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NOTICE OF MEETING

12 October 2018

To: General Committee Members

This notice is hereby given that the General Committee Meeting of the Southeast Asian Geotechnical Society will be held:

Date: 6th November 2018 (Tuesday)
Time: 3:50 pm – 5:20 pm
Venue: Pullman Jakarta Central Park, Jakarta, Indonesia (the meeting room will be announced at the conference)

Dr. Kuo Chieh Chao
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AGENDA

1. Opening Address by the President of SEAGS – Prof. Noppadol
2. Address by the Founder President of SEAGS – Dr. Za-Chieh Moh
3. Introduction of Attending GC Members and Invited Guests
4. Confirmation of Minutes of the GC Meeting held at the SEAGS 50th Anniversary Symposium
5. Secretary Report & Financial Status
 - 5.1. Membership of SEAGS
 - 5.2. 2018 Financial Report
6. Journal of the SEAGS and AGSSEA
7. Relation & Cooperation Between SEAGS and AGSSEA
8. Election of New SEAGS President
9. 2020 International Geohazard Conference
10. Recent Development of ISSGME by Prof. Charles Ng
11. Other Business
12. Closure

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Minute of SEAGS GC Meeting

During the 50th Anniversary SEAGS Symposium

AIT Center, Bangkok, Thailand

10:30 am -12:00 noon

15 September 2017

GC Member Present:

Dr. Noppadol Phienwej President-Secretary General
Dr. Za Chieh Moh
Dr. T.A. Ooi
Prof. K.Y. Yong
Dr. Chin Chung -Tien
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Dr. John Chien Chung Li
Dr. Wen Hui Ting
Ir. Yew Weng Yee
Prof. T. Liang
Ir. Kenny Yee
Ir. Thien Seng Yee
Prof. Der Wen Chang
Prof. Meei Ling Lin

Also Present:

Dr. Geoff Chao
Dr. Richard Moh
Dr. Erwin Oh
Prof. Tai-Tien Wang

Agenda 1: Report on the 50th Anniversary Symposium

Noppadol on behalf of Suttisak who was not present at the meeting briefed the meeting on the organization of the 50th Anniversary SEAGS Symposium.

- Preliminary Statistics

- Participants 165 from 20 countries
- Expenses: Direct expenses approx. Baht 800,000, In-direct expenses (Personal time- Bala, SEAGS & TGS – not yet included)
- Income: Registration fee +Donation + Exhibition exceeded expenses
- There will be some surplus
- Sincere appreciation was extended to Prof. Bala who had done most of the early stage preparation in shaping up the program, inviting lecturers and exhibitors and donation raising although he was initially invited by TGS to only serve as an advisor in the International Advisory Committee. The great help of Dr. Moh in giving advice and support to TGS to formulate the symposium program and logistics during the last two months was cited. It really made a difference in term of the outcome.
- The commemoration session that was initiated by TGS was really successful. It did make this symposium different from previous SEAGS conferences.
- Thanks were extended to TGS members in working on this symposium very efficiently despite the fact that they held the Annual Thai Geotech Symposium a week earlier. Initially, TGS planned to combine two events into one event.

Agenda 2 Report of Secretary-General

The report of the Secretary-General on last year's activity and performance was circulated in the meeting. Remarks were made on the salient points as follows,

