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**TO : APC MEMBERSHIPS**  
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After my appointment as the Secretary General in October 2007, my priority was to establish effective communication and networking with all APC Board of Executive members and APC Family. In addition, establishing a working relationship within the APC Secretariat was very much my main focus to help map and work out on the tasks given to me. I would like to thank everyone especially the APC President for all the advice and guidance since then.

Below are the list of events that took place from October 2007 until this moment.

1. In December 2007, the NPC Malaysia organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> APC Powerlifting Cup in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from December 1-5. About 25 APC member nations participated in this Regional Championship under APC Flagship.
2. On December 11, 2007, APC had officially announced the call to bid for the 2009 Asian Youth Para Games. The deadline for submission of the report was fixed for February 15, 2008. Until the deadline, Tokyo was the only city bidding for the Games. The APC Secretariat also officially announced the call for bidding of the 2014 Asian Para Games on Dec 15, 2007. Here too, until the deadline, NPC Korea was the only NPC bidding for the 2014 Asian Para Games. But the LOC wrote to the APC President to extend the deadline for submission of the bidding document to end of May 2009. The APC Board of Executive agreed to it through the APC postal vote form.
3. The NPC Thailand hosted a successful 4<sup>th</sup> Asean Para Games in Nakhon Ratchasima from January 17-27, 2008, held back to back with its South East Asia Games (one of the sub-region of APC). A total of 1,400 athletes and officials participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Asean Para Games in Korat, Thailand. The Asean Para Sports Federation (APSF) was extremely delighted with the overall organization of this Games. Thailand as the host country spared no effort in ensuring that the 4<sup>th</sup> Asean Para Games were staged to the highest standards of organization, befitting an international event of this stature. Thailand

surprised one and all with its excellent hospitality and facilities provided for both athletes and officials, setting a new benchmark for the organization of the Asean Para Games. This is something future hosts will have work hard to breach. The APSF wishes to place on record its deepest appreciation to the Government of Thailand, particularly Prime Minister General Surayud Chulanont who was Chairman of the Organising Committee, the National Paralympic Committee of Thailand, the Nakhon Ratchasima Governor, Mr Sutee Markboon and all the wonderful people of the province and not forgetting all the volunteers who contributed immensely to the success of this event. The Games was a tremendous success with respect to the performance of the athletes from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia,, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Timor-Leste, Vietnam and Thailand. The raw courage and determination displayed by these athletes was truly astonishing. In the end, everyone emerged winners with every participating athlete finding himself a winner thanks to the heartfelt applaud by the spectators. The APSF would like to take opportunity to congratulate its Chairman of Board Governors, Col. Osoth Bhavillai for staging a successful Para Games ever. The APSF also wishes to congratulate Thailand for having won 256 gold, 109 silver and 84 bronze medals respectively to emerge champion of the 4<sup>th</sup> Asean Para Games. For the record, the Asean Para Games is a multi-sport event for the disabled and is held after every SEA Games. It is a vision of the Asean Para Sports Federation (APSF) to establish the status of Paralympians in the region as being dynamic and productive in contributing to society and nation building. All members of the APSF share One vision, mission and hope with the 4<sup>th</sup> Asean Para Games celebrating the spirit of "Asean Moving Together" while enhancing the image of the Asean Community as a whole.

During the APSF Board of Executive meeting, Dato' Zainal Abu Zarin was again elected as the President of Asean Para Sports Federation (APSF) for the 2008-2011 term. And I was appointed as Secretary General of APSF.

4. Once we returned to Kuala Lumpur, President Zainal attended the meeting of the IPC Governing Board in Bonn, Germany from Feb 8-9, 2008.
5. West Asia representative, Mr. Naser Alajmi successfully concluded the 1<sup>st</sup> West Asia Paralympic Council meeting in Kuwait on Feb 3, 2008 in NPC Kuwait. APC here takes the opportunity to congratulate Mr. Naser for his great role in the establishment of the West Asia Paralympic

Committee. Congratulations! Now, we are looking forward to seeing a more united Asia.

