1. **2012 FIDIC/ASPAC/TCDPAP Conferences**

   In a combined effort with FIDIC and TCDPAP, a conference was held in Colombo in March 2012 and many ASPAC members association representatives attended in a strong delegation of about 160 attendees including nearly 50 international delegates.

   The conference was themed “**Technology and Knowledge Transfer and Collaboration among Consultants in the Asia Pacific Region**” and established action-oriented networking and knowledge sharing sessions drawing on the participation from senior government officials, industry captains, society leaders and academic experts across various professional disciplines.

   International experts from member countries of ASPAC and TCDPAP were in attendance to present the technical papers/case studies/success stories and hands-on examples on new approaches, solutions and mechanisms to achieve sustainable development.

   Our hosts association was ACESL and their President Mr Malith Mendis was very professional and displayed superb leadership throughout, making our stay in Sri Lanka and networking opportunities very enjoyable.

2. **Member Associations and Regional Activity**

   The Member Association activity reports for the 2011 year, identified that while there is a great amount of activity in the region being conducted by individual members, there is little happening on a region wide basis and that ASPAC has struggled to find a regional purpose.

   In an attempt to solve that shortcoming, the ASPAC EC considered various options at its meeting attended by representatives of most MAs and decided to use the FIDIC Vision, Mission and Objectives as a guide to developing regional activities that could use the capacity in the region to further the value of FIDIC membership to its members.

   The objectives were discussed in some detail and this ill be reported to MAs in the minutes of that meeting. In summary, good progress was made in highlighting how ASPAC members could enhance FIDIC activity. This work will be reported progressively as it develops.

3. **Coming Events**

   The following events are scheduled to be held in the ASPAC region during the next year.

   - 2012 FIDIC conference in Seoul (Korea) in September
   - 2013 ASPAC/TCDPAP conference in Bankok (Thailand)
   - 2013 FIDIC conference in Barcelona (Spain) in September

   In addition to these most of our Member Associations will be holding local events and details are available from their websites.

Dennis Sheehan
Chairman - ASPAC Secretariat
Meeting: ASPAC Executive Committee

Date: Friday, March 2, 2012
5:00pm - 6:20pm

Place: Colombo, Sri Lanka

ASPAC EC Members:
- Dennis Sheehan (Australia) - Chairman
- Dr Hoig Kang (Korea)
- Liu Luobing (China)
- Amitabha Ghoshal (India)
- Konomu Uchimura (Japan) - apology
- Chien-Chung Li (China Taipei) - apology
- Keshab Amatya (Nepal) - apology

FIDIC EC Members:
- Jaywan Lee (Member) (Korea)
- Enrico Vink (CEO)
- Geoff French (President)

ASPAC Member Observers:
- Yoshi Yamashita (Japan)
- Eko Bagus Delianto (Indonesia)
- Dang Can Nguyen (Vietnam)
- Malith Mendis (Sri Lanka)
- I A Osmani (Pakistan)
- H Zulkifli (Indonesia)
- Ibrahim Mammedzadeh (Azerbaijan)
- Henry Chelevamayagam (Malaysia)

General Comments from Chairman:
Minutes from GA Meeting in Davos – there were no outstanding matters from the Switzerland conference

FIDIC Conference in Davos in 2011 – the Chairman reported that he and other EC members had attended the FIDIC conference in Davos and also attended the EC meeting and AGM for ASPAC at that venue.

Other matters – the Chairman had allocated a number of tasks to his EC members to try to find some synergy between the needs of the ASPAC region members with the wider community of FIDIC by supporting its objectives as defined in Davos.

