

## **FAMI Convenes 17<sup>th</sup> Management Committee Meeting in Malaysia**

The Federation of Asian Motorcycle Industries (FAMI)<sup>1</sup> held its 17<sup>th</sup> Management Committee Meeting, 11<sup>th</sup> Research & Planning Committee Meeting and individual task force meetings in Penang, Malaysia during the two days of September 5 and 6. Attending these gatherings were 52 delegates of FAMI member economies.



### **17<sup>th</sup> 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. Wisoot of TAI) reported on their activities and budgets for the first half of 2007, with delegates then taking time to exchange information. This was followed by the report on the general meeting this May of the International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA)<sup>2</sup>, and discussions on the future direction of the FAMI Secretariat.

The Technical Committee reported projects related to bio-fuels, carbon dioxide and other environmental technologies, safety technology projects, the UN/ECE Regulations and other standards harmonization technology activities, stressing that it will carry on studies in these areas from here on as well.

The FAMI Secretariat is currently maintained inside the JAMA Singapore Office, with Director Nakamura of that Singapore Office also serving as FAMI Office head. Since the

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<sup>1</sup> Current membership consists of ASIS (Indonesia), MASAAM (Malaysia), MDPPA (the Philippines), SMCTA (Singapore), TAI (Thailand), TTVMA (Taiwan) and JAMA (Japan).

<sup>2</sup> As of 2006, this international organization formed by motorcycle industry associations in Europe (through ACEA), Asia (through FAMI), India, the United States, Australia and Canada.

FAMI Annual General Meeting held this March, however, studies have been underway on the idea of rotating the Secretariat among the member economies beginning in April of next year. Decided at the Management Committee Meeting in Malaysia, therefore, was a plan to choose both the FAMI President and Secretary-General from the same FAMI member economy, with the selection of the Secretary-General to be conducted at the next Annual General Meeting (in March of next year).

#### **Information Task Force (Chair Economy: Malaysia)**

This task force announced the decision to launch the new FAMI website this December, while changing from only private access to the contents to accessibility to the general public. Webmaster work duties will be administered by AISI. With regard to statistical information, meanwhile, a report was delivered on the status of member information posted on the current website (which is open only to FAMI members).

#### **Road Safety Task Force (Chair Economy: The Philippines)**

A report was presented on the results of the 8<sup>th</sup> Road Safety Seminar, held this April in Manila, Philippines. That seminar, which addressed the theme of “Ride Safely, Enjoy Life,” enjoyed attendance by over 160 persons. The next seminar in the series is scheduled to take place in mid-2008 in conjunction with the Jakarta Motor Show.

After this, member economies delivered reports on the status of the FAMI Road Safety Poster Campaign and specific road safety activities. To better study future activities, meanwhile, the decision was made to evaluate the results of the activities that have been conducted to date. As a reference for upcoming activities, JAMA furnished information under the theme of “Body Protection for Motorcycle Users.”

#### **Intellectual Property Rights Task Force (Chair Economy: Indonesia)**

This meeting began with a report on the 3<sup>rd</sup> IPR Symposium, which was held successfully in Bangkok, Thailand this April. For the upcoming symposiums in this series, the 4<sup>th</sup> IPR Symposium is slated for Jakarta, Indonesia on this November 5, while the 5<sup>th</sup> Symposium will meet on March 3 next year in Taiwan (the day before the next FAMI Annual General Meeting).

Reports were delivered by the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia on the progress of their respective poster campaigns aimed at stamping out copy products, followed by introductions of actual examples of IPR violations in an effort to foster

fruitful discussions and information exchanges. JAMA then introduced an outline of the Japanese government's approach to fighting counterfeit products as a reference for other members in devising lobbying activities for use in targeting their own governments. Finally, to support the work of drawing up the next three-year action plan, the member economies agreed to evaluate the detailed activities conducted to date by the time of the next meeting of this task force.

#### **Research & Planning Committee (Chair Economy: Thailand)**

Each member economy reported on the recent status of their respective motorcycle markets. From JAMA, Motorcycle Committee Vice Chairman Hayata introduced the scheduled changes to Japan's vehicle approval system for replacement mufflers. The committee members also exchanged ideas on the next three-year action plan for the three FAMI task forces (a photo/essay contest, activities targeting young people and other possible efforts).



[The hotel in Penang, Malaysia where the recent FAMI meetings were held.](#)

The next FAMI Annual General Meeting and Management Committee Meeting are scheduled to be held March 4~5, 2008 in Taichung, Taiwan.