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Founding of the Asian-Pacific Association for Biomechanics

We now gather on November 22nd, 2005 in Taipei, representing our local societies of biomechanical research in the Asian-Pacific countries, regions, and districts, and found the Asian-Pacific Association for Biomechanics.

We agree that Biomechanics is defined as “The study of mechanical phenomena, in the broadest sense, within as well as neighboring a living body not only for enhancement of scientific understandings but also for the application to clinical medicine and engineering”, and would like to promote all beneficial activities related to the biomechanical studies in the Asian-Pacific area collaborating with other societies in the world.

Prior to the foundation of the Association, we formulated the Asian-Pacific Liaison Committee for Biomechanics and successfully organized two consecutive conferences. First of these was held in Osaka, 2003 and the second will be held in Taipei, 2005. Based on these achievements, we decided to elevate the Liaison Committee to the Association of the constituting societies.

The societies that send representatives at the meeting of the Asian-Pacific Liaison Committee to establish the Association are selected to be the Founding Member Societies and the representatives are selected to be the first Council under the Presidency of T. Yamaguchi, Tohoku University, Japan, and the Secretary General of James Goh, National University of Singapore. Statutes were approved in the founding Council meeting held contiguously after the resolution of the establishment.

We would like to see the Association grow to occupy the respected position in the world of biomechanics related studies in cooperation with already established associations in other parts of the world.