Discussion:
Objective 1 – “Be the recognised international authority on issues relating to engineering best practice and quality”

Lead: Liu Luobing
Second: Dr Hoig Kang

- Most MAs are offering good support to their members and promoting the various capabilities and experience that exist in the region
- Better knowledge and training in FIM was seen to be an area where FIDIC could
help the region

- There is little reference to FIDIC on many web browsers and we should try to find ways to bring FIDIC to the fore for better promotion.
- It was suggested by one member that more could be done to discipline poor performers in our industry to raise our image to a level where CEs are seen everywhere as strong and reliable members of society.
- Actively involved in FIDIC Engineer’s Certification PP supporting to CNAEC. I think it will be an effective platform for promotion of FIDIC best practices. I have heard FIDIC organized a 5 month training program on FIDIC Contracts modules and Business Practice modules in Korea with support of KENCA to train 25 participants and to accredit future FIDIC international trainers.
- So we have Pilot Program for FIDIC Engineer’s Certification in China and Accredit Trainer’s program in Korea, it means the platform is well established in our region, we need to move it forward.
- Participant in FIMS development with other members of FIDIC IMC and guide SICC in FIMS PP. For FIMS PP, currently there are 8 volunteer firms participated and 4 from ASPAC (China 1, Uzbekistan 1, Iran2).
- Member firms from ASPAC are very active in building an integrity industry.
- Each year, there is CPD training program for registered consulting engineers in China hosted by CNAEC or local association, as requested by Shanghai Engineering Consulting Trading Association (SECTA), I have provided training course on FIDIC and its best practice for 1100 registered consulting engineers for SECTA in 2011.
- Participation in the FIDIC annual conference and TCDPAP/ASPAC conference, and attract many more participants.
- Support and well develop programs already set in our region, such like FIDIC Engineer's Certification PP in China, FIDIC accredited trainers training program in Korea, Adjudicators training program in Japan, etc.

Objective 2 – Actively promote high standards of ethics and integrity among all stakeholders involved in the development of infrastructure worldwide

No activity planned

Objective 3 – “Maintain and enhance FIDIC's representation of the consulting industry worldwide”

Lead – Amitabha Ghoshal
Second - Konomo Uchimura

- A submission was tabled offering space in the CEAI headquarters building in New Delhi to house a permanent secretariat for ASPAC
- Discussion about the topic and support for the proposition was mixed, possibly because the attendees were considering it for the first time in this form and did not have an authority to commit their MA to any funding at this time.
- The FIDIC CEO outlined a vision for FIDIC to place a Secretary somewhere in the region to strengthen its reach in the area.
- It was left for the team to canvas each member of ASPAC to try to identify the need
Objective 4 – “Enhance the image of consulting engineering”
Lead – Dr Hoig Kang
Second – Konomu Uchimura

- Dr Kang produced an excellent précis of a number of activities undertaken in Korea that could be modeled in the remainder of the region as a strong way of enhancing our image.
- He addressed these at various levels at which activity could be undertaken as follows
  - International
  - National Government
  - National Association
  - Company
  - Individual Engineer
- The paper will be uploaded to the ASPAC website.

Objective 5 – “Promote and assist worldwide development of viable consulting engineering industries”
Lead – Chien Chung Li
Second – Keshab Amatya

- No discussion as Leaders not present

Objective 6 – “ Maintain the leading position of FIDIC’s Forms of Contract”
Lead – Keshab Amatya
Second – Amitabha Ghoshal

- No discussion as leader not present

Objective 7 – “Improve and develop FIDIC’s commercial activities”

- No activity planned

Objective 8 – “To promote and encourage the development of Young Professionals in the Consulting Engineering Industries”
Lead – Konomu Uchimura
Second – Liu Luobing

- This team offered many suggestions for encouragement and promotion of our younger professionals.
• Promote the YPMTP program to all MAs and through them their Company members
• More cross fertilization of young engineers through avenues such as the Japan/Australia exchange which has been running for many years
• Promote at least two regional YP events each year
• Develop an ASPAC YP of the year award with nominations from each MA
• Develop a Business Plan to better promote the YPs in the region
• Lobby member firms to arrange YPs actively participant in FIDIC YPMTP
• Arrange for YPs to chair workshop sessions during annual conferences

There being no other matters, the meeting was concluded at 6:10pm.

Dennis Sheehan
Chairman - ASPAC Secretariat