6. At the same time, the contract for the Guangzhou 2010 was sent to the Guangzhou Government for its comments and reviews.
7. APC received intention from NPC India and BSAIC to organize the 2<sup>nd</sup> APC Badminton Cup in Bangalore, India, On March 26, 2008, APC awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> APC Badminton Cup to Bangalore, India.
8. In the same month too APC had officially announced the call for bidding of the 2013 Asian Youth Para Games. The deadline for submission of the report was set on July 15, 2008. Up to the deadline, NPC Iran was the only NPC to bid for the Games.
9. President Zainal was invited by the IPC together with the IPC President to attend the Shaffallah Forum in Qatar on April 22, 2008.
10. President Zainal also attend the IPC Regions Council Meeting in Ismailia, Cairo, from April 25-26, 2008. I was unable to attend the meeting since I was engaged in another event by virtue of my being the Organising Secretary of the Asian Women Leadership summit which was held in Kuala Lumpur from May 1-3, 2008.
11. The Asian Regional Summit is designed to narrow the gap in opportunities for girls and women in the Paralympic sport in the Asian region and to provide leadership training to them. The Women in Sports Summit (WIPS) was successfully held from May 1-3, 2008, in Kuala Lumpur. About 19 APC member nations participated in WIPS. The summit finished with the Kuala Lumpur Declaration. The report was sent to all of APC Family in June 2008.
12. The APC President and APC Games Liaison Committee visited Tokyo from May 8-13, 2008. The APC Games Liaison Committee meeting was held between the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) and the Organising Committee of the Tokyo 2009 Asian Youth Para Games (TAYPOC). A five-member delegation from the APC spent four days in Tokyo, Japan, for an evaluation and inspection of the venues, meeting several Pre-Organising Committee members to discuss several areas and looking closely at the progress made by the Pre-organising Committee. In various working group sessions, the APC received a detailed report on the preparation progress from the Pre-Organising committee on areas like structure, accommodation, ceremonies, transport, venues, budget and etc.

13. APC awarded the Games to Tokyo upon returning from the satisfactory visit. The signing ceremony took place between APC President Dato' Zainal Abu Zarin and President of the Local Organising Committee (TAYPOC), Mr. Isao Hukuyo on June 10, 2008. The occasion was graced and witnessed by Hon. Mr.Shintaro Ishihara, Governor of Tokyo.
14. The Pre-DRM meeting for the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from June 17-18, 2008. The meeting was hosted by Asian Paralympic Committee with the cooperation of Malaysian Paralympic Council. A total of 16 member nations of the APC attended the Pre-DRM meeting which concluded a week ago. The BOCOG delegation comprising Mr. Diamil-Faye and Ms.Yang Yiping, Senior Experts together with the eight staff members of BOCOG were present to conduct the Pre-DRM meeting in Kuala Lumpur. The APC member nations were briefed on the preparations for the Beijing Paralympic Games. And here members of the APC had an opportunity to meet their coordinators and sort out the many issues related to their participation in this Games such accreditation, Sports entries, accommodation and other important matters pertaining to the Beijing Paralympic Games.
15. The TAYPOC delegation headed by Mr.Takashi Kitajima and Ms. Sanae visited the APC Secretariat on August 14-15, 2008, to discuss further the contract of the Tokyo, 2009 Asian Youth Para Games and the General Provision of the Games. The APC Secretariat had a fruitful discussion with both of them and the meeting was successfully concluded.
16. The APC President Zainal was asked to represent Sir Philip Craven in the IOC Sports Congress which was held in Guangzhou on August 31, 2008. At the same time, the APC Secretariat made an arrangement with the Guangzhou Disabled Person's Federation to meet with the APC President. The APC President was briefed by President, Mr.Song and Mr.Liang on the current status of the Games. A progress report was circulated to all the APC BE.
18. President Zainal wrote to IPC CEO, Mr.Xavier Gonzalez seeking his permission to allow me to work with IPC during the duration of the Games. Therefore, on August 25, 2008, I flew to Beijing for the Beijing Paralympic Games and to head the IPC Secretariat. I learned a lot from the IPC in terms of management of the Games in particular and sports in general.
19. On September 7, 2008, TAYPOC launched the promotional booth for Tokyo 2009 Asian Youth Para Games in Beijing at Hotel New Otani. The

ceremony was attended by the APC President, Dato' Zainal, President Hukuyo, the Vice-Governor of Tokyo, Mr. Manabu Aso and myself. The ceremony was graced by Datin seri Jeanne Abdullah, wife of the Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

