

Meeting Minutes of Asian Go Federation General Assembly

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12:00~14:00 Sunday November 10, 2008

13:00~17:00 Monday November 11, 2008

Kintex, Goyang, South Korea

Present: 12 representatives of Asian countries/territories

1. The President of AGF confirmed the fulfillment of his promises made on May 10th this year.

- 1) KBF invited 2 guest officials from each Asian member countries to 3rd KPMC in Nov. 2008
- 2) The President allocated some budget to the Baduk Instructors' Work-Shop which was held during the 3rd KPMC
- 3) The President reconfirmed that from next year he will try to increase the budgets of AGF to facilitate its promotion in the Asian Region

2. Assessment of Baduk Instructors' Work-Shop

- Baduk Instructors' Work-Shop was held successfully in 2008.11.10 11:00~18:00 and 2008.11.11 13:00~17:00. It was really helpful for those of underdeveloped countries like Brunei, India, Indonesia, Mongolia and

Philippines in teaching beginners especially children

- This kind of work-shop shall be continued for proper promotion of Baduk in Asian region

3. Discussions and Conclusion

1) Submission of required data by AGF Office

The copies of Questionnaire (General Informations and Environment related to Baduk) of member countries were collected and distributed. This Questionnaires will be used as a basic data to establish promotion plan of each member country. Members not submitted required data shall submit to AGF Office after their return. Upon collection of these data AGF Office will distribute it to members by email

2) Brief introduction of Central Asia by Mr. Lee Hyuk

- Mr. Lee Hyuk, a member of International Committee of KBF and in charge of Central Asia, explained briefly about the general situation of 5 Central Asian countries

3) Difficulties in promoting Baduk by Member Country

(1) AGF member countries were categorized into two groups.

- One is developed countries like Korea, Taiwan, Hongkong, Macao, Thailand and Singapore

- The other is underdeveloped countries like Mongolia, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Brunei, Vietnam and India

(2) Discussions were made mainly to check/understand the problems in promoting Baduk in respective underdeveloped countries.

- The representative of Vietnam expressed his opinion that the best was to promote Baduk in Vietnam is to get awards in international

competitions. Based on this record Vietnam Association can get financial support from Government.

- The Problems and bottlenecks in promoting Baduk in other underdeveloped countries were summarized as follows :

- Financial difficulties of Baduk Association

- Lack of teaching materials

- Public relation/Advertisement

- India and Indonesia have additional problems of "Big Land" besides above-mentioned problems.

(3) The representative of Singapore explained how Japan had promoted Baduk in Singapore by hosting local competitions.

(4) The representative of Thailand presented the brief history of Thailand Association and their activities of Baduk promotion in CD.

4) Conclusion

Conclusions were made against the above-mentioned problems of underdeveloped countries as follows :

(1) Financial difficulties of Baduk Association

- Until Associations get financial support from Government or sponsorship from private sector, a person who has financial ability shall be invited to the President of Baduk Association.

(2) Lack of teaching materials

- AGF Office will send by postal mail the text book which was discussed

during Instructors' work-shop. This data shall be reviewed and commented by member countries. Based on these commentary data will be updated. The deal period of work-shops will be 2 times a year during ABC(Asian Baduk Championship) and KPMC respectively hosted by KBF.

(3) Public relation/Advertisement

- Considering the experience of Singapore Association it is preferable to hold local competitions hosted by like KBF. As every Association has a different situation, this shall be studied case by case.

- The presentation material of Thailand will be useful to other member countries as a sample for their promotion. AGF Office will make copies of CD and distribute it to member countries.

(4) Big Land

- As KBF and AGF member countries did not have experiences in handling "Big Land" problem, this topic shall be studied separately and continuously.

Participants :

Brunei : Sharen Tay Wei Wei / Representative of Brunei Go Association

Chinese Taipei : Yu-I Chen / Director of Taiwan Chiyuan Culture Foundation
Amateur Go Promotion Dept.

Hong Kong : Wong To Nicholas / Representative of Hong Kong Weiqi
Association

India : Manoj Kumar Yadav / representative of India Go Association

Indonesia : Handy Bunawan / Representative of Indonesia Baduk Association

Korea : Cho Kun Ho / President of Korea Baduk Federation

Korea : Yang Sung Mo / Vice President of Korea Baduk Federation

Korea : Kim Dal Soo / Secretary General of AGF

Macau : Kin Peng Ion / Vice President of Macau Weiqi Association

Malaysia : Chee Wen Chow / Representative

Mongolia : Sundariya Tumurbaatar / Representative of Mongolian Baduk Association

Philippines : Hiromoto Izeki / Representative of Philippines Go Association.

Singapore : Dr Gin Hor Chan / Representative of Singapre Weiqi Association

Thailand : Vantahanee Namasonthi / Vice President of Go Association of Thailand

Vietnam : Tat Thang Dang / Representative of Vietnam Go Association.