

ACECC OUTLOOK

ACECC The Asian Civil Engineering Coordinating Council

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1. The 38th Executive Committee Meeting in Karachi on March 12-14, 2020

The 38th Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) was held at the meeting room of NED University of Engineering & Technology, Karachi, Pakistan. NED University of Engineering & Technology is one of the oldest universities in Pakistan founded Parsi landowner Nadirshaw Eduljee Dinshaw.

Due to the unexpected spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), all ACECC members except IEP and the Secretary General could not travel to Pakistan.

To cope with this abnormal circumstances, the video meeting using the system 'ZOOM' was conducted for the first time in the history of ACECC. To facilitate the meeting effectively, a test meeting was also conducted before the 38th ECM on March 4, which was very successful with the participations by 10 ACECC members.

Initially, two TC seminars were planned to be held in Karachi, i.e.,

TC14: Sustainable Infrastructure (hosted by ASCE, chaired by Dr. Bill Kelly), and

TC22: Retrofitting and Strengthening of Existing Infrastructures (hosted by IEP and IEB, chaired by Prof. Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodi. These TC seminars were also postponed.

Due to the time differences among ACECC member countries, the following meeting time was set up, and the meeting was controlled at the meeting room of the NED University of Engineering & Technology, Pakistan.

Set up of meeting time for video meeting

	ACECC Member	City	Time Difference	TCCM	PCM	ECM
1	IEP & Secretary General	Karachi	0:00	March 12, 9:00-11:00	March 12, 15:30-17:30	March 13, 9:00-11:00
2	ICE(India)	Delhi	0:30	March 12, 9:30-11:30	March 12, 16:00-18:00	March 13, 9:30-11:30
3	NEA	Kathmandu	0:45	March 12, 9:45-11:45	March 12, 16:15-18:15	March 13, 9:45-11:45
4	IEB	Dhaka	1:00	March 12, 10:00-12:00	March 12, 16:30-18:30	March 13, 10:00-12:00
5	Fed. MES	Yangon	1:30	March 12, 10:30-12:30	March 12, 17:00-19:00	March 13, 10:30-12:30
6	HAKI	Jakarta	2:00	March 12, 11:00-13:00	March 12, 17:30-19:30	March 13, 11:00-13:00
7	VFCEA	Hanoi				
8	PICE	Manila	3:00	March 12, 12:00-14:00	March 12, 18:30-20:30	March 13, 12:00-14:00
9	MACE	Ulaanbaatar				
10	CICHE	Taipei				
11	KSCE	Seoul	4:00	March 12, 13:00-15:00	March 12, 19:30-21:30	March 13, 13:00-15:00
12	JSCE	Tokyo				
13	EA	Melbourne	6:00	March 12, 15:00-17:00	March 12, 21:30-23:30	March 13, 15:00-17:00
14	ASCE	San Francisco	-12:00	March 11, 21:00-23:00	March 12, 3:30-5:30	March 12, 21:00-23:00
		Washington DC	-9:00	March 12, 0:00-2:00	March 12, 6:30-8:30	March 13, 0:00-2:00

Among the 14 ACECC members, IEB (Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh) and Fed. MES (Federation of Myanmar Engineering Societies) transferred the voting rights according to ACECC constitution & By-laws.

The major points of the meetings are as follows:

- 1) The preparation for CECAR 9 which will be held on September 21-23, 2022 is in progress. The detailed procedures for submission of papers will be uploaded on the CECA 9 website. A budget plan will also be presented at the next 39th ECM.
- 2) Activities of Future Leaders Forum are discussed. Er. Sohail Bashir of IEP and Mr. Shalendra Ram of EA presented a basic plan of FLF. Every member society/institution is requested to nominate two young leaders, i.e. one male and one female leaders for gender equality. The young leaders must attend the ACECC meetings in person or through the video meeting system.
- 3) The ACECC Message Book to celebrate the 20th anniversary was completed and posted on the ACECC website. The paper copy of the message book will be made and distributed to each author and to each ACECC member.
- 4) The nomination of the host society/institution to host the 10th CECAR will start from May 1.
- 5) The transfer of ACECC Secretariat from JSCE to ASCE is in progress. The duties of the current secretary general will end after the next 39th ECM.
- 6) The next 39th Executive Committee Meeting will be held in Manila, Philippines, on October 5-7, 2020. The following TCs will have technical seminars in Manila:
TC21: Transdisciplinary Approach for Building Societal Resilience to Disasters (JSCE)
TC22: Retrofitting and Strengthening of Existing Infrastructures
TC24: Gender and Development in Infrastructure
- 7) The 40th Executive Committee Meeting will be held in Taipei, Taiwan on March 25-27, 2021.
- 8) The necessity to have 'Strategic Planning Session' during the 39th ECM in Manila is discussed at the ECM.
- 9) The 38th ECM is a, in a sense, epoch- marking meeting in the 20 years' history of ACECC in that the video meeting system was first successfully applied.



With Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodi,
Vice Chancellor of the NED University of Engineering & Technology



Meeting room at the NED University of Engineering & Technology



Participants through video monitor



Group photo of the 38th ECM in Karachi with participants through video monitor



Planting a tree to commemorate the ACECC meeting at the university



Dinner Party after the 38th ECM



After lunch at Karachi Golf Club

2. Messages from ACECC Chairs

Chair of Executive Committee Meeting

Dr. R. M. VASAN

Chair

ACECC Asian Civil Engineering Coordinating Council

The Institution of Civil Engineers, India (ICE (India))



It is a great honor to be appointed as the Chairman of ACECC Executive Committee. I take pride to express my gratitude to the past chair Dr. Osamu Kusakabe for his dedicated work and contributions since 1999-2001 as the founding Secretary General and as the Chairman (2017-2019). I congratulate Mr. Nakano TCC Chair and Dr. Mitsu Okamura PCM Chair for the excellent work done by them. Dr. Kenichi Horikoshi deserves appreciation for his continuous support throughout as Secretary General who is still continuing to play his role till the next Secretary General takes over.

