



Purposes and Activities of the AsiaConstruct Network

(pursuant to the 15th AsiaConstruct Conference Leaders' Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 20th October 2009)

The Name of the Network

The name of the Network is “**AsiaConstruct**”.

The Purposes of AsiaConstruct

To enhance the performance and quality of Asian Construction Industries by promoting mutual knowledge and understanding of each others' strengths, weaknesses and progress and by identifying good existing practices .

To discuss and report on innovative and advanced ideas and technologies of potential benefit and application within Asian construction industries.

To regularly monitor the changing characteristics and performance statistics of the construction industries in Asia.

To act as a Pan Asian Network of Construction Industry Bodies, possessing a mutual spirit of friendship and a willingness to help each other with advice and information to further Advances in Asian Construction, as needs and opportunities occur.

To undertake joint studies from time to time of potential benefit to Asian Construction.

The Scope of AsiaConstruct Activities in fulfilling the Purposes

Normally, a 2-day Conference is held annually at which each country reports on its own experiences in relation to a Theme topic chosen by the Host country. In addition to its own paper, the Host organisation might optionally also invite other bodies/experts from within its own country to contribute papers to the Conference on the theme topic.

These reports are made public via the AsiaConstruct website.

Each country further reports on its Construction Economy Performance in the preceding year with Statistics and discussion of any Special Factors affecting those figures. These reports are also placed on the AsiaConstruct website.

Optionally, upon the approval of the Leaders' Meeting, Conference Proceedings may also be subsequently published by Host organisations and copies for distribution to libraries and for sale lodged with each member country. In such cases the outer cover will display an ISBN number, the AsiaConstruct logo and a list of member countries. There will also be a clear statement that this is "An AsiaConstruct Publication" on the front cover.

The membership from time to time may apply, upon the approval of the Leaders' Meeting, to sources for funds to support studies of potential benefit to Asian Construction. Publications arising from such studies will be made widely available and will be issued as AsiaConstruct publications.

An individual member country may itself propose to conduct such a study, and if agreed by AsiaConstruct at a Leaders' Meeting, it can normally expect the support of the Membership in obtaining appropriate data which may be available within member organizations. Outputs from such studies will also be labelled as AsiaConstruct publications.

The AsiaConstruct Membership

Eligible countries belong to the Continents of Asia and Australasia. Each country is represented by one organisation only. Membership applications from any adjacent region will be considered at a Leaders' Meeting.

There is no restriction as to organisational type but there must be a prime interest in development of the Asian Construction Industries for the general good. Thus government development bodies, research units be they government funded, within a university, or otherwise funded are all eligible. Industry Associations are also eligible if they have the necessary skills and a desire to contribute to construction industry improvement generally.

AsiaConstruct welcomes new member countries. There is no upper limit to the number of Members.

Administration and Finance

An AsiaConstruct website www.asiaconst.com is to be maintained by a volunteer country. Japan (Research Institute of Construction and Economy) is currently acting as that country.

In addition to Conference Proceedings the website will list the Member countries and their Leaders' contact details. It will also list AsiaConstruct publications. Other information of potential interest, such as historical conference details, for example, may be included.

The Network's Secretariat will function on a rotating annual basis. The Secretary will be based in whichever country is to host the next Annual Conference.

The Secretary will normally correspond with member countries via Leaders nominated by each country.

At 5 yearly intervals, or at such other times as the Leaders may decide, the Secretary will arrange for extra time to accommodate a review by the Leaders, at the Annual Conference of the "Purposes and Activities of the AsiaConstruct Network".

AsiaConstruct has no money of its own. All countries participate in AsiaConstruct on the basis that they themselves directly cover the costs incurred by their participation. Host countries with the necessary resources, however, are free to assist financially those delegates who might otherwise have difficulty in attending.

Duties of a Member Organisation

A general expectation is that country organisations attend the annual meeting as often as possible. It is recognised that circumstances can sometimes make attendance difficult or impossible.

To nominate its designated Leader to the Secretary and provide full contact details

To prepare the technical conference papers requested by the upcoming Conference Host in good time

To normally send a small group to each Conference, although it is appreciated that financial constraints can sometimes make it difficult to send several.

To normally act as Conference Host on a rotational basis from time to time.

A host country must arrange for the uploading of the Proceedings of the Conference on to the AsiaConstruct website.

Subsequent to hosting a Conference, a Member country may optionally choose to produce a set of copies of the Proceedings and to distribute them among the Member countries. Any such bound proceedings should normally display an ISBN number and a statement that the document is an AsiaConstruct Publication.

When requested, and in keeping with the spirit of mutual support and friendship, to provide any other Member with data and information, as long as the material is for purposes appropriate to the role of AsiaConstruct, and as long as the request is not unreasonable in its scope and its demand on resources.

Duties of the Leaders at the Annual Meeting

To note the Minutes of the Leaders' Meeting of the previous year already confirmed following circulation, and to consider any Matters Arising from those Minutes.

To review the Conference just finished and draw lessons.

To Re-Confirm the Host Country for the Conference of the following year.

To Confirm, if possible, the Host Country for the Conference two years hence.

To Provisionally Agree the Host Country for the Conference three years hence.

To review progress on any ongoing AsiaConstruct Study.

Review from time to time (normally after a 5 year interval) the "Purposes and Activities of the AsiaConstruct Network" .

Any Other Matter which may need consideration.

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