asia and Pacific Countries” – (KSCE)

TC-21: “Transdisciplinary Approach for Building Societal Resilience to Disasters” – (JSCE & PICE)

TC-22: “Retrofitting and Strengthening of Existing Infrastructures” – (IEP & IEB)

TC-23: “Applications of Geosynthetics for various civil engineering disciplines” – (CICHE)

TC-24: “Gender and Development in Infrastructure” – (PICE)

At the TCCM, the establishment of the new Technical committee “ACECC Technical Committee on the guidance of civil infrastructure practitioners in the design and construction of stabilized pavements in the Asia-Pacific region” was proposed by Engineers Australia.

At the end, the TCCM Chairperson Mr. Nakano delivered a management report on the creation of guidelines for TC activities that have been conducted during his 3-year term, website making for each TC, establishment of the Technical Committee Activity Award in CECAR and a status summary of each TC, etc. Thanks to the efforts made by the Chairperson Mr. Nakano, there have been signs that TC activities have become more active during the past few years. ACECC hopes to provide backup, so that the TCs can continue to carry out exemplary activities.

(5) New leaders for the Next Term

Since the next CECAR9 will be held in India hosted by the Institution of Civil Engineers, India, the new Chairs of the ACECC committees were proposed and introduced by ICE (India), and approved by the Executive Committee. Note that the Secretary General of ACECC, Dr. Kenichi Horikoshi continues his duties according to the ACECC Constitution & By-Laws.



Chair of ACECC
Dr. R M Vasan



Chair of Planning Committee
Mr. Rajinder Ghai



Chair of Technical Coordinating
Committee, Dr. Shiv Dutt Sharma



Secretary General
Dr. Kenichi Horikoshi



Chair of CECAR Local Organizing
Committee, Mr. Prithipal Singh

(6) Voting Procedures for the next Secretary General

According to the ACECC Constitution & By-Laws, "The period of appointment of the Secretary General will be six years from mid-term to mid-term of the CECAR. About 18 months before the period of appointment ends, the Chair will invite member societies to submit proposals for the next appointment." Since the current Secretary General started to work after CECAR6 in 2013, his duties will be up to Autumn of 2020.

Based on the above, the voting will be done by the following schedule.

- Nomination started after CECAR8
- Nomination closed on August 31, 2019
- Voting will be held at the 37th ECM in Goa
- After the approval, the transfer of ACECC functions will be conducted until 39th ECM in 2020.

The duties of the current Secretary General ends at the 39th ECM.

(7) Host societies/institutions for the 37th ECM and the 38th ECM

The next ACECC Executive Committee Meeting will be held on September 25-27, 2019 in Goa, India, hosted by the Institution of Civil Engineers, India. During the ECM, ACECC will visit the planned venue of CECAR9 which will be held on September 21-23, 2022.

The 38th ECM was also decided to be held on March 12-14, 2020 in Karachi, Pakistan, hosted by the Institution of Engineers, Pakistan.

(8) ACECC 20th Anniversary

ACECC was established on September 27, 1999, which means that ACECC will celebrate the 20th anniversary on September 27, 2019 during the next 37th ECM in Goa. The Secretary General explained his plan to create the “ACECC Message Book” where a number of messages are collected from the contributors to ACECC, to transfer the history of ACECC, as well as the principles and policies of ACECC to the next generation. The format of the message book was prepared by the Secretary General.

The ceremony will be held on September 27, 2019 hosted by the Institution of Civil Engineers, India.



Greetings from the ACECC chair Prof. Kusakabe and JSCE president Prof. Kobayashi



ECM meeting and the appreciations to three chairs from JSCE



Group photo after the 36th ECM in Tokyo, on April 15, 2019

ACECC Event Calendar

Date	ACECC Event Calendar	2019.08.27 version
Sep. 25-27, 2019	ACECC 37th Executive Committee Meeting (with the celebration of the ACECC 20th anniversary)	Goa, India
Oct. 9-12, 2019	ASCE 2019 Convention	Miami, FL, USA
Oct. 16-18, 2019	KSCE 2019 CONVENTION	Pyeong Chang, Korea
Oct. 28-30, 2019	PICE 45th National Convention and Technical Conference, Theme "Competency Advancement in the 4th Industrial Revolution (CE 4.0)"	Pasay City, Philippines
Nov. 20-22, 2019	World Engineers Convention	Melbourne, Australia
Nov. 22-23, 2019	CICHE Annual Conference 2019	Taipei, Taiwan
Mar. 2-4, 2020	Second ASCE Conference in India on Challenges of Resilient and Sustainable Infrastructure Development in Emerging Economies	Kolkata, India
Mar. 12-14, 2020	ACECC 38th Executive Committee Meeting	Karachi, Pakistan
Oct. 26-31, 2020	ASCE 2020 Convention	Anaheim, CA, USA
Sep. 21-23, 2022	The 9th Civil Engineering Conference in the Asian Region	Goa, India

Current 14 ACECC members (Alphabetic order)

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
 Chinese Institute of Civil and Hydraulic Engineering (CICHE)
 Engineers Australia (EA)
 Federation of Myanmar Engineering Societies (Fed. MES)
 Indonesian Society of Civil and Structural Engineers (HAKI)
 Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE India)
 Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB)
 Institution of Engineers, Pakistan (IEP)
 Japan Society of Civil Engineers (JSCE)
 Korean Society of Civil Engineers (KSCE)
 Mongolian Association of Civil Engineers (MACE)
 Nepal Engineers' Association (NEA)
 Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers (PICE)
 Vietnam Federation of Civil Engineering Associations (VFCEA)

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