

**ASIAN BUDDHIST CONFERENCE FOR PEACE
14TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
HO CHI MINH, VIETNAM**

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The 14th Meeting of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (ABCP), and non-governmental international organization, on roster of UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) held at the Vietnam Buddhist University, Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam on 7-8 October 2023.

The 14th Meeting of the ABCP Executive Council was organized and hosted by the Vietnam ABCP National Center under the National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha.

The ABCP Executive Council 14th meeting was attended by Most Ven. Kh. Byambajav, Secretary General of ABCP, Bangladesh National Centre 1 – Bangladesh Boudha Kriti Prachar Sangha, ABCP Bangladesh National Center – 2, Cambodia ABCP National Center, Indian ABCP National Center, ABCP Korean National Center, Buddhist Fellowship Organization of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia ABCP National Center Dashchoiling Monastery, ABCP Nepal National Center, Buddhist Traditional Sangha of Russia Ivolginsky Datsan, Aginsky Datsan ABCP National Center of Russia, Sri Lanka (Late Ven. Sumanatissa Chapter) National ABCP Center, Sri Lanka (Late Ven. Wipulasara Chapter) National ABCP Center, and Vietnam National Buddhist Sangha National ABCP Center.

The ABCP Executive Council 14th meeting started with the chanting of Buddha's name in Vietnamese and Pali, then a minute of silence was observed in memory of Prof. Dr. Bikiran Prasad Barua, Secretary General of Bangladesh Boudha Kristi Prachar Sangha, who passed away on August 17, 2023.

H.E. Thich Thien Nhon, President of the National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha made welcome remarks, followed by brief opening remarks by ABCP Secretary General Most Ven. Kh. Byambajav. H.E. Thich Thien Nhon, the Patron of ABCP was declared a permanent patron of ABCP, after which the ABCP Headquarters and the National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha exchange gifts.

The 14th ABCP Executive Council heard and discussed the activity report of the ABCP Headquarters, presented by Secretary General of ABCP, Most Ven. Kh. Byambajav. The ABCP Secretary General noted the work done as a follow up to the decisions of the 12th and 13th Executive Council Meetings held in Vietnam and Sri Lanka respectively. Most Ven. Kh. Byambajav expressed gratitude to the Indian ABCP National Center for the initiative to take responsibility for the remuneration of the Director of the Regional ABCP Coordination Center in Bodh Gaya, India, which is planned to be inaugurated later in the year during the General Assembly of ABCP. The Secretary General reported on the status of the upgrading the roster status of ABCP in ECOSOC (United Nations Economic and Social Council) and called on all the National Centers to engage actively with their respective governments to support the ABCP HQ effort in this regard. The ABCP Secretary General dwelt at length on the various activities conducted by the HQ in Ulaanbaatar in collaboration with Mongolian ABCP National Center of Gandan Tegchenling Monastery, as well as the National Centers

of India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. In conclusion the ABCP Secretary General informed the Executive Council of the planned changes and amendments to the ABCP Charter, which would be shared with all the National Centers, and who have been asked to come up proposals and suggestions regarding the changes and amendments to the ABCP Charter during the next General Assembly, scheduled to be held in Delhi on 17-18 December 2023.

Most Ven. Geshe Jangchub Choeden, Vice President of ABCP and the Indian ABCP National Center, in response to the report of the Secretary General of ABCP, expressed concern over the global situation, which is posing threat to peace and security the world over, and called on the Executive Council members to voice their concern over the existing global challenges and that ABCP should work harder for peace. In this connection, the Vietnam ABCP National Center and the Japan ABCP National Center shared draft resolutions on promoting peace and ending armed conflicts and violence in different parts of the world through peaceful talks and negotiations with due consideration of Buddha's teachings on compassion, non-violence and respect of human values.

The ABCP Financial Report for the Fiscal Years 2020 to the first half of 2023 by was presented by Mr. Burenbayar Chanrav, ABCP HQ Senior Manager. He appealed to the member National Centers to make their membership fees on time, upon which the activity and growth of the organization depends a lot. From the floor there were several proposals and suggestions concerning membership fees as well as contribution to the organization's Corpus Fund. Pursuant to these suggestions and proposals, ABCP Executive Council Meeting took a decision as reflected in the Resolution of the 14th Executive Council Meeting.


Mr. Sonam Wangchuk, Secretary of the Indian ABCP National Center and Deputy Secretary General of ABCP briefed the participants in the meeting on the preparations for the next 12th General Assembly of ABCP. He indicated that the Indian ABCP National Center is planning to host the General Assembly in New Delhi, India on 17-18 December, 2023.

The Executive Council Meeting of ABCP continued its afternoon session, during which follow-up on the Sri Lanka ABCP Executive Council meeting decisions was presented by the Sri Lanka ABCP National Center, followed by presentations by other National Centers, members of ABCP on the work done in the interim period.

The 14th Executive Council Meeting of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace concluded with the discussion and adoption of the Resolution and the Communique of the 14th Meeting of the ABCP Executive Council.

This Communique was considered and adopted unanimously by the representatives of the ABCP National Centers of Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Laos, Mongolia, Nepal, Russia, South Korea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam on this day of October 7th, 2023 at the 14th Meeting of the Executive Council of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

ABCP Secretary General



Most Ven. Kh. Byambajav

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(Bangladesh Bouddha Kristi Prachar Sangha)

Bangladesh ABCP National Center

Cambodia ABCP National Center

India ABCP National Center

Korean ABCP National Center – Taego Order

Buddhist Fellowship Organization of Lao PDR

Mongolia ABCP National Center – Dashichoiling

Monastery

Nepal ABCP National Center

Buddhist Traditional Sangha of Russia,

Ivolginsky Datsan

Russia ABCP National Center Aginsky Datsan

Sri Lanka Sumanatissa Chapter

Sri Lanka Wipulasara Chapter

Vietnam ABCP National Center

Most Ven. Buddhapriya Mahathero

Mr. Gautam Arindam Barua

Dr. Khy Sovanratana

Most Ven. Geshe Janchub Choeden

Kost Ven. Dr. Lee Chi Ran

Most Ven. Vanh Keobundit

Most Ven. Ts. Altankhuu

Most Ven. Maitri Bikkhu

Most Ven. S. Dashniama

Most Ven. Tsyren Lama

Most Ven. Pallekande Mahathero

Most Ven. Maitipe Wimalasara

Vn. ITTADEMALIY INDASARA
Mahathero

Most Ven. Dr. Thich Nhat Tu