ACCU Experts Meeting—For Further Development of Activities

In conjunction with the Asia-Pacific Forum for UNESCO held from 29 to 31 July 2003, ACCU organized the Meeting of Experts on Asia-Pacific Regional Programmes for Culture and Education on 30 July 2003. Seven experts from Asia in the field of culture and education, three UNESCO representatives from both Bangkok and Beijing, as well as all the senior staff members of ACCU, attended it.

The primary objective of the Meeting was to invite suggestions of experts to ACCU on existing and possible programme activities of, and general directions for ACCU in the future. It was also designed to help ACCU set new directions to make its activities more responsive to the changing needs of the region.

The Meeting chaired by Prof. Chiba, International Christian University, reviewed and evaluated current ACCU programmes and invited the experts to make comments and suggestions for their further improvement and expansion. Many critical comments and useful suggestions were made during the Meeting. The following are some of the major ones.

Comments on ACCU future programmes:
• Clear mission statement with its objectives and vision
• Effective implementation strategies and delivery mechanism
• Medium-term visionary plan (3-5 years)
• Relevance to people’s needs in different contexts
• Needs assessment of materials and indicators of their appropriateness

Suggestions for expansion:
• Effective capacity building mechanism
• Coordinated activities of Formal and Non-Formal Education
• Programmes on preserving endangered languages
• Priority target on youth with alternative approaches
• Building effective partnership with GOs, NGOs and private sector within country and among countries

Noma Concours Winning Works Exhibition in Tokyo and BIB

Eighty-four illustrations from the 33 prize-winning works of the 13th Noma Concours for Picture Book illustrations were exhibited at the International Library of Children’s Literature in Tokyo. The exhibition, entitled “Palette of Dream Colours” lasted from 25 April to 6 July 2003 attracting more than 20,000 visitors. Along with the winning works, there was also a display of approximately 130 picture books from the countries participating in the Concours. The works on display reflected the different artistic flavours of each country or region, and so could be enjoyed by adults just as much as children. On the first day of the exhibition, there was a brilliant awarding ceremony attended by the Grand Prize Winner, Ms. Claudia Legnazzi from Argentina and 2 other prize winners from Rep. of Korea and Kazakhstan. Ms. Legnazzi expressed in the speech her gratitude to ACCU for giving her the prize, and emphasized that the Concours really helped to encourage the illustrators in those regions.

After the Tokyo Exhibition, the works are subsequently on display at the Biennale of Illustrations, Bratislava (BIB), Slovakia from September to October 2003. BIB is one of the most celebrated and prestigious international competitions and exhibitions for children’s book illustrations in Europe.

For those unable to come to the Exhibition, visit our digital museum and enjoy the wonderful illustrations: http://www.accu.or.jp/noma/english/e_index.html

25th Travelling Exhibition of the Prize-winning works of ACCU Photo Contest

ACCU has annually organised the photo contest and the travelling photo exhibition of its prize-winning works.

The first exhibition of the prize-winning works of 2002 ACCU Photo Contest in Asia and the Pacific, under the theme of “The Joy of Sport” was held in Shinjuku, Tokyo, from 23 to 27 July 2003.

Many viewers commented that they enjoyed each of the wide variety of photos, all of which show the excitement, team spirit, fun of sport, which are common to all cultures.

The travelling exhibition will go out of Japan and be held in a number of UNESCO member states in the region upon their request. So far, the exhibition is scheduled or being planned in the following countries: Indonesia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Rep. of Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam.

As the year 2003 is designated as the ASEAN-Japan Exchange Year, the exhibitions for the ASEAN member states and Japan are organised under the framework of its commemorative events. The exhibition schedule will be posted on the ACCU website (http://www.accu.or.jp) in due course.

Meanwhile, the Travelling Photo Exhibition of the previous contest, “Clothes and People” was held in Maldives, Thailand and Rep. of Korea in 2002 and 2003.

The ACCU Photo Contest in Asia and Pacific calling for entries under a new theme, is not being held in 2003.
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(as of August 2003)

(C) Cultural activities, (E) Educational activities, (P) Planning and Personnel Exchange activities, (N) Cultural Heritage Protection Cooperation activities (Nara office)

“Palette of Dream Colours”
Exhibition of winning works of the 2002 Noma Concours for Picture Book Illustrations, co-organized with International Library of Children's Literature (C)
25 April–6 July 2003, Tokyo, Japan

Seminar for Cultural Heritage Protection
on researches and preservation activities in some Asian countries for Japanese public (N)
29 June, Nara, Japan

Traveling Photo Exhibition in Asia and the Pacific
“The Joy of Sport” (C)
23–27 July, Tokyo, Japan