- Although Noppadol is listed as the Secretary-General, Prof. Bala practically did most of the tasks. He closely supervised the office secretary at AIT via emails and made direct communications and correspondences with outsiders.
- SEAGS published 4 issues of the Journal + two issues of the newsletter
- Corresponding with ISSMGE, ISRM, and IAEG various matters to serve the members
- No improvement in life member and there a decrease in annual member
- Number of journal subscribers (hard copy) was not improved in spite of the improvement of the journal.
- The journal was improved in term of its punctuality in the online publishing. It just received an ESCI citation
- The homepage was improved and active. It was maintained and regularly updated by a webmaster at AIT under close supervision and instructions of Bala.
- Annual operation cost of Secretariat office at AIT was around Baht 450,000 which was mainly spent on salary of the admin secretary and membership fees paid to ISSMGE, ISRM, and IAEG. Time cost of Bala and Noppadol was not included.
- Concerns were raised on the decrease in paid members of the society, lack of national member, the low circulation and subscription of the journal, the quality of journal.
- A remark was made by Dr. Moh on the relevance of the content of the journal in recent issues. Too many numbers of paper in one issue (up to 16 papers) and the coverage of content outside

the region as far as Africa was questioned. They did not serve the purpose of the journal as stated in the Statute. In addition, to gain the SCI citation should not be the main goal of the SEAGS journal which aimed more toward the practice and case history relevant to the region not academic coverage like other journals in the discipline. A member questioned that ESCI was not yet a real citation index. Noppadol mentioned that the push to get the SCI index was stemmed from the worry that the decrease in the journal subscription in the past was due to the lack of SCI Index. Then Bala geared toward that direction during last year and he succeeded in getting it. After a round of discussion and debate the meeting suggested that for the sustainability of the journal in the long term, a re-evaluation and a proper plan should be made for the journal production in the future in view of its true objectives per SEAGS statute and the interest of AGSSEA for implementation after the retirement of the key player at present. The meeting requested Prof. San Shyan Lin and Erwin Oh to consult with Bala in making the suitable plan. Prof. Jian Chu was asked to explore the possibility in having a Publisher House to run the journal for the Society. It was mentioned that the on-line handling of journal submission and review was now a must.

Agenda 3 Strengthening Interaction between SEAGS & AGSSEA

As the AGSSEA was established in 2007, the purpose was to have it continue some of the missions and activities of SEAGS in consequence of the departure of the key nation members following the establishment of their National Societies directly membered to the International society. At present, SEAGS was a member among the 8 society members of AGSSEA. SEAGS conferences and journal also bore AGSSEA name. AGSSEA also got an equal share of the surplus from the last two SEAGS conferences (Singapore & Kuala Lumpur). Each of the national members of AGSSEA got free 5 passwords to access online journal and publication in SEAGS homepage for its uses. Practically all the works were done by SEAGS, and AGSSEA members were passive and enjoyed the benefit. Suggestions were then made to make a plan and implement the strengthening of the tie and combining activities and function between SEAGS and AGSSEA. The following possibilities would be explored.

- Combining the secretariat office: At the moment, SEAGS office was at AIT and had been there for the past 50 years. However, the support of AIT administration in providing free support to SEAGS in the long run could not be warranted. AGSSEA office had been at IEM in Malaysia for the past 10 years.
- Merging the two homepages: At the moment SEAGS homepage was active but not for AGSSEA's. It was suggested that AGSSEA's moved into SEAGS's.
- AGSSEA members were asked to promote the journal circulation and subscription.
- SEAGS President and AGSSEA Council Chair were to explore the proposal for implementation. Suggestions by Bala were also noted and some could be explored.

Agenda 4 Amendment of Statutes

Proposals of Bala on the amendment of the statutes were noted.

- Since the main motivation was to strengthen the tie between SEAGS and AGSSEA, the proposals were to be considered later after the ways and means of implementation were explored and finalized.
- Due to the lack of a national member in SEAGS because no country which had own member society had number members in SEAGS meeting 10 minimum, the meeting then resolved that the statute was amended to state that the minimum number of the member was 5 instead of 10 for this condition. And Dr. Suktay Lim was requested to help find additional members from Cambodia so that it can be a national member of SEAGS.
- SEAGS represented their members not only to ISSMGE but also ISRM and IAEG. Thus SEAGS still need to continue to represent its members from countries with no national societies in ISRM and IAEG. At the moment not many countries in the region had their own National Societies in the two mother societies.

