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*Tan Sri Hamzah with Mr Antonio Samaranch,
President of the International Olympic Committee
in Kuala Lumpur.*



*Dr J Havelange, FIFA President and Mr J S Blatter,
FIFA General Secretary arrive in Guangzhou,
China PR with Dr Henry Fok for the 11th AFC Congress. 1984*

In this decade we have not only forged cordial relationship with our affiliates, but have also established excellent working relationship with FIFA who have rendered very valuable assistance especially for development activities. We continue to receive special interest and attention from Dr Joao Havelange and Mr J S Blatter in all our activities as well as their attendance at all our Congresses.

We are particularly delighted with our friendship and understanding with the African Football Confederation with whom we have instituted the Afro Asia Nations Cup and the Afro-Asia Club Championship.

We also receive technical assistance from the Union of European Football Associations as well as the acceptance of Asian Coaches, Referees and Administrators in their courses. We hope to establish similar cooperation with the Confederations of South America and Central and North America.

In this period we are also pleased to have welcomed Oman and Maldives full members of FIFA and AFC and the return of Chinese Taipei FA to the Asian family after an absence of 15 years.

As we step into the 90s, our vision for Asian football is further elevated. As our development, progress and achievements reach new dimensions, so will be our teams' performances in the international tournaments. We have laid a sound foundation as you can see from this publication. I am confident that with your spontaneous support and understanding, Asian football is in for an exciting decade to come.

Tan Sri Haji Hamzah is also the President of the Olympic Council of Malaysia, Member of International Olympic Council and Vice President of FIFA.



Peter Velappan

GENERAL SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

I am delighted to present this publication which records the activities and progress of the Asian Football Confederation since 1979. This decade is the most significant in the history of the AFC founded in 1954 and these pages will show the numerous activities that have been launched in all fronts to ensure orderly growth of football in Asia.

The organisation, administration and communication of National Associations have been tremendously improved and ably supported by the employment of full time staff. Every National Association organises its own Tournaments and also participates in FIFA and AFC Tournaments.

AFC has paid particular attention to club football as we believe clubs are the nucleus of world football. Through the introduction of the Asian Club Championship and the Asian Cup Winners Cup, National Associations are encouraging the establishment of good clubs who will eventually be in a position to recruit and train players and provide them with good facilities, welfare and good coaching.

Manpower has been another prime concern of AFC which in cooperation with FIFA has organised dozens of courses to train hundreds of coaches, referees, administrators and sports medical personnel. AFC's development and training efforts will be further intensified in the 90s and the future plan is to establish Regional Training Centres for referees, coaches and administrators.

We can look back with pride at the success of the campaign "Men in Black 87" (focus on training of referees and improvement of their image); "Year of Youth 88" (to emphasise the early recruitment of youth for training and development); "Fairplay Campaign 88" (to eliminate violence on and off the field and to ensure the spirit of sportsmanship) and "Safety and Security 89" (to ensure the safety and comfort of the spectators in the stadiums). We are proud to have in Asia the finest Stadiums in the World such as the King Fahd Stadium in Riyadh, the Olympic Stadium in Seoul and the Rungrado Stadium in Pyongyang, Korea DPR.

The numerous Tournaments in Asia have not only given our Teams the opportunity to compete with foreign teams but has also raised the



AFC general Secretary's visit to Nepal



AFC General Secretary's visit to Thailand

organisational skills of our National Associations to professional standards. All the AFC and FIFA Tournaments are extremely well organised and their success is a matter of pride.

Another feature has been the establishment of the close rapport between AFC and the media. In all countries, National Associations also have a cordial relationship with the media who have given wide publicity to all the football activities and tournaments.

Meanwhile, the AFC Executive Committee and Standing Committees have met regularly twice a year to plan, review and introduce innovations for the dynamic development of football in the Asian countries. AFC's role has always been to initiate, coordinate, inspire and give guidance. The National Associations have given their fullest cooperation and understanding in all matters. Given this spirit, the next decade should consolidate all the current efforts and propel Asia to new heights of achievements. Our ambition is to see more Asian teams in the World Cup and for our Youth Teams to achieve success in all International Tournaments as they have so courageously broken the technical and psychological barriers of the European and South American hold on honours in recent years. At the dawn of the next century, we want the FIFA World Cup in Asia. As you look through the pages of this publication, you must feel proud of our steady growth and progress and surely feel inspired and motivated at the prospect of Asian football in the future years.

