



**FAI REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT  
(EAST & SOUTH ASIA)**

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My reports are as follows:

#### **1. FAI Membership**

Out of 18 countries in the region of East and South Asia, 13 countries are already member of FAI, 11 active members and 2 temporary members.

Balance of 5 non FAI members, prospect to be member are Cambodia, Myanmar and Brunei, Macau and East Timor.

#### ***Cambodia***

- Air sports activity is only paramotor for business and recreation.
- I had met the Secretary General of NOC Cambodia and will propose for air sport show next year.

#### ***Brunei***

- Air sport presentation to the Secretary General of NOC Brunei on 6 September 2015.
- NOC Brunei is ever willing to assist in setting up air sport association in Brunei.
- Air sport activities in Brunei are Paragliding, Paramotor, Parachuting, Aeromodelling and General Aviation.
- Air show has been proposed to be held in Bandar Seri Begawan next year to promote and develop air sport to the public.

#### ***Myanmar***

- I have been trying to make contact to approach relevant authorities or sports association to present air sport activities proposal since 2013.
- I will keep trying to set appointment before end of this year.

## **2. Air Sports Activities in East and South Asia**

Most popular air sport activities and competition are Paragliding, Paramotor, Aeromodelling, Parachuting and Hot Air Balloon.

### ***Paragliding***

- Domination of paragliding is in South East Asia whereby FAI category 1 and 2 are organised by their NAC of Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and Philippines.
- Vietnam has tremendously increased the population of paragliding pilots to more than 100 pilots actively flying and participating in category 2 FAI events.

### ***Paramotor***

- Inclusion of paramotor in Asian Beach Games both in China and Thailand, and 1<sup>st</sup> AOPC in Thailand, most of NAC in Asia has developed this sport.
- NAC Malaysia will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> AOPC at Kuala Terengganu in October 2015.
- NAC Vietnam is planning to organise paramotor fiesta in Da Nang City in June 2016
- NAC Indonesia has indicates interest to host 3<sup>rd</sup> AOPC in 2017.

### ***Aeromodelling***

- NAC Philippines is actively organising aeromodelling activities such as training of judges for F3A and competitions with collaboration from CIAM.
- NAC Mongolia is also active in organising FAI sanction event.

### ***Parachuting***

- Asiana Parachuting Federation has been organising parachuting competition and training of judges in collaboration with FAI IPC in Asia region.
- Appreciation to the continuous effort made by Asiana Parachuting Federation to develop and promote parachuting activities with the good leadership of its president Mr. Mubarak Al Swailim of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

### ***Hot Air Balloon***

- Beside China and Japan organising Hot Air Balloon competitions, other countries only organised Hot Air Balloon Fiesta.
- Yearly Hot Air Balloon fiesta series are organised in Thailand, Philippines and Malaysia. More than 200,000 visitors attended this fiesta per venue.

### **3. Air Sports Competitions in East and South Asia**

#### ***8<sup>th</sup> FAI World Paragliding Accuracy Championship (Puncak, Bogor Indonesia)***

- Federation Aero Sport of Indonesia with collaboration with FAI CIVL has successfully organised this event.
- This is the first world paragliding event hosted in country outside Europe.
- 19 countries participated with 121 pilots without any casualty.

#### ***17<sup>th</sup> ASIANIA Parachuting Championship and China International Parachuting Open 2015 (Taiyuan City, Shanxi Province, China)***

- ASIANIA Parachute Federation together with Aero Sports Federation of China (ASFC) will be organising the parachuting competition in Taiyuan City, Shanxi Province from 3 – 14 September 2015.
- Asiana Parachuting Federation will also be conducting FAI judges training for Accuracy Landing (AL), Formation Skydiving (FS) and Canopy Formation (CF) on 3 & 4 September 2015.

#### ***2<sup>nd</sup> FAI Asia Oceania Paramotor Championship (Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia)***

- This continental championship will be organised by NAC Malaysia from 7 – 18 October 2015.

### **4. Short Term Activities**

For next year (2016) I plan to visit the following countries for membership drive and developing air sport activities:

- a) Myanmar
- b) Brunei
- c) Macau
- d) Cambodia
- e) Vietnam (Temporary Member)
- f) Laos (Temporary Member)
- g) Philippines
- h) Mongolia
- i) Singapore

## **5. Long Term Activities**

### ***5<sup>th</sup> Asian Beach Games – Vietnam 2016***

- I made courtesy visit to Sports Administration and National Olympic Committee of Vietnam to discuss the possibility for relisting of air sport for ABG.
- Advised by the Deputy Minister of Sport Administration Vietnam who is also the Vice President of NOC Vietnam is for FAI as international federation to appeal to President of OCA for the inclusion of at least Paragliding in this multi-sport event.
- FAI President did send the letter to President of OCA.
- Also discussed with the Deputy Minister to assist NAC Vietnam to upgrade from FAI temporary member to active member for future organisation of FAI sanction event.

