



ANNUAL REPORT 2019

FAI Regional Vice President – East And South Asia

FAI President, FAI Executive Board members, FAI Secretary General, FAI Air Sport Commission Presidents and delegates of 113th FAI General Conference. I would like to take this opportunity to thank FAI for giving me the trust and opportunity to serve FAI for region of East and South Asia. Due to my health reason I have not been travelling in my region but do assist NAC that requires assistance.

My reports are as follows:

1. FAI Membership

Prospect member:

a) *Cambodia*

No further development

b) *Myanmar and Brunei*

No further development

c) *NAC Vietnam*

NAC Vietnam has changed membership class from temporary member to Active member in 2018. Trying to assist Vietnam to form a federation with more addition of air sports disciplines.

2 FAI Air Sport in Asia Summit 2019

Was held in Bangkok, Thailand 14-15 June 2019. 9 countries with 31 participants attended the summit. 2 FAI Executive Board members, 2 Air Sport Commission representatives and Asiana Parachuting Federation also present. This is the second summit organised by FAI.

NAC attended this summit gained valuable knowledge on FAI structure, objectives and future planning to develop air sports especially in Asia. Delegates also has opportunity to interact with FAI EB, 2 air sports commission and FAI staff from head office.

Since this summit has given mutual benefit for NAC in Asia region and FAI, I would recommend to FAI EB that this meeting should be held frequently at least once in two years. Proper advance planning and ample notice to NAC, venue convenience for NAC to attend, more air sport commission involvement (especially with less air sport activities in Asia) and perhaps organised some training or seminar for judging at the same time.

3 Airsports Federation of Asia (AFA)

AFA should play more active role in creating more continental (Cat1) air sport competitions. AFA should also encourage members to participate actively in air sports commission by nominating in the bureau and attending plenary meetings. Members are also encouraged to bid in hosting air sports commission plenary meeting in Asia.

AFA should plan for training of judges and jury for air sports and will be supported by FAI air sport commissions.

4 FAI Annual Subscription Fee

FAI EB has the intention to reduce the annual subscription for all classes to CHF3,000.00 and will be tabled in the coming general conference 2019. I would like to recommend that class 10 should be further reduced perhaps to CHF 1000.00. I have been observing class 10 NAC, especially from Asian region are struggling to raise fund for the fees to be paid yearly. Most of the NAC in South East Asia with exception of Thailand and Indonesia, are having difficulties to raise funding. Air sports in their country are not supported financially by their government except for Thailand and Indonesia. Air sport activities are new in their country and make it more difficult to obtain sponsorship. Normally the participants for event or competition are solely self-financing.

5 Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)

Since the last Asian Games in Indonesia, OCA has not amended their recognition of Air Sport Federation of Asia (ASFA) as Asian federation for air sport in Asia. FAI only recognised AFA as the air sport federation for Asia and has written to OCA and all NOC in Asia. Until OCA made the changes from ASFA to AFA, then all NOC will be confused on which federation should they recognised. FAI must urgently solve this matter as next Asian Games will be in China 2022 and we do not want the same situation that occurred in Indonesia to happened again. NOC are members of OCA and will abide to OCA. There are more multisport events under OCA whereby air sports could be included.

6 Short Term Activities Planned

Will continue to visit non-FAI member in South East Asia region: a)

Myanmar

b) Brunei

c) Macau

d) Cambodia

Will make courtesy visit to NAC

a) Mongolia

b) Philippines

c) China

7 Long Term Activities Planned

- a) Follow up on Asian Games 2022 China
- b) Follow up on 31th South East Asia Games Vietnam 2021

8 Strategy

In South East Asia, recreational air sports activities have existed for quite some time but only on recreational activities especially in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Brunei and Vietnam. This is mainly due to lack of support and cooperation from their government particularly Sports Administration. My strategy to overcome this are:

- a) Approaching NOC and Sports Administration for support and cooperation
- b) Encouraged them to form air sports national body and be member of FAI
- c) Getting other South East Asia countries that has develop air sports to assist them in training and exposure of competitions with assistance of AFA members.
- d) Follow up and assist NAC to develop continental air sport competitions. Potential air sport competition is:
 - I. Hot Air balloon
 - II. Gliding
 - III. Aerobatic
 - IV. General Aviation Air Rally
 - V. Drone race

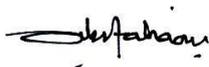
9 Threats

Main threats for FAI in Asia is the Air Sport Federation of Asia (ASFA) under the leadership of Dr.Mubarak and assisted by Sanjay Thapar. Both are against FAI activities in Asia. The Asia Games Jakarta 2018 is a good example of the attitude of both. Even ASFA appointed Executive Board was not informed or brief of decisions made by Dr Mubarak pertaining to Asia Games matter. Olympic Council of Asia has given full support to Dr Mubarak and this makes him feels strong and does things as he wishes. ASFA has not had its Annual General Meeting or General Conference since formation in 2017. Legal status of this federation is unknown.

Other Threats

Biggest threats in some countries are:

- a) Air Space restriction (Vietnam, Cambodia and Myanmar) controlled by Military
- b) Air sports not recognised by NOC and Sports Administration
- c) Cost of organising certain air sports are too expensive
- d) Difficult in obtaining sponsorship for air sports competition
- e) Other sports are more aggressive in getting listed in multi-sport event



Regards

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