I like to take this opportunity to express my grateful thanks and appreciation to all the National Associations for their total commitment to the development of football in their respective countries; to all the members of the Executive and Standing Committees for their wisdom, advice and regular attendance at meetings and professional discharge of their duties; to all the referees for bearing the stress and strains of their duties and for demonstrating honesty and fairplay; to all the officials and players for taking up this beautiful game and striving for excellence; to all the spectators for their loyal support and sporting behaviour and finally the media (tv, radio, newspapers, magazines) for giving fair publicity of the game and its related activities.



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The steady progress of Asian football so far has been due to the excellent teamwork and esprit de corp of all concerned. I look forward to further progress in the future with the same commitment, dedication and spirit. THANK YOU.



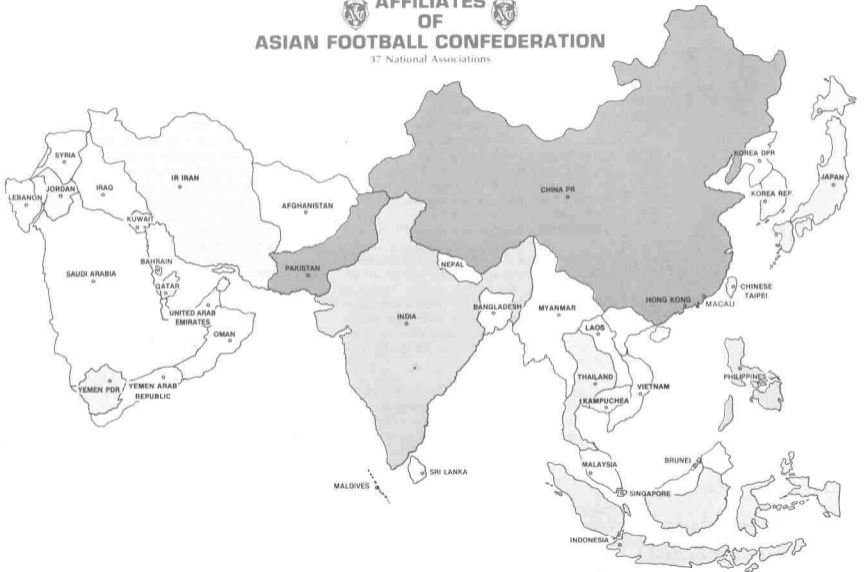
Mr. Peter Velappan, General Secretary AFC visited the Football Association of Maldives to discuss their application for membership with FIFA. FA Maldives was admitted as a associate member of AFC in April 1984. It is now a full member of FIFA and AFC.



The Afro-Asia Consultative Committee meets often to discuss matters of mutual interest affecting both the African and Asian Confederations. The photo shows members of the Committee at a meeting in Abidjan, Ivory Coast in March 1984.

 **AFFILIATES**
OF 
ASIAN FOOTBALL CONFEDERATION

37 National Associations





TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN PUTRA AL-HAJ
(HON. PRESIDENT AFC)



MR. LEE WAI-TONG
(1954-1965)
1ST GENERAL
SECRETARY AFC



MR. KOE EWE TEIK
(1965-1974)
2ND GENERAL
SECRETARY AFC

HISTORY OF ASIAN FOOTBALL CONFEDERATION

The idea to form an Asian Football Confederation goes back to 1952 when, during the Helsinki Games, representatives from the football playing Asian countries in the Games met and discussed this matter. However, it was only 2 years later, during the Second Asian Games in Manila that three meetings regarding this matter were held under the Chairmanship of Mr John M Cleland of the Philippines. Consequently at the third meeting held on 8th May 1954, the Asian Football Confederation was formally inaugurated with twelve members. The elected office bearers were to hold office for a four-year term from 1954 to 1958.

Much credit is due to Mr John Cleland for his untiring efforts to bring the Asian countries together as well as draft the AFC Constitution and the Asian Cup Competition rules. FIFA officially recognised the Asian Confederation at its Congress which was held in Berne, Switzerland on 21st June 1954. An Asian representative was invited to sit on the the FIFA Executive Committee.

The first President of A.F.C. was the Hon'ble Sir Man-Kam-Lo who held office for 6 months only. He was succeeded by the Hon'ble Mr Kwok Chan for 2 years, Mr S T Loney for one year and Mr N C Chan till May 1958. All these officials were from Hong Kong. The A.F.C. Secretariate functioned from Hong Kong with Mr Lee Wai Tong as the General Secretary.

The first AFC Congress was held on 29th May 1958 in Tokyo, during the Asian Games where his Excellency Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, Prime Minister of Malaya then, and also the President of the Football

Association of Malaya, was elected the President of the Confederation. Under his capable leadership AFC saw rapid progress.