20. Post-ceremony, I held a discussion with the Secretary General of TAYPOC, Mr. Hiroshi Bekku to further discuss the contract status.
21. On September 13, 2008, TAYPOC held a reception for the Tokyo 2009 Asian Youth Para Games as a way to promote this Games to all APC member nations. The reception was attended by all APC member nations participating in the Beijing Paralympic Games.
22. I held a meeting with Mr. Xavier Gonzalez and David together with the President of Americas Paralympic Committee, Mr. Andrew Parsons, Mr. Jose Luis Campo and Ms. Rita Van Driel to discuss the 2009 Asian Youth Para Games and the 2009 Colombo Americas Youth Para Games. The meeting discuss the possibility of having observes from the Americas region to Tokyo.
23. The APC President and I held a meeting with the APC Central Asia sub-region representative Dr. Batoul Javadi and the Central Asia members in the Paralympic Games Village. Issues discussed included promotion of the disabled sports in the Central Asia sub-region.
24. The APC President also met with the President of European Paralympic Committee and its CEO to further discuss the roles of regions as the pillars of IPC.
25. The APC President also held a meeting with Sir Philip Craven and met with Prince of Jordan with regards to the OCA-APC relationships. Prince of Jordan is one of the Board members of OCA.
26. We had an opportunity to meet with many member nations of the APC to personally discuss about the promotion of the disabled sports in their respective countries.
27. Upon my return from the Beijing Paralympic Games on September 21, 2008, I concentrated on the preparation of our 3<sup>rd</sup> APC Board of Executive meetings and standing committee meetings. I also pursued the status quo of the contract with the Guangzhou Organising Committee.

28. The APC President and I left for Bali on October 19, 2008, for the OCA meeting during their Asian Beach Games. The arrangement was done by Prince of Jordan for President Zainal to present the report to the OCA Board of Executive on October 20, 2008. After four hours of waiting outside the meeting room, we finally had the opportunity to present a five-minute presentation to the Olympic Council of Asia.
29. The 12 APC Regional Sports Championships Host Expression Application Forms were sent to APC member nations for their bidding to host the championship in 2009 and 2011 respectively. A letter was also sent to the IPSF's with regards to sports independence in Asia.
30. As an Asean Para Sports Federation member, the NPC Malaysia volunteered to organise the 5<sup>th</sup>Asean Para Games in 2009 after the withdrawal by Laos. The official announcement was made three weeks ago to its members.
31. The APC Website was successfully completed and has been maintained by the APC Secretariat staff Mr. Marcus Mok. The web address is [www.asianparalympic.org.my](http://www.asianparalympic.org.my)
32. The Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) with the cooperation of Asia Oceania Committee Volleyball for Disabled (AOCVD) will be organising an "Introductory Workshop in Sitting Volleyball" from December 10-13, 2008, in Kuala Lumpur. The Workshop aims to introduce the Sitting-Volleyball sports to the disabled community. It also serves as a platform for rehabilitation and integration of this community into mainstream society. It is expected that participation in the workshop can further enhance the sports technical skills as well as introduce the sports to athletes with disabilities within the APC family. Such effort can set a precedence for such partnership with many other sports. We hope to reach 10 such sports partnerships leading to a consistent and regular APC Sports Championships by 2010, back to back with a specific technical and sports science development.
33. APC President Zainal met with IPC President, Sir Philip Craven on November 4, in Kuala Lumpur, during his visit to the IOC Sports For All congress in Malaysia. He also discussed the outcome of the Bali meeting.
34. President Zainal and Sir Philip Craven also signed the host agreement for the IPC General Assembly 2009 which will be held in Kuala Lumpur from 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009.

35. APC had concluded successfully its 3<sup>rd</sup> APC Board of Executive Committee meeting and other Standing Committees in Guangzhou from 6-8<sup>th</sup> November 2008.
36. Lastly, on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2008, Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) had signed the host contract of 2010 Asian Para Games between APC President, NPC China and Vice Mayor of Guangzhou City.
37. NPC India together with Badminton Sports Association of India organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> APC Badminton Cup in Bangalore from 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008.
38. AOCVD together with APC had concluded successfully the Sitting Volleyball Technical and Coaching Course in Kuala Lumpur from 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

All said and done, I strongly believe that the vision, missions and objectives are only attainable by a well structured organisation which derives its strength from the tireless contribution of its members. APC certainly has all the ingredients needed to be a formidable federation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our APC President, Dato' Zainal Abu Zarin, APC Board of Executive and all APC Family for a great cooperation rendered to me as the Secretary General of Asian Paralympic Committee (APC).

**So let us work together to achieve this one vision and mission!**

Note: This report was presented to APC BE during the 3<sup>rd</sup> APC Board of Executive Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2008 in Guangzhou, China