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Quadrennial Report to the General Assembly 2000-2004

Name of Regional Branch:

International Council on Archives East Asia Regional Branch (EASTICA)

Administration

New leadership was elected during the 6th General Conference held in Hangzhou China (November 2003) for a four-year term: 2003 -2007.

Chairman: **Mr. MAO Fuming** Director General of the State Archives Administration of China.

Vice-Chairman: **Mr. Mitsuoki KIKUCHI** President of the National Archives of Japan

Secretary General: **Mr. CHU Fook-keung Simon** Government Archivist of the Hong Kong Public Records Office.

Treasurer: **Dr. LEE Sangmin**, Government Archives & Records Service, the Republic of Korea.

Executive Board Members:

Mr. KIM Han-wook, Director General of the Government and Records Service, Republic of Korea.

Dr. Ulziibaatar Demberel Director General of the National Archives of Mongolia

Ms. Maria Fatima LAU Director of the Macao Historical Archives.

Conference and Seminar

During the period the following conferences and seminar were held and proposed to be held:

The 5th General Conference was held in **Seoul, Korea** from 16-22 September 2001. The theme of the conference was on issues (legal, technical, political and cultural) relating to public access to archives.

Annual seminar was held at **Macao** from December 2-5, 2002. The theme of the event was on archival legal issues and archival problems and challenge. Apart from having members of the **ICA CLM** to enlighten colleagues in the region on tricky legal issues affecting archival operation, EASTICA took the opportunity to have a “physical examination” of the archival system, operation, and practices of archives in the region with a view to identifying common problems and charting course of future action.

The 6th General Conference was held in Hangzhou, China from 8-13, November 2003. The theme of the Conference was on the administration of business and private archives.

Annual seminar has been scheduled for late October, 2004 in Korea.

Publicity

During the period, EASTICA has published its 8th and 9th official journal: *East Asian Archives Number 8* and *9* which are basically records of proceedings of and papers delivered in Korean Conference and Macao seminar.

Also, communication among members in the form of a Newsletter has been issued since 2002.

To publicize EASTICA’s activities and programs, we have since 1999 developed our own website which is further linked to webs of major archival institutions and associations. Apart from detailed information on the association, most of our publications are to be found in the web. The following is the address and colleagues are invited to visit it:

WWW.EASTICA.ORG

Professional Development

In order to prepare serving archivists in the region to exercise leadership in planning, implementing and promoting the preservation, organization, effective dissemination and use of society’s documentary heritage, EASTICA, joined by the **Hong Kong University**, had organized a course of study leading to the award of a Postgraduate Certificate in Archival Studies.

The course of study was a four-week full time program scheduled for January 6-28, 2003 in the Hong Kong University campus in Hong Kong. Apart from support of National Archivists in the region, the successful launch of the program owed a great deal to the generosity and assistance of records and archival specialists coming to help out in Hong Kong world over.

EASTICA is going to organize a similar program this year from July 12-31, 2004.

Constitution Amendment

Amendment to the Constitution of EASTICA, originally adopted at the Inaugural Conference held in Beijing, China on 7-10 July 1993, was approved by voting members at the Extraordinary Session of General Conference held in Macao on 4th December 2002. An additional paragraph was added to section III Membership as Section III sub-section 5 and as follows:

“Any ICA member outside the East Asian Region can be a member of EASTICA subject to the agreement of the Executive Board of EASTICA, providing that no member of ICA may serve simultaneously on the steering body of two regional branches.”

The amendment was adopted to allow for the official participation in EASTICA activities by colleagues outside of the East Asian region.

Amendment was also made to Section VII Executive Board and adopted by the 6th General Conference . The amended Constitution provides that the two-term restriction on the incumbent of the posts of Secretary General and Treasurer were removed.