



Asian Chess Federation

Annex 53



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1. Official Recognition by UAE Government

General Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces has welcomed the move of the seat of the Asian Chess Federation to Al Ain, UAE. This has opened the door for support for the Asian Chess Federation as shown by the organization in grand style of the Asian Youth Championship in Al Ain.

2. Representation by Asian President Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifah Al Nahyan

Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifah Al Nahyan visited several countries in his capacity as Asian Chess Federation president: He attended FIDE Board meetings in Elista, Russia and Tallinn, Estonia. He participated in the 15th Asian Games in Doha, Qatar, the Asian Cities Championship in Teheran, Iran, met with Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo in Manila, Philippines during the 1st GMA Cup, met with the Iranian Minister of Sports and National Olympic Committee president during the Asian Women's Championship in Tehran, Iran and recently attended the celebration in Chennai, India for newly crowned world champion Viswanathan Anand.

During the Asian Indoor Games in Macau, Sheikh Sultan met with the President and top officials of the Olympic Council of Asia and presidents and leaders of various National Olympic Committees. As a result of these meetings, the Asian Chess Federation has been invited to include chess in the 1st Asian Beach Games, 18-26 Oct. 2008 in Bali, Indonesia.

3. Assistance to Asian Federations

The Asian Chess Federation supported Zonal prize funds totaling \$25,000 for all five multi-federation Asian Zones at \$5,000 each.

Sheikh Sultan personally gave financial assistance to a number of federations participating in the Asian Youth in Al Ain: Bahrain, Hong Kong, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine and Iraq. More developing federations were also offered assistance but for various reasons could not participate.

4. Asian Chess Federation Annual Meeting

We welcome Maldives to the FIDE Asian family. The Asian Chess Federation held its annual meeting on 31 October 2007 during the Asian Indoor Games in Macau with 22 federations participating, namely Bangladesh, Bahrain, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Taipei, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan and Vietnam.

5. Asian Committees

The Asian Chess Federation has constituted four committees as follows:

5.1 Arbiters Committee

The Arbiters Committee shall be responsible for recommending, to the Asian President, Arbiters in official Asian championships, regulate stipends, publish an Asian Handbook on the Laws of Chess and case studies, start an Arbiters Forum on the Asian web site conduct Arbiters Seminars around Asia.

5.2 Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee shall be responsible for setting up bidding procedures for the Asian Calendar for recommendation to the Asian President, tournament rules and regulations. The Committee shall review all Asian tournament regulations.

5.3 Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee shall oversee the marketing of all Asian events and seek new ways to raise finances through General Sponsorship and Internet rights.

5.4 Development Committee

The Development Committee shall be responsible for Training, Seminars for Coaches and Trainers, Chess in Schools, coordination with FIDE CACDEC and inviting new member federations for the Asian Chess Federation.

We have begun a new **Asian Chess Federation Web Site** which shall support the activities of the Asian Committees.

6. Asian Calendar

All tournaments in the Asian Calendar 2007 have been organized or scheduled:

Results of the Zonal Championships, Asian Individual Championships and official events are published on the FIDE web site and Asian web site.

The Asian Chess Federation thanks all Zone Presidents, organizing federations and participating federations for their contribution to the success of Asian events.

1	Zone 3.3 M & W	Zonal	Phu Quoc, Vietnam	10-19 Jan. 2007
2	Asian Cities Ch for Dubai Cup	Teams	Teheran, Iran	1-9 March 2007
3	Zone 3.5 Men's	Zonal	Dezhou Shandong, China	28 April to 6 May 2007
4	Zone 3.6 M & W	Zonal	Suva, Fiji	5-12 May 2007
5	Asian Under-16 & 18	Under 16& 18 Boys and Girls	Tashkent, Uzbekistan	27 June – 8 July 07
6	Zone 3.2 M & W	Zonal	Dhaka, Bangladesh	8-31 August 2007
7	Asian Youth Championship	Under 8,10,12 &14 B&G	Al-Ain, UAE	22-30 August
8	Asian Women's Individual Ch.	Representatives	Tehran, Iran	2-12 Sept 2007
9	7 th Asian Men's Individual Ch.	Representatives	Cebu, Philippines	18-30 Sept 2007
10	Zone 3.5 Women	Zonal	Tianjin, China	18 Sept. 2007
11	FIDE Arbiters Seminar	Seminar	Cebu, Philippines	20-25 Sept 2007
12	Zone 3.4 M & W	Zonal	Tashkent, Uzbekistan	3-14 Oct. 2007
13	Zone 3.1 M & W	Zonal	Manama, Bahrain	14-22 Oct 2007
14	Asian Indoor Games	Teams	Macau	26 Oct – 3 Nov.
15	FIDE Administrator Seminar	Seminar	Singapore	1-7 December
16	Asian Junior Championship	Under 20 Boys and Girls	Chennai, India	12-20 December
17	Asian Schools Championship	Under 7,9,11,13,15	Kandy, Sri Lanka	2 to 9 Jan., 2008
18	Asian Team Championship	Teams	Visakhapatnam, India	2-10 Jan., 2008

Bids for other coming events shall be submitted during the Executive Board meeting in Antalya.

7. Asian Youth Championship

The Asian Chess Federation organized the Asian Youth Championship 22-30 August 2007 in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates, under the patronage of the Crown Prince, HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

A record 21 countries participated in the event, more than double the previous years' representation. Participants were accorded 5-star hotel accommodation. Pure gold and silver medals were awarded to the winners in each category. The FIDE President and a number of FIDE Presidential Board members were guests of honor. Overall, media coverage was extensive, the FIDE President found the conditions excellent and players were happy.

The largest federations in Asia, with usually the most number of entries in the youth events, supported the move to limit to three the number of representatives in each category. No objections were raised at the Asian meetings last month in Macau and in Antalya. There continues to be strong interest from many federations to organize the Asian Youth.

8. 16th Asian Games, Guangzhou 2010

A 15-man delegation from the 2010 Guangzhou Asian Games Organizing Committee visited Al Ain, UAE on 14 September 2007 for an organizational meeting together with Ambassador Gao Yusheng of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the UAE. The delegation consisted of engineers, municipal planners and other officials of the Guangzhou Municipality.

The Guangzhou engineers presented the plan for the construction of various venues and their uses for the community and asked Sheikh Sultan for the guidance of the Asian Chess Federation in the construction of a new building for the chess competition in Guangzhou 2010.

It was pointed out that the Asian Chess Federation has 41 member federations who are also members of the Olympic Council of Asia.

9. 2nd Asian Indoor Games, Macau 2007

Twenty three federations participated in the 15th Asian Games in Doha 2006 with 24 federations competing in three events with a total of 9 gold medals for Mixed Team and Individual Competitions for Men and Women in Rapid Chess, Standard Chess and Blitz Chess. We thank the Macau Chess Association headed by President Jose Silveirinho for their support to the Macau Indoor Games Organizing Committee (MAIGOC).

Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifah Al Nahyan
President
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