

**FOURTEENTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF ABCP**

**HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM,**

**7-8 OCTOBER 2023**

**RESOLUTION**

Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace held its 14<sup>TH</sup> Executive Council meeting at the Vietnam Buddhist University, Ho Chi Minh City from October 7-8, 2023. Ven. Jangchub Choedon, Vice President, Ven. Kh. Byambajav, Secretary General of ABCP, representatives from ABCP National Centers of Mongolia, Russia, Republic of Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka participated in it. All the members highly appreciated the efforts put in by the National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha and the ABCP Vietnam National Center in the preparation and hosting of the meeting, and for the kind hospitality and for successfully hosting the 14<sup>th</sup> Executive Council meeting at the sprawling Vietnam Buddhist University Campus, Ho Chi Minh City. It also appreciated the elaborate arrangements in meeting with the high Vietnamese dignitaries.

The Executive Council of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace thanked the Indian ABCP National Centre for its initiative to host the 12<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, which is scheduled to be held in New Delhi from December 16-18, 2023.

In this connection, the Executive Council supported the appeal of the Indian National Center to all the ABCP members to prepare and furnish to the Indian National Centre on time the names of five delegates from every national center so that invitation could be extended to them on time, and the Executive Council resolved that the National Centers must support the Indian National Center's efforts to work closely with the Mongolian Monastery in Bodhgaya in inaugurating the office of the Regional ABCP Coordination Center and to prepare well for the ceremony to mark the occasion.

The Executive Council echoed the call of the ABCP headquarters expressing the hope that the Indian ABCP National Center will work closely with all other members and secure all necessary inputs from them in a timely manner to ensure the success of the 12<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

The Executive Council calls upon all the National Centers to work together with the ABCP Headquarters in upgrading the current status of ABCP with the United Nations Economic and Social Council - ECOSOC from the present roster status to the next level.

The Executive Council in response to the call given by the Secretary General of ABCP to the National Centers regarding membership fees, resolved to support the motion by Mr. Arindam Barua from the Bangladesh ABCP National Center to introduce a rational system of membership fees.

In view of the financial crunch faced by some National Centers, several members called for a resolute measure and following sustained discussions the Executive Council resolved to waive off the outstanding membership fees of National Centers for the period from 2020 to 2022 given the dire consequences of the COVID pandemic.

The Executive Council resolved to support the suggestions from Vietnam National Center to reduce the current membership fee from USD1,000 per annum to a minimum of USD300 to a maximum of USD500 depending upon the financial capacity of each National Center. The Executive Council resolved to second the call of the ABCP Secretary General to contribute to the Corpus Fund set up by the ABCP Executive Council Meeting held in Hanoi in 2019. It was announced that only two National Centers - Vietnam and India have contributed to the Corpus Fund, so far.

The Executive Council expressing the stance of the Member National Centers, wholeheartedly supports the initiative of the Vietnam National Center to host the 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ABCP in Vietnam in 2025 and supported the motion to hold the General Assembly once every three years, while the Executive Council will meet once every year, if possible, in physical form, otherwise on-line or hybrid format.

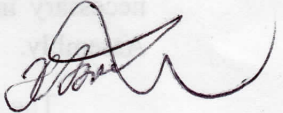
The Executive Council also welcomed the proposal from the ABCP Russian National Center (Ivolginsky Datsan) to host the 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Russia in 2027. The Lao ABCP National Center assured the Executive Council Meeting to discuss with the Lao Sangha about the possibility of hosting the next GA in 2029 in the Lao People's Democratic Republic. Members welcomed the proposals put forward by the above-mentioned national centers and called upon them to work in close coordination with the ABCP headquarters.

The Executive Council supported the initiative of the member National Centers to explore the possibility of expanding the membership of ABCP by including countries, such as Myanmar, Bhutan, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia as Observers and upgrading them to full membership in accordance with the relevant provisions in the ABCP Charter.

The Executive Council resolved to work together with international NGOs, such as Dharma Alliance based in Geneva, Switzerland.

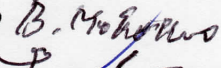
This Resolution of the 14<sup>th</sup> Executive Council of Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace was adopted unanimously on this day of October 7, 2023 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

ABCP Secretary General


Most Ven. Kh. Byambajav 

Bangladesh ABCP National Center

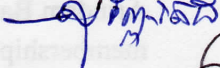
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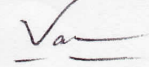
Most Ven. Geshe Janchub Choeden 

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Buddhist Traditional Sangha of Russia,  
Ivolginsky Datsan  
Russia ABCP National Center Aginsky Datsan  
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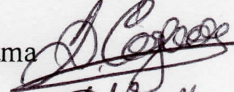
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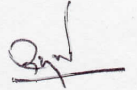
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