It would be worthwhile to refer to two important documents: 'Tokyo Declaration 2019' which was approved to be finalized during 36th ECM in Tokyo, April 15, 2019; 'ACECC 10 years ahead' during Celebration of ACECC 20th anniversary, September 27, 2019, Goa, India. Tokyo declaration 2019 is an exhaustive document which gives complete directions in tune with objectives of ACECC to be fulfilled in the specific areas of Civil Engineering for the betterment of Society in the Asian Region highlighting the needs of international collaboration, training, educational programmes and actions to be taken for the encouragement of young engineers including dissemination of knowledge to all concerned. The document 'ACECC 10 years ahead' provides for the implementation strategy to be adopted by ACECC during next 10 years.

1. It would be desirable to initiate the implementation by ACECC keeping in view Tokyo declaration as base document:
 - a) To provide directions to fulfill the objectives of ACECC oriented towards betterment of society.
 - b) To serve as guidelines to formulate implementation strategy to be followed in future.

ACECC (Asian Civil Engineering Coordinating Council) has been promoting and strengthening Civil Engineering in various Asian and other member countries. It jointly develops programmes of coordination and mutual action in designated matters affecting the interest of Engineers. It also develops the methods that facilitate the discussions of worldwide civil engineering technology needs, issues and practices.

ACECC also organizes international meetings in different countries which are attended by engineering professionals and decision makers who discuss about various infrastructural and environmental issues across the world to provide better quality of life world over.
2. To create better awareness of ACECC activities to global organizations. The help of social media like Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn may be taken to achieve this.
 3. Dissemination of information on activities of member societies by publication of newsletters for the benefit of civil engineers.
 4. Improving effectiveness of ACECC meetings:
 - a) Organizing ACECC meetings in parallel with the major local events of the hosts

- b) Organizing technical seminars/workshops during the meetings to benefit the local civil engineers.
 - c) TCM's may be made more effective by inviting specific topics suited to the needs to be included in the list of the topics to be covered in the seminars.
5. Industry/ Academia Interaction
- a) Effective exchange program to train manpower required by the industry.
 - b) Activity analysis of university curriculum with involvement of industry.
6. Initiation of Consultancy and Research
- The expertise of ACECC may be utilized through consultancy services. The government, public, private and R & D organizations may be approached for this. This would also help in augmenting the resources of ACECC.
7. Encouraging participation of young engineers in ACECC activities.
- Establishment of formal mechanism for young members Forum for the better development of ACECC and the civil engineering profession.
8. Strategic Planning Working Group (SPWG)
- a) SPWG may be formed by identifying an experienced facilitator.
 - b) ACECC Tokyo Declaration-2019 and vision ACECC 10 years ahead (2019-29) may be identified as a base document to formulate the strategic plan including vision, strategies, objectives and actions
 - c) Leads and support individuals may be assigned by SPWG who may submit annually to ECM, the reports showing SWOT analysis and Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for monitoring.

I am confident that with the support of ACECC members, I shall be able to carry forward the mission and goals to my best.

Chair of Planning Committee Meeting

Dr. Rajinder Ghai,
Life Member, ICE (I),
Executive Engineer,
Dept. of Water Resources,
Govt. of Punjab, India



First I sincerely want to thank ICE (I) for giving me this chance to represent the committee as new Chairman. Here in ACECC, we are working on solutions for the megatrends of our time and for the major challenges that the future will bring. In the planning committee, we are presently working on the secretariat report on ACECC activities, publication of ACECC message book, transfer of ACECC secretariat activities, secretariat report on ACECC finance, activities related to ACECC Future Leaders' Forum (FLF), preparations activities for CECAR-9. From now on I pledge that with the support of you all, I will go forward to meet those challenges not from tomorrow or next week or next year, but from this moment. Let us rise as one to meet these defining challenges of our time, so that future generations, basking in the sunlit uplands of tomorrow, might thank us and say truly this was their finest hour.

Chair of Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting

Dr. Shiv Dutt Sharma

Director (Academic) of the Institution of Civil Engineers (India)

Fellow of ISAE & Life Member of S.C.S (India) & OEC



I deem it to be my honor and pleasure to express my gratitude to my Chairman to find me worthy to be nominated as ACECC Chair –TCCM during CECAR 8. TCs are an important component of ACECC activities to find solutions to the problems faced by various society countries keeping in mind the UNSDG. The propositions of the ongoing TCs constantly strive to strengthen infrastructural design of Asian and Pacific regions. The coming three years will synergize all our efforts and will personally enrich me with all of yours wisdom. Looking forward to work hand in hand with my team and wishing ACECC many more years of success.

ACECC Event Calendar

Date	Event	Venue
June 11-12, 2020	MACE 2020 Annual Meeting	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Sep. 9-11, 2020	JSCE Annual Convention	Nagoya, Japan
Oct. 5-7, 2020	ACECC 39th Executive Committee Meeting	Manila, Philippines
Oct. 21-23, 2020	KSCE 2020 Convention	Jeju, Korea
Oct. 26-31, 2020	ASCE 2020 Convention	Anaheim, CA, USA
March 25-27, 2021	ACECC 40th Executive Committee Meeting	Taipei, Taiwan
June 19-21, 2021	International Conference on Press-in Engineering (ICPE 2021) (supported by ACECC)	Kochi, Japan
Sep. 21-23, 2022	Civil Engineering Conference in the Asian Region, CECAR 9 http://cecar9.com/index.html	Goa, India

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