REPORT OF THE UAAA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

28-30 October 2013, Islamabad, Pakistan

First of all I would like to make clear that all the controversy surrounding NMA's. Travel issue & procedures regarding representative to all the national & international seminar/meeting should be give a special thought by the executive board. For its importance in the regional & global mountaineering sector. As of today, all the representatives of NMA, up to my knowledge has always raised their voice in the context of national development of Nepal through developed man power components to cater the growing trend in adventure tourism & alpinism the Himalayas & the world. And has always helped & supported in the development of alpinism as a whole for the world.

The general assembly in Islamabad, Pakistan specially focused on the issues surrounding these adventure activities that the Asian communities are currently undergoing.

28th September 2013

Upon arrival in Islamabad, NMA delegate led by President Zimba Zangbu Sherpa, Joint Secretary Surendra Sapkota & myself was greeted & received by alpine club of Pakistan's President. Then transferred to the hotel. We reached there at 1:00 am local time.

29th September 2013

In the morning after meeting rest of the delegates, there was a short hike on the "Margalla Hill" which was about 3 hrs. During this hike there was lots of ideas exchanged about the flora & fauna of that region & the method for the green protection in Pakistan.

There was 10 nations, 15 association member representative. Lunch & then returned to the hotel free time in which there was lots of plenary/side meeting discussion regarding the meeting & agendas which was followed by a short trip to the local market. Followed by dinner where all the ACP members were present.

30th September 2013 The inaugural session where

9:00 am. All the delegates was given a warm welcome in inaugural. The inaugural was done by Mian Riaz Husain Pirzada, Minister for IPC, Government of Pakistan. In which he reported the unfortunate happening in K2 (11 mountaineers killed by Taliban) and he also assured that all the security aspect would be put in place in the future. And he also assured that how Pakistan is developing its adventure components.
In this session there were other local representative related to adventure tourism. And the ambassador of Korea & Nepal Bharat Raj Panday was also present.

Tea Break.

**UAAA General Assembly - First Session :**

After Mr. Li (UAAA President) did the call of order the opening remarks was done by Mr. Manzoor Hussain, President, Alpine Club of Pakistan. This year UIAA President Mr. First Vrijlandt was the honorary guest in the session. After the approval of the agenda the last minutes of Mokpo, Korea was approved, and the minutes of Council Meeting Taiwan was also approved.

**Activities Report of 2012 :**

- Expedition Report was presented by NMA
- Environment Report was presented by IMSCF
- Youth Report was presented by CMA.

And in all 3 activities there was a need & realization by the UAAA to improve and develop the involvement of the youth for the future.

Regarding the website there was lot to be done to make it more user friendly among the different association and the UAAA secretariat will look in to that.

The current financing report was up to mark and of course few members had not paid its membership fee and of course there was a new application for new member from Mongolia & Bangladesh. To which UAAA will be requiring the their respected governments. Approval & go ahead before UAAA accept them and in future a set criteria to be put in place for new membership.

**Lunch :**

**Second Session :**

This session was about the activities of UAAA, in which NMA had proposed for joint expedition in Nepal, which was approved & will take place in 2014 in which NMA will have to do all the necessary workout. The talk of UAAA corner in the Museum (IMM) was express by all and for which UAAA will come up with concept.

The youth program in Kyrgyz conducted by Kyrgyz Alpine Club was a successful in which more 100 participant was there (Mt. Lenin). Therefore there was a need to develop UAAA Youth Camp as a annual project was realized.
As of few years now China, Japan & Korea has already started joint rescue training program. There was need for the rest of the UAAA members to come up with such program. And in this regards there was a understanding to conduct a separate joint rescue training according to the countries location in the future. So Nepal, Iran, Pakistan are request by UAAA to come up with such a program.

By doing such program, it is the understanding of the UAAA that all the language & cultural barrier will not arise during the rescue operation for all will be trained.

In future, the need to develop Ski Mountaineering division was realized to further develope the outdoor activities and cultural exchange of trekking/trekkers.

- 2014 Council Meeting in Hong Kong
- 2014 General Assembly in Japan
- 2015 Council Meeting proposed by Kyrgyz Alpine Club was approved.

Lastly this year being the election year of UAAA.

There was a unanimous discussion for the current president Mr. Li to continue for one more term.

There was a talk regarding the meeting of Himalayan Host Country for which NMA proposed to coordinate in the short future.

Remarks & vote of thank by President of UIAA.

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