

Minutes of the Leaders' Meeting

Information on the Leader's Meeting

- Date/Time: October 26, 2017, 16:10 - 17:30
- Venue: Hotel President, Seoul, Korea
- Participating Countries: Hongkong, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Vietnam

Contents of the Meeting

- The Leaders' Meeting is a representative meeting (1-2 delegates per country) held to decide on the future direction of ACC and the hosting of the next conference. It has traditionally taken place between the academic presentations and the banquet on the main day of the conference.
 - This year, the meeting took place on October 26 from 16:10 to 17:30, with representatives from eight countries attending.
- The meeting addressed issues such as managing new member countries, the location of the next conference, and ways to utilize ACC.
 - While the increase in member countries is welcome, it was confirmed that the process must be transparent and democratic.
- The participation of new member countries, such as Myanmar, was discussed at last year's leaders' meeting. However, the process for their actual participation at this year's conference fell through.
 - Due to the urgent schedule and internal issues in Myanmar, the final decision was not to participate.

- The 23rd ACC (2018) host country, Malaysia (Construction Industry Development Board), announced the conference schedule and venue details. Based on feedback from the delegations, it was decided to hold the conference in Kuching in October or November.
 - After discussing four potential locations – Kuala Lumpur, Johor Bahru, Kuching, and Kota Kinabalu – it was decided to hold the conference in Kuching in October or November.
 - A proposal to co-host with the “International Construction Week” in March was rejected due to insufficient preparation time.
- The host countries for the 24th ACC (2019) and the 25th ACC (2020) have been determined as Vietnam and Indonesia, respectively.
 - Detailed discussions on these will take place at the next Leaders’ Meeting.
- There was a commitment to ongoing efforts to realize the significance of ACC. In the short term, this includes improving and utilizing the website, and in the long term, establishing a concrete governance structure.
 - There was general agreement on the need for more concrete and realistic collaborative activities among countries, such as cooperative research and joint standard development.
 - A practical approach is to start with improvements and active use of the website, which is currently supported free of charge by Japan.
 - It is recognized that a country will need to take over the website operation and perform the secretariat role from Japan in the future, and ongoing discussions will be maintained.