

MINUTES OF MEETING
22ND MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
WORLD VETERANS FEDERATIONS
3RD AUGUST TO 6 AUGUST 2017

PRESENT:

LT GEN Frank KAO : Chairman
Delegates from SCAP Member Countries : See Annex A.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Members of the WVF Executive Board : See Annex B.
Observers from WVF Country Members : See Annex B.

SCAP Chairman Opening Address

1. LT GEN Frank KAO welcomed those present during the meeting particularly delegates and observers from SCAP Member Countries as well as observers from other WVF Member Countries in general.

2. The Chairman then proposed the following members to help him in facilitating the conduct of the meeting, which was unanimously agreed by the delegates.

- 2.1 COL (Ret) LAU Kee Siong (Singapore) - Alternate (Alt) Chairman
- 2.2 LT COL (Ret) TAJUL Ariffin Chu Johari (Malaysia) - Rapporteur.
- 2.3 LT COL (Ret) SWEE Boon Chai (Singapore) - Assistant Rapporteur

3. COL LAU Kee Siong took the chair and conducted the meeting in accordance with the convention and procedure as practised by WVF.

4. A roll call was taken and the following member countries were ascertained as being present:

- 4.1 ROC (Taiwan)
- 4.2 Jordan
- 4.3 Korea
- 4.4 Malaysia
- 4.5 Singapore
- 4.6 Turkey

4.7 Vietnam

5. A minute of Silence was observed for departed veterans of Asia Pacific.

COUNTRY BRIEF

6. The Alternate (Alt)Chairman reminded all present on rules for the conduct of the country brief. Each country will have 10 minutes to present their reports. An additional 5 minutes will be allocated for Questions and Answers at the end of each presentation.

5 The following SCAP Member Countries took turn to deliver their country brief:

5.1 ROC, Taiwan: Annex C.

5.2 Kingdom Jordan: Annex D.

5.3 Republic of Korea: Annex E.

5.4 Malaysia: Annex F.

5.5 Republic of Singapore: Annex G.

5.6 Republic of Turkey: Annex H.

5.7 Socialist Republic of Vietnam : Annex I.

6 The Alternate (Alt)Chairman invited the following Observers to deliver a short brief on their Association:

6.1 COL (R) Alfred FULLER from the Veteran Association of the Republic of Cameroon (see Annex J).

6.2 Mr. Saif KHAN representative from the WVF Standing Committee for America (see Annex K).

Report of the WVF Asia Pacific Development Fund

7. COL LAU who is also the member of the WVF, Asia Pacific Development Fund Committee made a report on behalf of the Chairman of the Fund, DATO HAMID Ibrahim who has since been deceased.

7.1 Paragraph 4 of the Asia and The Pacific Development Fund Rules states very clearly that “The object of the Fund is to provide (only) for the finance of development and implementation of WVF activities within the Asia/Pacific Region”.

7.2 There is a caveat which addresses “specific projects which are agreed by the WVF Standing Committee for Asia and the Pacific....” in which case, it would have to be agreed at during a SCAP meeting.

7.3 There has been instances of loans made to WVF. These transfer are supported by documented bank transfers as well as minutes of SCAP meetings.

7.4 There is also an issue with a supposed loan made to SCAA of €5000. COL LAU explained that it would have been ultra vires to the rules (paragraph 4) for such a loan to have been made. We have bank transfer documents to prove that the monies involved was made to WVF. It was therefore another loan to WVF and not to SCAA.

7.5 Since the demise of DATO HAMID Ibrahim, there has been no opportunity for SCAP to convene and elect a suitable replacement.

7.2 There is a need to elect a suitable candidate to do so at this meeting.

7.3 Paragraph 3 and 11 states that the Fund must be domiciled in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and that it should be deposited in a financial institution which is owned and guaranteed by the Government of Malaysia.

7.4 It is presently deposited in Bank Simpanan Nasional, Malaysia. The two signatories for issue of cheques are DATO HAMID and LTC ZAINAL. It is obvious that there is a need to change these signatories forthwith.

7.5 Since it is a Malaysian Bank, it would be logical that the proposed new signatories be notaries within the Malaysian Veterans Association who are Malaysian citizens. COL LAU proposed to the meeting that they be Senator ADMIRAL Tan Sri ANWAR Mohd and LTC TAJUL Ariffin Chu Johari.