### ***South East Asia Games – Malaysia 2017***

- I have written a letter to Minister of Youth and Sports Malaysia requesting air sport in particular of paragliding and paramotor to be included in the 29<sup>th</sup> SEA Games.
- NAC Malaysia will send the proposal to the Minister and NOC Malaysia.

### ***Asia Games – 2018 Jakarta, Indonesia***

- I had a meeting with President of NOC Indonesia with NAC Indonesia after receiving information that both air sports that had been listed earlier has been delisted by NOC Indonesia.
- President of NOC Indonesia also requested official technical support from FAI. FAI President has written to President of OCA in assuring support will be given to NAC Indonesia for this event.
- NAC Indonesia also required assistance from FAI CIVL air sports commission to obtain data as requested by them.
- President of Federation Aero Sport Indonesia has written a letter to Minister of Sports Indonesia to appeal for inclusion of paragliding event.
- Latest information received is that NAC Indonesia is still trying to include Paramotor in the Asia Games.

### ***6<sup>th</sup> Asian Beach Games – 2018 India***

- OCA has confirmed that NOC India will host the 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Beach Games in 2018.
- FAI Head Office has to immediately communicate with NAC India to prepare proposal for air sports to be included in this event.

### ***30<sup>th</sup> South East Asia Games – 2019 Brunei Darulsalam***

- South East Asia Games Committee has offered Brunei Darulsalam to host for 30<sup>th</sup> SEA Games in 2019 but NOC Brunei has withdrawn as host for the SEA Games 2019.
- 3 countries has express interest to host the event that is Thailand, Philippines and Vietnam.

### ***Olympic Games – 2020 Japan***

- First time FAI has submitted proposal for air sport to be listed in Olympic Games and submission was made through NAC Japan.
- 26 other sports that has submitted their papers
- FAI should not give up and keep trying until our air sport successfully included in the games.
- Appreciation should be given to FAI Head Office, NAC Japan and CIVL Air Sport Commission for their effort to prepare the papers.
- I would like to suggest that FAI should try to convince Japan Olympic Organiser and IOC to at least consider air sport as a demonstration games during Olympic Games 2020. This will be a stepping stone for air sport to be included in the future Olympic Games.

## **6. Strategy**

In order for air sport to further developed and promoted in Asia region, more air sports competitions should be created. Beside FAI sanction event, air sport should have footing in multi-sport event. FAI should approach and make presentation on air sport activities in Asia to Olympic Council Asia as many other sports have done. Other strategy is:

- a) Encourage all NAC to register with NOC and Sports Administration of their country
- b) Encourage NAC to organise more international air sport competitions
- c) Encourage NAC to participate in international competitions
- d) Recruiting more countries to be member of FAI. At present there are 45 countries in Asia and only 27 are members of FAI
- e) Formation of air sport body in Asia to represent all NAC in Asia
- f) Supporting NAC in my region and organising FAI regional meetings (at least twice a year)

## 7. 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

## 8. Other information

### ***21<sup>st</sup> Commonwealth Games – 4-15 April 2018 Gold Coast Queensland Australia***

This event will be organised by Commonwealth Games Federation.

- 71 Nation and 11 days sporting event
- 17 different sports and para sport
- Expected 6500 athletes and officials and 1.5 billion TV audience via global TV
- Only 9 countries out of 71 countries are members of FAI. Africa – 1, Americas – 1, Asia – 4, Caribbean – 0, Europe – 1, Oceania - 2

### ***Air Sport Analysis In Multi-Sport Games Asia***

Success Event

- a) 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Beach Games 2008 Bali Indonesia (Paragliding)
- b) 26<sup>th</sup> SEA Games 2011 Puncak Indonesia (Paragliding)
- c) 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian Beach Games 2012 HaiYang China (Paramotor)
- d) 4<sup>th</sup> Asian Beach Games 2014 Phuket Thailand (Paramotor & Paragliding)

Failure to be included

- a) 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Beach Games 2010 Muscat Oman
- b) 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games 2013 Myanmar
- c) 28<sup>th</sup> SEA Games 2015 Singapore

- Success for inclusion of air sports in multi-sport games are entirely depending capability and good relationship of NAC with their NOC and sport administration.
- Experience in organising international air sports event is the main criteria.
- Failure of 3 games for inclusion of air sport is either the NAC do not have experience or that particular country does not have air sport NAC.
- NAC has not registered with their NOC.

***Royal Aeronautic Sports Association of Thailand***

RASAT has managed to secure authority of air sport law from DCA and passed by Thailand Parliament on 24 August 2015. This includes personal licensing, airworthiness and safety management. RASAT has also conducted coaching and clinic on 23 August 2015 for paramotor for Indonesian pilot in preparation for 2<sup>nd</sup> AOPC October 2015.

I would like to express my appreciation to FAI President, Executive Directors, Secretary General, Head Office Staff and all NACs in East & South Asia region for giving support and encouragement to carry out my duty as FAI Regional Vice President (East & South Asia)

Thank You.

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