

The 11th Annual Report

Science Council of Asia (SCA) Management Board

According to the Item 3 of Article 8 of the SCA Statutes, the Management Board submits an annual report on SCA. This 11th Annual Report covers the period between 14th June, 2010 (opening day of the 10th SCA Conference in the Philippines) and 3rd July, 2011.

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I. At the 10th SCA Conference held during the period between 14th June and 16th June, 2010

1. General Information of the 10th SCA Conference

The 10th SCA Conference was held with the summary as follows;

Date & Venue:	June 14 th -16 th , 2010 in Manila, Philippines
Organized by:	National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) Science Council of Japan (SCJ)
Main Theme:	“Meeting the Health Challenges in the Asia Pacific Region: Responding through an Integrated and Multidisciplinary Approach in Science and Technology”
Participants:	More than 100 participants were assembled. Nine member countries, out of 11 member countries of the SCA were gathered at the 10 th SCA Conference

2. Proceedings of the 10th SCA Conference

The 10th Conference of the Science Council of Asia (SCA) was convened by National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) and Science Council of Japan (SCJ) at Sofitel Philippine Plaza Hotel, Manila, The Philippines from June 14th to 16th, 2010, on the theme of “Meeting the Health Challenges in the Asia Pacific Region: Responding through an Integrated and Multidisciplinary Approach in Science and Technology”. During the conference, two sessions each of the Management Board Meeting, two sessions of General Assembly Meeting, the Second New Framework Examination Committee Meeting (NFEC), two SCA Joint Project Workshops, and three SCA Special Sessions were held.

The conference was attended by nine member countries: China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, the Philippines, and Thailand. As observers, representatives of All European Academies (ALLEA), Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS), ICSU Regional Committee for Asia and the Pacific (ICSU-ROAP), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Philippine Office, Nagoya University and the Pacific Science Association (PSA) participated in the conference.

Management Board meetings and General Assembly meetings were chaired by Jaime C. Montoya, Former President, National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP), President of SCA (June 2009-June 2010) and the Second New Framework Examination Committee Meeting (NFEC) was chaired by Yoichi Muraoka, Secretary General/Treasurer of SCA.

The conference was held in parallel with the four Cluster Sessions organized by NRCP. The sessions were composed of a series of presentations addressing the health issues from such variety of perspectives as Culture, Climate Change, Technology and Environment.

3. Opening Ceremony and Speeches

Upon commencement of the conference on 14th June, 2010, welcome remarks were delivered by Alvin B. Culaba, President of National Research Council of the Philippines followed by the opening remarks of Jaime C. Montoya and messages delivered by Estrella F. Alabastro, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Philippines and Ichiro Kanazawa, President of Science Council of Japan (SCJ).

4. Report on the New Framework of SCA

Report on the New Framework of SCA was approved at the General Assembly I, held on 14th June, 2010.

5. SCA Joint Projects

At the General Assembly I, held on 14th June, 2010, current status of SCA Joint Projects was reintroduced by Yoichi Muraoka, Secretary General/Treasurer of SCA. Of the SCA Joint Projects that are in progress; two SCA Joint Projects, “Sustainable Water Resources Management” and

“Action Plan for Natural Disaster Mitigation” organized individual sessions on 15th June. Summaries of the SCA Joint Project Workshop were reported by Shinichiro Ohgaki from SCJ on “Sustainable Water Resources Management and by Teruyuki Kato from SCJ on “Action Plan for Natural Disaster Mitigation” at the General Assembly II, held on 16th June. One of the Progress Report of the on-going SCA Joint Project “Open Data and Knowledge Environment for Innovative Research on Poverty Free and Ecosystem Protection in Asia (ODKE)” was presented by Liu Chuang, China Association for Science and Technology (CAST), China.

6. Special Sessions

At the General Assembly I, held on 14th June, 2010, three new SCA Special Sessions, “Pop Culture in Asia: Memories of the Past and the Present in the Films of Asia”, “The Opportunities and Challenges of Energy Investments in the Philippines” and “Today’s Realities Through the Lens of Social Sciences”, were proposed and approved.