7.6 The meeting voted unanimously that Senator ADMIRAL ANWAR and LTC TAJUL should be the new signatories for the issue of cheques for the WVF Asia Pacific Development Fund.

Conduct of Elections

8. Ballot papers were circulated to member countries, in accordance to proper protocol, for the election of Chairman for the WVF, Asia Pacific Development Fund. Member countries of SCAP present, proposed and elected Senator ADMIRAL ANWAR Mohd to be the new Chair.

9. Ballot papers were circulated to member countries, in accordance to proper protocol, for the election of Vice Chairman of SCAP. Member countries of SCAP present, proposed and elected MR Lee, Soo-Duck of Korea to be the next Vice Chairman of SCAP.

Resolution

10. The draft resolutions were read and deliberated during the meeting and the following were adopted:

8.1 **Resolution 1-22:** The Development Funds.

Recalling that the WVF, Asia Pacific Development Fund has given immeasurable flexibility for SCAP to help member countries in dire straits

resulting from natural calamities and well as deserving development projects to be assisted in timely fashion,

Recognising the usefulness of this facility and that amongst the other regions of WVF, SCAP is the only one with an operating development fund;

Resolved that SCAP will provide assistance in the form of advice and procedural inputs to the other regions to assist them to raise such similar Development Funds in their own regions. This will help them to experience the advantages and flexibility as SCAP has with the Asia Pacific Development Fund.

8.2 **Resolution 2-22:** Shared Historical Memory.

Recalling that the United Nation has adopted a resolution on the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage during the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage adopted by the 17th Session of the General Conference of the United Nation's Education, Science and education Organization, held in Paris, France on 17th October to 21 October 2017;

Noting that there is a need to record and document memories of military operations and conflicts by each country to recognise sacrifices made to maintain the sovereignty of the country as well a peaceful environment in the respective region;

Recognising that the documented memories should be archived to enable it to be passed to future generations to convey its values and lessons as well as the meaning of sacrifices made by all involved;

Resolved that all SCAP member countries to propose to their respective government to record and document the memories of conflicts and military operations and that it be properly archived so that it could be accessed and passed on to the next generation within and outside the country.

8.2 **Resolution 3-22:** Welfare and Benefits of Veterans.

Noting that the Veterans has put their best parts of their life to defend the country so that peace and harmony can prevail for the government of the day to better the livelihood of the people and develop the country economically.

Recognising its effect on the young who can discern what would be fair for personal sacrifices made by Veterans who have given their undivided loyalty in serving the country;

Resolved to remind all governments of member countries to formulate more meaningful and effective policies towards fulfilling their obligation in looking after the welfare needs of all Veterans in the country particularly among the under-privileged Veterans.

Conclusion

9. The Alt Chairman of the meeting closed the meeting by thanking all present for their cooperation for making the meeting a success. He handed over the meeting to the Chairman of SCAP, LT GEN Frank Kao.

10. The Chairman of SCAP thanked COL LAU from SAFVL for helping him in conducting the meeting. He also thanked LT COL TAJUL Ariffin Chu Johari (Ret) from VAMAF and LT COL SWEE Boon Chai (Ret) from SAFVL for being the rapporteur and assistant rapporteur in helping him in the recording of the minutes of the meeting.

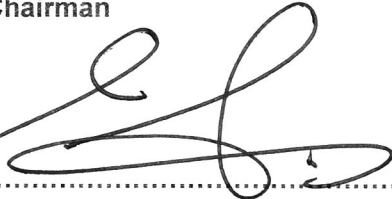
13 He then adjourned the meeting by recording his utmost appreciation and gratitude to the WWF President and EB Members as well as all delegates and observers for participating in the 22nd SCAP Meeting. He wished them all an enjoyable stay in Taipei City and hope that they will bring home fond memories of Taipei, ROC Taiwan.



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LT GEN (Ret) Frank KAO
President of the Standing Committee Asia and the Pacific



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COL (Ret) LAU Kee Siong (SAFVL)
Alternate Chairman



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LT COL TAJUL Ariffin Chu Johari (Ret) (VAMAF)
Rapporteur

Taipei ROC Taiwan, 3rd September 2017.