Agenda 5 New Secretary-General

Noppadol proposed to the meeting the appointment of Dr. Geoff Chao as the new Secretary-General of SEAGS. The proposal was in line with the statute and Noppadol's contract as the faculty member of AIT would end at the end of the year. Geoff Chao was the replacing faculty member. The meeting endorsed the proposal and welcomed Geoff Chao. His appointment term was in effective from the date of this GC meeting.

Agenda 6 Report of SEAGS Representative to ISRM

Prof. Tai-Tien Wang reported to the meeting of his representation to ISRM. There would be an election of the new president of ISRM and he was solicited by Jian Zhao for SEAGS to support his candidacy. Jian Zhao was an old friend to SEAGS and he was a capable person in rock engineering and tunneling. The meeting endorsed the proposal.

Taiwan is planning a bid to host the Asian Regional Symposium in Rock Mechanics in 2020 or 2022. The past symposia were held in Japan, Singapore, Iran, Korea etc.. The host institute in Taiwan for the bidding is the Chinese Taipei Geotechnical Society (The confirmation letter was handled over to the Secretary-General after the meeting). The GC meeting was then officially in support of Taiwan for the bidding.

Agenda 7 The 20th SEAGS Conference-3th AGSSEA Conference

The chair briefed that the first announcement and homepage of the conference had been made. It would be held in Jakarta in combination with HATTI annual conference.

Agenda 8 WTC 2020

Malaysia under the leadership of Dr. T.A. Ooi had successfully won the bid to host the World Tunnel Congress in Kuala Lumpur in 2020. It would be a big event in the region which was expected to be attended by up to 2000 participants. Dr. Ooi had presented the preparation of the Congress in the Commemoration a day before. The announcement and first bulletin had been circulated. SEAGS GC congratulated and was in full support of Dr. Ooi.

Minutes taken by Noppadol P.

15 September 2017

MEMBERSHIP OF SEAGS

Table 1 Summary of SEAGS Members by Each Category

Year	Number of Members			
	Life Members	Individual Members	Institution Members	Company Members
2013	99	69	1	7
2014	127	62	2	7
2015	139	61	2	3
2016	144	50	2	3
2017	151	58	2	3
2018⁽¹⁾	157	57	2	3

Note: (1) reported numbers as of September 2018

MEMBERSHIP FEE 2018

a. INDIVIDUAL MEMBER (ANNUAL)

US\$50/Year

b. LIFE MEMBER

- 1) 60 years old and above, five times of original annual membership fee.
- 2) 55 but less than 60 years old, [(60-present age) +5] times annual regular membership fee.
- 3) Less than 55 years old, ten times of the original annual membership fee.

b. INSTITUTION MEMBER

US\$ 2,000/year

Table 2 Summary of SEAGS Life Members

Country	Life member			
	2018	2017	2016	2015
Australia	13	13	12	12
Austria	1	1	1	1
Cambodia	1	1	1	1
Canada	6	6	5	4
China	3	3	3	3
Germany	1	1	1	1
Hong Kong	6	6	6	6
Hungary	1	1	1	1
India	1	1	1	1
Indonesia	8	6	6	6
Iraq	1	1	1	1
Japan	13	13	12	12
Kazakhstan	1	1	1	1
Korea	5	5	5	5
Malaysia	19	19	19	16
Myanmar	3	3	2	2
Nepal	1	1		
Norway	1	1	1	1
Pakistan	1	1	1	1
Philippines	3	2	2	2
Poland	1	1		
R.O.C.	21	21	21	20
Singapore	16	14	14	14
South Africa	1	1		
Spain	1	1	1	1
Sweden	2	2	2	2
Switzerland	2	2	2	2
Thailand	14	13	13	13
U.A.E	1	1	1	1
U.K.	1	1	1	1
U.S.A.	7	7	7	7
Vietnam	1	1	1	1
Total	157	151	144	139

