

Report on the Work of Sports Information in Asia 2000-2001

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1. Preparation of Asian Sports Information Association:

After two ASIA Preparatory Committee meetings held separately in 1998 Hong Kong and 1999 Los Angeles, and after wide spread of information through the ASIA Bulletin during the past year, about ten new Asian countries and regions have given their response of being interested in joining ASIA. They are:

Malaysia - University Teknologi Mara, Dr Sabree Salleh, Associate Professor Dato'
Philippines - Philippine Sports Commission, Carmencita R. Velasco, Chief of Supporting Services Division
China - Beijing University of Physical Education, Ms Liu Caixia (head Librarian)
Singapore - National Olympic Council, Mr Lau Teng Chuan
Saudi Arabia - Olympic Committee, Mr Soliman Aljabhan
DPR Korea - Sports Information Center of DPR Korea, Mr Choe Yung Rae, Director of Sports Information Center
Indonesia - Indonesian Schools Sports Council, Mr Suryono
Sri Lanka - National Institute of Sports Science, T.D. Thilakasiri
Iraq - College of Sport Education for Women, Dr Sadik Farag Thiab

Among the responses, people from the Philippines, DPR Korea, Sri Lanka and Chinese Taipei showed their interests in taking positions in ASIA. The above list showed a satisfactory result of the preparing work by the ASIA preparatory Committee.

It is planned that this business will be seriously discussed at the Asian Regional meeting in Lausanne.

2. Sports Information Development in Different Countries and Regions

The Lao: In Lao PDR one of the goals of the National Sports Development Master Plan to 2020 of the National Sports Committee is the "Promotion of Sports information". In July 2000, with the assistance of the Australia Asia Sport Linkages program, a National Sport Information Center (NSIC) is being established at the National Stadium in Vientiane. The primary objective of the NSIC is to enable Lao coaches to access information and also to support the work of the Sports Committee, Olympic Committee and Sports Federations.

Although facing the problem of lack of facilities, personnel, and advanced technology, the initial work of collecting different information resources has began, including books, journals and videos. Internet is also considered. A major source of the information is a fortnightly newspaper called "Sport News" produced by the Sports Committee. Major sports in Laos are soccer, martial arts and boxing along with basketball, volleyball, sepak takraw, shooting, track and field, and swimming.

Similar projects are also planned for Vietnam and Cambodia.

DPR Korea: Since its admission to IASI in 1991, the DPR Korea Sports Information Association did its activity more actively to develop the sports information works in the country. The Association is directly governed by the DPR Korea NOC together with the other national sports associations and has the DPR Korea Sports Information Centre with its many branches in the local areas, forming a sports information network throughout the country.

The Sports Information Centre with its about 100 personnels collects sports information from many international sports organizations and foreign countries through several means such as publications, computers and satellite communications, to distribute the information to the country. To make its work more swift and reliable, the Sports Information Centre established the computer network throughout the country and manages the Sports Library of 100,000 books.

The Sports Information Centre of the DPR Korea is very eager to have more active and closer contacts to the IASI and sports information organizations of other countries. It will greatly contribute to the establishment of Asian sports information body where it will play a role for the development of the sports information activities in Asian region.

Japan: A group of three members from the Japan Institute of Sport Sciences (JISS) visited China Sport Information Institute this March. The group introduced that the Sports Information Center (JSIC) of JISS will start to work from June 2001.

As one of the four departments of JISS, the center has the work of broadly collecting and distributing sports information from and to both national and international fields, special attention is given to information of Olympic and competitive sports. It is supported by very new and advanced information facilities. The Center hopes to establish cooperation relation with IASI, Australian Sports Commission (ASC), SIRC, Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles (AAFLA), Clearinghouse, etc.

China: A new database, the "China Joint Sport Books Catalogue", has been created recently by co-efforts of China Sports Information Institute and the Library of Beijing University of Physical Education. Sixteen physical education colleges and sports research institutes in 30 provinces and municipalities have participated in the project. Physical education and sport collections in each college and institute were collected, checked and catalogued.

The database provides records of 14,876 books, catalogued by an internationally recognized system. The completion of the catalogue has laid a foundation for sharing a common sport information resource in China.

3. Mutual Exchange and Visiting

DPR Korea delegation visited CSII: the Korean sports scientific delegation headed by Mr. Won Kil U, Director of Science Managing Dept. of the Physical Culture and Sports Guidance Committee of DPR Korea, visited CSII in October 2000. Besides introducing

them CSII and sport information work in China, Mr. Ma Tie also introduced them IASI and ASIA affairs, including the up coming Laussane General Assembly and the Scientific Congress by presenting them the booklet of the Congress. Preparing work of ASIA was discussed, and DPR Korea was persuaded to participate in the organizing work of ASIA and the Laussane meetings where an Asian area meeting will be held.

Dr. Wu-Chou Chen visited CSII: As reported last year that the Sports Information and Communication Association (SICA) in Chinese Taipei was established with Dr. Wu-Chou Chen as the Chairman. Dr. Chen visited CSII this February. Information was exchanged and cooperation program was discussed and started by both sides, such as co-establishment of full-text sports science database in Chinese language and sports information experts exchange for research and lecture.

Mr. Takayuki Hata visited Hong Kong: ASIA Regional Coordinator for the East Asian Region, Mr. Takayuki Hata paid a visit to the Hong Kong Sports Information Center in September, 2000 accompanied by Dr. Masami Sekine of the Okayama University.

4. ASIA Bulletin

By efforts of Hong Kong Sports Information Center, The ASIA Preparatory Committee has smoothly published two issues of its Bulletin during 2000-2001. The No.5 issue has freshly come out now. The Bulletin has aroused the interests of Asian sports information people and helped to promote information exchange in Asian area.

5. Indexing for Sport Discus

As having been doing for some years, the China Sport Information Institute (CSII) contributed approximately 1000 records selected from the most valuable Chinese Sports Journals to the SPORT Database over the last 12 months.

6. Proposal as Hosting Candidate for the 2005 IASI Congress

During the Canberra Presidium meeting, suggestions was put forward to seek a candidate for the 2005 Congress. When Beijing got this news, China Sport Information Institute gave a quick response. The Beijing University of Physical Education (BUPE) was thought a proper place for this Congress because there is proper academic circumstances and good lodging and boarding conditions there (the scientific congress of the 2001 World Universiade Games will be held in BUPE this summer). Ma Tie talked this idea with people in charge in BUPE and an active answer was got. After a further consideration of IASI's guidelines for holding the Congress sent by the IASI President, and after approval by the China State Sport General Administration, now the proposal to be the candidate hosting the 2005 Congress from BUPE is put on the table of the Executive Committee for discussion.

We do understand, just as the President mentioned in her letter to Prof. Zhao Yaping, Vice-president for Asia, that consideration should be given to seeking a Congress venue outside of Europe for the 2005 Congress particularly as IASI in the last 10 years has

become a much more international organization.

Asia would be a significant milestone in the internationalization of IASI and the Presidium believes that China would be an ideal location because it is the seat of the Asian IASI Vice President, it is a country which has for the last 15 years shown a total commitment to the activities of IASI and because of the high level of organizational skills demonstrated by the hosting of the successful 1991 Annual IASI Meetings.