Those sessions were held on 15th July, 2010, and then summary reports were made by Shozo Fujii from SCJ delivered a presentation on “Pop Culture in Asia: Memories of the Past and the Present in the Films of Asia” and so did Alvin B. Culaba from NRCP on “The Opportunities and Challenges of Energy Investments in the Philippines,” while Elizabeth Ventura from University of Philippines and Carmencita Aguilar from NRCP made presentations on “Today’s Realities Through the Lens of Social Sciences”.

7. Special Presentations

At the General Assembly I, held on 14th June, 2010, Rüdiger Klein, Executive Director, All European Academies (ALLEA) and Kenzo Iwakami, Senior Representative, JICA Philippine Office gave presentations of their respective organization and their activities. Cindy Yoshiko Shirata, Council Member of Science Council of Japan, further provided insights for the stimulation of SCA activities and importance of the collaboration with international aid organizations in her presentation, particularly with JICA.

8. The 2nd New Framework Examination Committee Meeting

On 15th June, 2010, the Second New Framework Examination Committee Meeting (NFEC) was convened and chaired by Yoichi Muraoka, Secretary General/Treasurer of SCA. The meeting was attended by the representatives of nine member countries.

9. New SCA Officers

At the General Assembly II, held on 16th June, 2010, new SCA officers were elected among the members of the General Assembly meeting. Batbold Enkhtuvshin, President of Mongolian Academy of Sciences (MAS), was elected as President, Lukman Hakim, Chairman of Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI) was elected as Vice-President and Yoichi Muraoka, Council Member of the SCJ, was elected as Secretary General / Treasurer.

10. Plan of the 11th SCA Conference

At the General Assembly II, held on 16th June, 2010, Batbold Enkhtuvshin, President of Mongolian Academy of Sciences (MAS), presented the draft plan of the 11th SCA Conference in Mongolia in 2011. The proposed theme is “Combating Land Degradation in Asia”.

11. The host country for the SCA Conference in 2012

At the General Assembly II, held on 16th June, 2010, it was proposed by Rochadi Abdulhadi, Executive Secretary of Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI) that Indonesia be the host country for the Conference in 2012.

II. Activities after the 10th SCA Conference

1. **Joining the FASAS Council Meeting held on 21st October 2010, Seoul, Korea**
Batbold Enkhtuvshin, President of SCA, and Yoichi Muraoka, Secretary General / Treasurer of SCA were invited by Kurt Lambeck, President of FASAS (Federation of Asian Scientific Academies and Societies) to the FASAS Council Meeting held on 21st October, at Seoul, Korea, where Batbold Enkhtuvshin and Yoichi Muraoka provided the FASAS Council members a brief summary on SCA activities, in addition to the overview of SCA, specially referring that SCA includes as its members governmental agencies and providing a unique platform for the Asian region for essential deliberation about the issues common not only to the Asian region but also worldwide.
2. **New Brochure of Science Council of Asia**
A new brochure of Science Council of Asia for 2010-2011 was printed in March 2011, and distributed to the SCA member organizations.
3. **Revision of SCA Web site**
The SCA Web site was revised in May 2011 in the following points for providing information about SCA in much effective ways.
 - Effective placement of information
 - Installment of sitemap
 - Impact of design (color/ image)
4. **Preparatory arrangements for the 11th SCA Conference**
Before the completion of the 10th SCA Conference, Batbold Enkhtuvshin, President of Mongolian Academy of Sciences (MAS), and relevant members of MAS, started their endeavor to host the 11th SCA Conference in 2011, for holding not only the SCA General Assembly and Management Board meetings, but also SCA Special Sessions and a SCA International Symposium.

Since the conclusion of the 10th SCA Conference, Batbold Enkhtuvshin, the Secretariat of MAS, and SCA Secretariat have been working in close collaboration for the administrative and logistical preparations of the 11th SCA Conference.