Table 3 Summary of SEAGS Individual Members

Country	Individual member			
	2018	2017	2016	2015
Australia	2	2	4	3
China	2	2	2	3
Hong Kong	1	1		1
India	1			
Indonesia	4	3	3	1
Japan	2	1	2	3
Malaysia	14	16	12	15
Mexico D.F.	1	1	1	1
Mongolia	1		1	1
Myanmar	1	3		
Philippines	1	3	1	1
R.O.C.	3	3	3	5
Saudi Arabia	1			
Singapore	6	6	5	5
Sri Lanka	1			
Thailand	9	12	10	11
U.A.E.		1		
U.S.A.	5	3	4	5
U.K.			1	1
Vietnam	1	1	1	1
Total	57	58	50	57

Table 4 Summary of SEAGS Institution Members

Country	Institution Member			
	2018	2017	2016	2015
Malaysia	1	1	1	1
Singapore	1	1	1	1
Total	2	2	2	2

Table 5 Summary of SEAGS Company Members

Country	Company Member			
	2018	2017	2016	2015
Korea	1	1	1	1
Malaysia	1	1	2	3
R.O.C.				1
Thailand	1	1	1	1
Vietnam				1
Total	3	3	4	7

2018 SEAGS FINANCIAL REPORT

Baht

1. Cash Balance as of 1st July 2018	=	2,822,197 256,286	(SEAGS) (50th Anniversary Symposium)
2. Budget Income and Expenses	=	932,000	
3. <u>To-date:</u>			
Income: July 2018	=	425,904	
Expenditures: July 2018	=	512,990	

4. Expenditures Forecast (2018)

Expenditures	Budgeted (Baht)	Expenses as of July 2018 (Baht)
Secretarial/Services	450,000	254,164
Travel & Transportation	2,000	
Resource Fee (External-web development cost)	100,000	44,959
Special Activities	10,000	
Telephone/Fax	4,000	2140
Postage/Mailing	190,000	174,600
Printing	8,000	
Materials & Supplies	30,000	
Office Supplies/Miscellaneous/Photocopy	28,000	10339
Membership Fees (ISSMGE, IAEG and ISRM)	110,000	26,788
Total	932,000	512,990

5. Summary of Case Balance

Year	Cash Balance (Baht)
2013	1,202,887
2014	2,072,016
2015	2,478,423
2016	2,480,393
2017	2,798,867
2018 ⁽¹⁾	2,822,197

Note: (1) As of July 2018

JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTION

Table 1 Summary of Journal Subscription by Each Category

Year	Number of Subscription	
	Regular Subscription	On-Line Subscription
2013	77	-
2014	63	-
2015	49	3
2016	47	2
2017	40	3
2018⁽¹⁾	31	4

Note: (1) reported numbers as of September 2018

SUBSCRIPTION FEE 2018

a. LIBRARIES – Only Hard Volume

US\$200/year

b. ONLINE JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTION

US\$ 500/year

Table 2 Summary of Regular Subscription

Country	Regular Subscription			
	2018	2017	2016	2015
Australia	1	1	1	2
Brazil	1		2	1
Canada	4	5	6	7
Czech Republic		1	1	
China				2
England				2
Germany			1	2
Hong Kong	4	4	5	6
India		1	2	2
Ireland	1	1	1	1
Italy	2	2	2	1
Japan	1	1	1	1
Korea	1	1	2	3
Singapore		2	2	1
South Africa			1	1
The Netherlands		1	1	
Thailand				1
R.O.C.	3	3	3	4
U.K.	1	3	2	3
U.S.A.	12	14	14	14
Total	31	40	47	54

Table 3 Summary of Online Subscription

Country	Online Subscription			
	2018	2017	2016	2015
Hong Kong	1	1	1	1
India	1	1		
Malaysia				1
Thailand	1	1	1	1
Tunisia	1			
Total	4	3	2	3