# The 2nd Working Committee Conference

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| Periods | July 14, 1999 ~ July 17, 1999 |
| Venue (Place) | Japan > Toyama Prefecture |
| Organized by | Japan > Toyama Prefecture |
| Participation | China | Heilongjiang Province, Liaoning Province, Shandong Province  |
| Japan | Aomori Prefecture, Niigata Prefecture, Toyama Prefecture, Ishikawa Prefecture, Fukui Prefecture, Kyoto Prefecture, Hyogo Prefecture, Tottori Prefecture, Shimane Prefecture  |
| South Korea | Gangwon-Do, Chungcheongbuk-Do, Chungcheongnam-Do, Jeollabuk-Do, Jeollanam-Do, Gyeongsangbuk-Do, Gyeongsangnam-Do, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province  |
| Mongolia | Tuv Aimak  |
| Russia | Republic of Buryatia, Khabarovsk Territory |

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| ▷ Toyama Prefecture is elected as the coordinator group of the environment subcommittee conference

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| **▷ Discussion of the matters related to Union Operation**• Discussion of the plan for expense splitting of the Association to lessen the burden on the Association opening local authority • Discussion on the establishment of the secretariat and standing secretariat • Discussion of issues on registering in the Supportive Institution for the Association**▷ Discussion of the matters about the Hyogo Associated General Assembly in 2000****▷ Khabarovsk Territory hopes to open the General Assembly in 2002.** |

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* **Generalization of Chairman**

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| There was the 2nd Working Committee held by the local authority representatives of China, Japan, Mongolia, South Korea, and Russia who are the members of the North East Asia Region Local Authority Association on the 15th of July 1999.  |
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| In this Committee, all the representatives took the 21st century as an important era for North East Asia and declared that it is imperative to develop Exchange & Collaboration actively in the various areas in order to build up a huge territory of Exchange called the "North East Asia Economy" and "North East Asia Exchange" respectively, based on the principles of equality and reciprocity.  |
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| Also, they made the following conclusions after deciding to promote constructive consultations regarding the following activities of Local Authority Association of North East Asia Region.  |
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| 1. | **On the Registration of the Supportive Organization for the Association**On the Supportive Organization for the Association which sets up the registration system from "98 Local Authority Association of North East Asia Region", and 29 organizations were registered in the Association as well as establishing the guidelines of registration for the first time.  |
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| 2. | **On the Activities of Subcommittee**Upon receiving reports from each Subcommittee of Economy & Commerce, Cultural Exchange, Environment, Disaster Prevention, and General Exchange, it was confirmed that discussions would be continued to realize the individual projects. In addition, the subcommittee concerned decided to examine the proposal on a number of additional projects hereafter.

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| A. | **Activity Report of the Subcommittee of Economy & Commerce** The members collaborated on the economy-related business, which is put into force by the member local authorities, as well as on publishing the Association Conspectus, which contains the authority’s economic status and information on commerce. Hereafter, the members decided to pursue in-depth discussions regarding the mutual collaboration plan of commerce-related business held by each local authority by opening a subcommittee.  |
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| B.  | **Activity Report of the Subcommittee of Cultural Exchange** As proposals which will be introduced by the Subcommittee, three issues including the ‘Exchange promotion by an academic study’, ‘Participation in the preparation for the Construction of Chinese Confucius Research Center’, and ‘North East Asia Region Study Center’ were selected. Hereafter, the activity direction of the Committee will be decided by discussing with the participating local authority, and being mutually connected to other Subcommittees. |
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| C. | **Activity Report of the Subcommittee of Environment** On the individual project, the members decided to carry out unified surveys over detailed business contents and the intention of the participation of each local authority. In addition, they decided to put them altogether and to pursue the realization of the project by the beginning of 2000. |
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| D.  | **Activity Report of the Subcommittee of Disaster Prevention** As it is important to recognize and mutually understand each country’s Disaster Prevention system; they decided to put into force the exchange of information on disaster prevention and exchange of human resources. Then, they proposed relevant projects to member’s local authorities. Also, after checking the recovery process of Hansin and Awaji Great Earthquake, they decided to send the results to participating local authorities of the Association.  |
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| E.  | **Activity Report of the Subcommittee of General Exchange**Given the importance of promoting human resources who will support the North East Asia Region, and be a driving force of future North East Asia Region, the members decided to examine proposals that each local authority exchanges the relevant information with each other and actively participates in the subcommittee. Also, they decided to urge each institution to construct a homepage through the local authority participating in the Association, in order to strengthen the solidarity with the regional investigation study institution. Except for those mentioned above, they decided to continuously examine the ‘Conference of Information Exchange by the Test Institute’, ‘North East Asia Women’s Conference (tentatively named)’, etc. |

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| 3. | **On the Establishment of Russia Division at Secretariat** It was reported that the Russian office was established in the Far East Baikal Association pursuant to Clause 1 Article 12 of the Charter of the Association. Also, requirements in establishing an office, which need the consent of the domestic local authorities participating in the Association by country, were agreed. |
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| 4. | **On the reasonable and effective operation of the burden of expenses**It was basically agreed to the reduction of the burden of the expenses of each local authority that will hold conferences such as the General Assembly and Working Committee. Besides, it was determined to keep reviewing the reasonable and effective operation such as the burden of expenses. |
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| 5. | **On the 3rd General Assembly of the North East Asia Region Local Authority Association** The overview of the schedule of the 3rd General Assembly and venue of the North East Asia Region Local Authority Association held in Hyogo Prefecture, Japan in 2000 was reported.  |
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| 6. | **On the 4th General Assembly of the North East Asia Region Local Authority Association** Although there was a question on whether Khabarovsk could hold the conference, the venue of the 4th General Assembly was determined to be decided at the 3rd General Assembly in 2000.  |

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