In 1965, the AFC Secretariate moved to Penang, Malaya with Mr Koe Ewe Teik as the General Secretary. In 1974, Dato Teoh Chye Hin succeeded Mr Koe as the General Secretary. 1974 to 1978 was a very stormy period for AFC with many unexpected events taking place. These events caused the Tunku to resign as AFC President. Mr Kamiz Atabi of Iran acted as the President in 1977 and 1978 until the Congress in December 1978.

At the 1978 Congress Tan Sri Datuk Seri Setia Raja Haji Hamzah bin Datuk Haji Abu Samah was elected President and he has held this office to the present time. Mr Peter Velappan was appointed General Secretary and he too has held this position till the present time.

The AFC has an active membership of 34 affiliates. Chinese Taipei is the newest member. In fact, she has come back into the AFC family. She was a member previously. We hope that soon Kampuchea, Laos and Vietnam too will return to the AFC family after the settlement of their current problems.

The Congress of the Confederation is held every two years, and the principal officials are elected every four years. An Extraordinary Congress may be held as and when deemed necessary. The Executive Committee as well as the eleven Standing Committees hold their meetings at least twice a year.



FOUNDER MEMBERS OF AFC

(8th May 1954 Manila during 2nd Asian Games)

1. Afghanistan
2. Burma
3. Republic of China
4. Hong Kong
5. India
6. Indonesia
7. Japan
8. Korea Republic
9. Pakistan
10. Philippines
11. Singapore
12. Vietnam

CERTIFICATE OF FOUNDER MEMBERS



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Executive Committee

The Executive Committee, elected at the Congress, consists of the following:

- President (1)
- Vice Presidents (4)
- Hon. Treasurer (1)
- FIFA Vice President (1)
- FIFA Executive Committee members (2)
- Member countries (9)
- Total: 19 members with the General Secretary

Standing Committees

The following Standing Committees assist in carrying out the various functions of the Confederation:

- Competition
- Disciplinary
- Emergency
- Finance
- International Liaison
- Media
- Medical
- Referees
- Rules
- Technical
- Women

Tournaments

The AFC is directly responsible for the organisation of the following Tournaments:

- Asian Cup Championship (every 4 years)
- Asian Cup Women's Football Tournament (every 2 years)
- Asian Youth (U19) Championship (every 2 years)

- Asian Youth (U16) Championship (every 2 years)
- Asian Club Championship (every year)
- Afro-Asia Cup of Nations (every 2 years)
- Afro-Asia Cup Championship (every year)
- Asian Cup Winners Cup (every year)

Development Programmes

The AFC is heavily involved in the following development programmes with a view to raise the standard of Asian football as well as its administration:

- General Secretaries Seminars
- Referees' Courses
- Referee Instructors Courses
- Coaching Courses
- Coaching Schools/Academies
- FIFA/Coca-Cola Development Projects
- Olympic Solidarity Coaching Courses

Publication

The AFC shares all football news through its quarterly publication — the AFC NEWS. This publication covers a wide variety of AFC and FIFA news and keeps the affiliates abreast of all the latest development in the football world.

Stability and Progress

The remarkable feature has been the stability and steady progress of the AFC since 1954 and this has been largely due to the few changes in the dynamic leadership of its Presidents and General Secretaries. Except for its formative years when the Presidency changed four times in four years, there has been only two Presidents since 1958. The Hon'ble Tunku Abdul



(Cont'd): History of Asian Football Confederation.

Rahman Putra Al-Haj gave the Confederation dynamic leadership and guidance for nearly 20 years and Tan Sri Haji Hamzah has been at the helm for 12 years since 1978.

There has been only four General Secretaries since 1954. Mr Lee Wai Tong served for 11 years; Mr Koe Ewe Teik for 9 years and Dato Teoh Chye Hin for 4 years. Mr Peter Velappan has been in the office since 1978.

AFC has been very lucky in getting the services of men of high calibre and integrity since its foundation. Stability in leadership is absolutely vital to guarantee uninterrupted progress and it is hoped that AFC will continue to move forward without unnecessary changes in its leadership.

Presidents and General Secretaries since 1954:

Presidents

1. Hon'ble Sri Man-Kam-Lo (1954)
2. Hon'ble Kwok Chan (1955-1956)
3. Mr S T Loney (1957)
4. Mr N C Chan (till May 1958)
5. Hon'ble Tunku Abdul Rahman (1958-1977)
6. Mr Kamiz Atali (Acting until December 1978)
7. Tan Sri Haji Hamzah (1978-)

General Secretaries

1. Lee Wai Tong (1954-1965)
2. Koe Ewe Teik (1965-1974)
3. Dato Teoh Chye Hin (1974-1978)
4. Peter Velappan (1978-)



AFC Executive Committee 1957.