

Asian Continental Meeting

20 October 2011

Krakow, Poland

Minutes

Present:

President Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifah Al Nahyan, Deputy President Casto Abundo (PHI), Secretary General Hisham Al Taher (UAE), Treasurer Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh (IRI), Ignatius Leong (SIN), Dang Tat Thang (VIE), Luxman Wijesuriya (SRI), Brian Jones (Oceania), Kevin Bonhan (AUS), Rupert Jones (PNG), Chu Bo (CHN), Tian Hongwei (CHN), Bai Min (CHN), Dhafer Madhloum (IRQ)

1. Representation by Asian Chess Federation

The meeting was informed of the visits by officials of the Asian Chess Federation. Sheikh Sultan visited the Asian Cities in Indonesia and the 1st FIDE rated National Championship in Maldives. Deputy President Casto Abundo attended events in India, Iran, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Myanmar, Philippines, Russia and Malaysia. Secretary General Hisham Al Taher visited Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Jordan, Sri Lanka, Syria, Uzbekistan, Qatar, Maldives, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Indonesia and Russia. Treasurer Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh attended to Asian tournaments in Iran, Indonesia, UAE and Philippines.

2. Asian Calendar 2012

The meeting requested organizing federations to confirm the dates of their respective events when they return to their countries.

	Event	City, Country	Dates 2012
1	FIDE Arbiters Seminar	Chennai, India	6-9 Jan 2012
2	FIDE Trainers Seminar	New Delhi, India	16-22 Jan 2012
3	Asian Team Championship	Hainan, China	May 2012
4	Asian Continental Championship	Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam	Sept 2012?
5	ASEAN+ Age Group	Hue, Vietnam	June 2012
6	Asian Youth Championships	Sri Lanka	23-30 June 2012
7	Asian Juniors/Girls Championships	Tashkent, Uzbekistan	June 2012
8	Asian Seniors and Amateur	Sydney, Australia	1-10 June 2012
9	FIDE Arbiters Seminar	Sydney, Australia	1-10 June 2012
10	World Cities for Sheikh Zayed Cup	Al Ain, UAE	12-21 Dec 2012
11	Asian Schools Championship and Under-5 kindergarten	Sharjah, UAE	Dec 2012

3. Asian Calendar 2013

As resolved by Asian meeting in Khanti Mansiysk, President Sheikh Sultan shall decide on bids for coming tournaments. Secretary General Hisham Al Taher requested organizers to hold parallel Rapid/Blitz chess events concurrently.

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4. Asian Youth Championships

The meeting resolved to create new events starting 2012: Oceania Youth Championship and West Asian Youth Championship. It was decided to add the under-6 category. Mr. Leong and Mr. Dhafer informed the meeting that Singapore and Iraq already had a kindergarten division.

In parallel with FIDE, the Asian Youth Championships may be organized for Under-14, 16 and 18 (Youth category) and Under-6, 8, 10 and 12 (Children's category).

5. Asian Schools Team Championship and Asian Rapid Team Championship

The meeting approved the proposal of the Malaysian Chess Federation to create two new Swiss System events in alternate years, Asian Schools Team Championship in 2012 and Asian Rapid Team Championship in 2013. For every five team members paying for their hotel and meals, one more person shall be provided free hotel and meals (5 players + 1).

6. Asian Youth Championships 2013

Two bids were received for the 2013 Asian Youth Championships. President Sheikh Sultan shall check conditions and decide on the bids. The Iran Chess Federation bid for Tehran or Mashad for July 2013. The Vietnam Chess Federation bid for Da Nang City for June 2013.

7. Asian Schools Individual Championships 2013

The Sri Lanka Chess Federation bid for the 2013 Asian Schools Championships, 15-22 December 2013 in Colombo.

8. Asian Cities Team Championship 2013

The Philippines bid for the Asian Cities Team Championship May 2013 in Tagaytay City.


9. Asian Amateur (Women) and Unrated Championship

Malaysian Chess Federation requested and the meeting approved that CMs and WCMs are not considered restricted titled players for purposes of the Asian Amateur Championship. They are eligible to play in the Asian Amateur if they comply with the rating requirement. The meeting approved the proposal of the Malaysian Chess Federation to award the Asian Master title to the winners of the Asian Amateur, Asian Woman Amateur and Asian Unrated championship. The meeting directed that the Asian Master title be awarded in other Asian events as well.

10. New Asian Championships

The meeting approved proposal of Secretary General Hisham Al Taher to organize an Asian championship for Business Company teams. The meeting directed Treasurer Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh to draft regulations for Asian Internet championships.

Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifah Al Nahyan
President





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Krakow, 20 October 2011

**His Excellency
Kirsan Ilyumzhinov
FIDE President
Present**

Dear Mr. President:

The Al Ain Chess Club, on behalf of UAE Chess Federation, offers to organize for FIDE every other year for five consecutive times the World Cities Chess Team Championship in 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2020.

After that time, the Al Ain City shall contribute \$50,000 to organizers for each event of the World Cities Chess Team Championship.

Please confirm FIDE approval and the regulations.

Thank you so much.

Truly yours,

**Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifah Al Nahyan
President**