Asia-Pacific Forum for UNESCO—Future of Our Culture and Education
29–31 July, Tokyo, Japan

Meetings of Experts on Asia-Pacific Regional Programmes for Culture and Education
30 July, Tokyo, Japan

Production Workshop on PLANET 3 (Package Learning Materials on Environment) “Waste Management” (E)
26–30 August, Ahmedabad, India

36th Training Course on Book Production in Asia and the Pacific “Production of Educational Materials in Print for Children and Youth” co-organized with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) (C)
16 September–12 October, Tokyo, Japan

Group Training Course on Conservation of Wooden Structures in Asia and the Pacific (N)
25 September–24 October, Nara, Japan

ACCU International Programme for International Educational Exchange of Teachers and Professionals (Chinese School Teachers Invitation Project) (P)
October, Tokyo and other cities, Japan

Training of Young Leaders in Cultural Heritage Protection in Asia and the Pacific (N)
November, Nara, Japan

ACCU-APPEAL Joint Planning Meeting on Regional NFE Programmes in Asia and the Pacific (E)
December, Tokyo, Japan

ACCU International Programme for International Educational Exchange of Teachers and Professionals (Korean School Teachers Invitation Project) (P)
January 2004, Tokyo and other cities, Japan

International Symposium for Cultural Heritage Protection on gardens and their surrounding nature (N)
24 January, Nara, Japan

Experts Meeting for Cultural Promotion of the “The Oral and Intangible Heritage in Asia and the Pacific” (C)
February, Tokyo, Japan

Publications from ACCU 2001–02

The following is a list of selected publications in English which relate to the activities held by ACCU in 2001 and 2002 fiscal year (April–March). They include reports of activities conducted by ACCU, print and non-print publications to enhance respective programmes and materials for use at local level. Contact ACCU if you need more details.

Reports:
• 2002 APPREB Experts Meeting for Consultation on APPREB Internet Website (Malaysia, February 2002)
• Report of the 2002 Tokyo Training Course on Book Production “How to Produce Education Materials in Printed Media” (Japan, October–November 2002)
• Final Report of the 2001 ACCU-APPEAL Joint Planning Meeting on Regional NFE Programmes in Asia and the Pacific: Tokyo Statement on Non-formal Education (Japan, June 2001)
• Final Report of the 2002 ACCU-APPEAL Joint Planning Meeting on Regional NFE Programmes in Asia and the Pacific (Japan, July 2002)

• Final Report on the 19th Regional Workshop: Capacity Building for Trainers of CLC Facilitators in Rural Areas in Asia and the Pacific (Viet Nam, November 2001)
• Final Report on the 20th Regional Workshop: Capacity Building for Trainers of NFE Facilitators in Asia and the Pacific (Myanmar, December 2002)
• 2001 Activity Report of the Literacy Resource Centres for Girls and Women in Asia and the Pacific (LRC)
• 2002 Activity Report of the Literacy Resource Centres for Girls and Women in Asia and the Pacific (LRC)
• Final Report on “2002 Invitation Programme for Korean Teachers” (Japan, January–February 2002)
• Programme Report: Invitation Programme for Teachers from the People’s Republic of China (Japan, December 2002)
• Programme for Professionals in the Fields of UNESCO’s Competence—Training of Young Leaders in Cultural Heritage Protection in Asia and the Pacific (Japan, September–October 2002)
• Report: Training Course on Conservation of Wooden Structures in Asia and the Pacific (Japan, October–November 2002)
• Report: Training Course on Cultural Heritage Protection 2002
• Final Report of Meeting on Megalithic Culture: Comparing Prehistoric Ruins of the East and Europe (Japan, March 2003)

Books/Booklets/Catalogues:
• A picture book to promote International Understanding, published on the occasion of the International Year for the Culture of Peace “Meet My Friends!”
• Catalogue of the Winning Works of the 12th Noma Concours for Picture Book Illustrations
• Catalogue of the Winning Works of the 13th Noma Concours for Picture Book Illustrations
• Catalogue of the Prize Winners of 2001 ACCU Photo Contest in Asia and the Pacific “Clothes and People”
• Catalogue of the Prize Winners of 2002 ACCU Photo Contest in Asia and the Pacific “The Joy of Sport”
• AJP prototype material no. 59 “Savings Group”

Pamphlets:
• Trilingual promotional brochure on Preservation of World Cultural Heritage

Others:
• “PALM” Package for developing Adult Learning Materials
• Postcards of the selected winning works of the 12th Noma Concours for Picture Book Illustrations
• ACCU calendar 2002, 2003