

FAMI Convenes 8th Annual General Meeting and 16th Management Committee Meeting in Indonesia

The Federation of Asian Motorcycle Industries (FAMI)¹ held its 8th Annual General Meeting, 16th Management Committee Meeting, 10th Research & Planning Committee Meeting and individual task force meetings in Yogyakarta, Indonesia during the two days of February 28 and March 1. Attending these gatherings were 57 delegates of FAMI member economies.



Eighth Annual General Meeting

The General Meeting was convened in the afternoon of March 1, and opened with an address by FAMI President Dato' Syed Mohamad Aidid. Within his remarks, President Aidid expressed his profound gratitude to the Indonesian Motorcycle Industry Association (AISII; President: Ridwan Gunawan) for its extensive efforts and work in preparing for and hosting this important FAMI event.

At the meeting that followed, all participants agreed that the FAMI Constitution was to be revised to permit more flexible scheduling of General Meetings in the future. The 2006 budget was reported upon and approved, and the proposed budget for 2007 was endorsed. In addition to this, the following FAMI executive personnel appointments were approved.

- **President**
Dato' Aidid was re-elected for another term (2 years)
- **Secretary General**
Mr. H. Nakamura was also re-elected for another term (2 years)
- **Office Bearers**
Philippines – MDPPA, Mr. Joseph Sison, successor of Mr. Roland Cruz was appointed as Vice-President.
Taiwan – TTVMA, Mr. Charles Huang, successor of Mr. Hsieh Wen-Yu was appointed as Vice-President.
- **Treasurer**
Accordingly to the Constitution of FAMI, the current Treasurer can serve only a maximum of one term (2 years) office. Therefore, Mr. Robert Teo (SMCTA) was elected and appointed as the new Treasurer of FAMI, successor of Mr. Wilson Phoon (SMCTA).

¹ Current membership consists of AISII (Indonesia), MASAAM (Malaysia), MDPPA (the Philippines), SMCTA (Singapore), TATA (Thailand), TTVMA (Taiwan) and JAMA (Japan).

Sixteenth Management Committee Meeting

At the Management Committee Meeting, the Technical Committee (chaired by Mr. Ochi of JAMA) and the Research & Planning Committee (chaired by Mr. W. Wisoot of TAlA) presented their activity reports, delegates exchanged information and the International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA)² board of directors' report was given. This was followed by discussions on the future direction of the FAMI Secretariat (chiefly, the proposal of rotating the Secretariat among FAMI member organizations from 2008).



Information Task Force meeting

In addition to this, the following discussion sessions were also convened.

Statistics Task Force (Chair Economy: Taiwan)

The status of the updating of statistical information in each member economy was confirmed, followed by discussions of the matters involved in opening up the FAMI website to the general public in September 2008 (the website is currently accessible only by FAMI members). In concluding the session, the decision was made to change the task force's leader from Ms. Stone Shih of Taiwan to Mr. Kok of Malaysia from the next meeting.

Road Safety Task Force (Chair Economy: The Philippines)

A report was presented on the results of the 7th Road Safety Seminar, held last November in Jakarta, Indonesia. The next seminar in this series was scheduled to convene this April in Manila. From this year, furthermore, the plan is to convene the Road Safety Seminar at a pace of once per year.

The decision was also reached to continue to hold the Road Safety Poster Campaign in its existing format. As references for possible road safety activities, JAMA introduced *Safety Action 21* (teaching materials targeting high school students and instructors) and the Close Call Essay Campaign "Hiyari-Hat" (which solicits compositions on accident "near miss" examples that to help prepare drivers for such situations).

² International organization created by motorcycle associations in Japan, Europe and the United States.

Intellectual Property Rights Task Force (Chair Economy: Indonesia)

The results were reported of the 2nd IPR Symposium, which was convened last October in Manila, while it was determined that the 3rd IPR Symposium would be held on this April 5 in Bangkok, Thailand. With regard to upcoming symposiums in this series, work is currently underway to hold the 4th IPR Symposium late this October in Indonesia, and the 5th IPR Symposium in March of 2008 in Taiwan.

Each member economy reviewed the progress of their respective poster campaigns aimed at stamping out copy products, followed by introductions of actual examples of IPR violations to support fruitful information exchanges. JAMA took advantage of this opportunity to present examples from China and Vietnam, and also introduced an international comparison of the IPR systems adopted in each FAMI member economy to indicate where these systems rank globally.

Research & Planning Committee (Chair Economy: Thailand)

Each member economy reported on the conditions of their individual motorcycle markets during 2006. For its part, JAMA delivered a presentation that discussed traffic accident conditions in Japan over the past year, and also outlined the problems surrounding motorcycle parking spaces in Japan.

The next FAMI Annual General Meeting is scheduled for March of 2008 in Taiwan, while the next Management Committee is slated to convene this September in Malaysia.