

Chairperson's Summary

The Tenth Conference of the Science Council of Asia (SCA) June 14 – 16, 2010 Manila, Philippines

I. Organizational Matters

1. The Tenth Conference of the Science Council of Asia (SCA) was organized by National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) and Science Council of Japan (SCJ) at Sofitel Philippine Plaza Hotel, Manila, Philippines from June 14 to 16, 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 (2) sessions each of the Management Board Meetings and General Assembly Meetings and SCA Joint Project Workshops as well as the Second New Framework Examination Committee Meeting (NFEC), two (2) SCA Joint Project Workshops and three (3) SCA Special Sessions were held.

2. The conference was attended by nine member countries, namely: China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines and Thailand. As observers, representatives of All European Academies, Bangladesh Academy of Sciences, 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.

3. Management Board meetings and General Assembly meetings were chaired by Dr. 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 Prof. Yoichi Muraoka, Secretary General/Treasurer of SCA.

4. 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.

II. Proceedings of the Conference

A. Opening Ceremony and Keynote Speech [June 14]

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

B. Management Board Meeting I and General Assembly Meeting I [June 14]

6. The Tenth SCA Annual Report was approved.

7. Report on the New Framework of SCA was approved.

8. Current status of SCA Joint Projects was reintroduced by Prof. Yoichi Muraoka, Secretary General/Treasurer of SCA.

9. Three (3) 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.

10. Dr. Rüdiger Klein, Executive Director, All European Academies and Mr. Kenzo Iwakami, Senior Representative, JICA Philippine Office gave presentations of their respective organization and their activities. Prof. 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.

B. The Second New Framework Examination Committee Meeting (NFEC) [June 15]

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

12. The discussion addressed the primary contents of the report; future plan of SCA administration, activities, financial structure and constitutional matters.

C. SCA Joint Project Workshops [June 15]

13. Of the SCA Joint Projects that are in progress; two (2) projects, namely, “Water” and “Natural Disasters” organized individual sessions on June 15.

D. SCA Special Sessions [June 15]

14. SCA Special Sessions, namely “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 organized on June 15.

E. Management Board Meeting II and General Assembly Meeting II [June 16]

15. A summary of each SCA Joint Project Workshop held on 15 June was reported, including a presentation given by Prof. Shinichiro Ohgaki from SCJ on “Sustainable Water Resources Management in Asia” and Prof. Teruyuki Kato from SCJ on “Action Plans for Natural Disaster Mitigation”.

16. A summary of each SCA Special Session held on 15 June was reported. Prof. 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 Dr. Alvin B. Culaba from NRCP on “The Opportunities and Challenges of Energy Investments in the Philippines” while Dr. Elizabeth Ventura from University of Philippines and Prof. Carmencita Aguilar from NRCP made presentations on “Today’s Realities Through the Lens of Social Sciences”.

17. The Progress Report of “Open Data and Knowledge Environment for Innovative Research on Poverty Free and Ecosystem Protection in Asia (ODKE)” was presented by Prof. Liu Chuang, China Association for Science and Technology (CAST), China.

18. Report on the Second New Framework Examination Committee Meeting was reported.

19. New SCA officers were elected among the members of the General Assembly meeting. Prof. Batbold Enkhtuvshin, President of Mongolian Academy of Sciences, was elected as President, Prof. Dr. Lukman Hakim, Chairman of Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI) was elected as Vice-President and Prof. Yoichi Muraoka, Member of the SCJ, was elected as Secretary-General / Treasurer.

20. Prof. Batbold Enkhtuvshin, President of Mongolian Academy of Sciences, Mongolia, presented the draft plan of the 11th SCA Conference in Mongolia in 2011 with an audio-video presentation. The proposed theme is “Combating Land Degradation in Asia”.

21. It was proposed by Prof. Dr. Rochadi Abdulhadi, Executive Secretary of Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI) that Indonesia be the host country for the Conference in 2012.