

ASIAN BUDDHIST CONFERENCE FOR PEACE
Executive Council Meeting
May 2 -3, 2018 Dhaka, Bangladesh

D H A K A C O M M U N I Q U E

The meeting of the Executive Council (ExCo) of Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (ABCP) was held on May 2, 2018 at the historic Dharmarajika Buddhist Temple, Dhaka under the Chairmanship of Khambo Lama Ven. Ch. Dambajav, Vice President, ABCP Headquarters, Mongolia in the august presence of His Holiness Sanghanayaka Suddhananda Mahathero the President of ABCP Bangladesh National Centre. The proceedings were steered by Ven Dr. T. Bulgan, Secretary General, ABCP Hqrs, Mongolia and Mr P. R. Barua, Secretary, ABCP Bangladesh National Centre.

The Executive Council meeting was attended by members from Bangladesh (two chapters), Cambodia, India, Mongolia (two chapters), S. Korea. The Sri Lanka and Tibetan National Centres sent in their goodwill messages and expressed their support to the decisions taken at the ABCP EC meeting.

All the EC members unanimously agreed to issue the following communiqué:

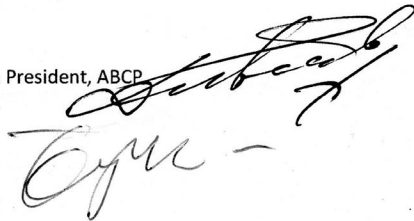
1. Members paid tribute to the departed founding fathers and pioneering members of ABCP.
2. Expressed deep gratitude to the Govt. of Bangladesh for the support extended to the host organization Bangladesh Buddha Kristi Prachar Sangha (ABCP Bangladesh National Centre) in successfully organizing the ExCo meeting in Dhaka and for the presence of the Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs in the inaugural ceremony. The members also appreciated the efforts of the Govt. of Bangladesh for the measures taken for the welfare of the Buddhist community and for preserving the Buddhist heritage of Bangladesh.
3. The members stressed the need for outreach to the existing, dormant or the surviving members of various National Centres and ABCP Hqrs was urged to share details and make earnest efforts to contact the members not represented in this meeting.
4. It was decided that for better coordination and outreach with various member countries two Regional Coordinators one each for ASEAN and SAARC countries will be appointed. Towards this the following names were agreed:
 - a. ASEAN – Ven. Dr. Khy Sovanratana, ABCP Cambodia National Centre
 - b. SAARC - Mr. Sonam Wangchuk, ABCP India National Centre.
 - c. Korean Peninsula and Japan- ABCP Hqrs

5. The members expressed consensus opinion on the need for amending the constitution of ABCP to make it relevant to present times. Towards this end, it was agreed to form a Constitution Amendment Committee which would consist of one member each from the National Centres. The Committee will seek and compile suggestions from the National Centres and submit its report and draft amendments to the ABCP Hqrs within three months.
6. All members appreciated the proposal made by the ABCP President to hold the next General Conference of ABCP in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in the year 2019 which will also coincide with the Golden Jubilee Celebration of ABCP.
7. The members urged the ABCP Hqrs to bring out a special edition of the ABCP journal Buddhist for Peace before the next general conference.
8. It was also agreed to have a meeting of the ABCP EC before the end of 2018 for which Secretary General was urged to write to all National Centres to come forward and host the meeting.
9. ABCP Hqrs was also urged to update or create a new website of ABCP for better communication and information. For this, member National Centres may also come forward to volunteer their services and expertise.
10. All National Centres were asked to register their respective bodies in accordance with the local laws / regulations of their respective countries.
11. Members also appreciated the recent joint peace initiative in the Korean peninsula for the cessation of hostilities, denuclearization and maintenance of peace.
12. Members expressed their appreciation for the successful hosting and warm hospitality by ABCP Bangladesh National Centre and offered prayers for the long and healthy life of the very charismatic and benevolent His Holiness Sanghanayaka Suddhananda Mahathero.

Adopted and signed by the members of ABCP Executive Council:

1. Most Ven Khambo Lama Ch. Dambajav, Vice President, ABCP

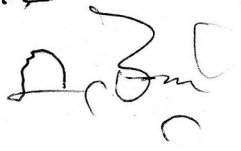
2. Ven Dr T. Bugar, Secretary General, ABCP

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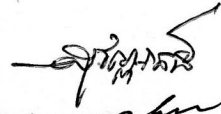
3. His Holiness Sanghanayaka Sudhananda Mahatero,
President, ABCP Bangladesh National Centre



4. Principal Sukumal Barua, Executive Member,
ABCP Bangladesh National Centre



5. Ven. Prof. Khy Sovanratana, President, ABCP Cambodia National Centre



6. Sonam Wangchuk, Secretary, ABCP India National Centre



7. Dr. Lee Chi Ran, President, ABCP Korean National Centre

