



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ORGANIZING COUNCIL HELD IN TAIPEI ON 18 AND  
19 NOVEMBER 1974

PRESENT

President

Mr. Palomares

Vice-President of the  
Technical Committee

Mr. King

Members

Mr. Spoelgen

Mr. Dressel

Mr. Nispel

Dr. Häusler-Angeli

Mr. Vlaeminck

Mr. Vastiau

Mr. Chung

Mr. Wang

Mr. Liu

Mr. Cholbi

Mr. Yago

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Lewis

Mr. Poitevin

Mr. Laman Trip

Mr. Ferrari

Mr. Ghedini

Mr. Furuya

Mr. Seger

Mr. Biedermann

Mr. Carita

Mr. Costa Dias

Mr. Hill

Mr. Clayton

Mr. Schürch

Mr. Gonthier

Observers

Mr. Valentín-Gamazo

General Lee

Mr. Park

Mr. Mo.

Secretariat

Mr. Albert

Mr. Capdepon

Mr. Martínez

The first meeting was attended by the Minister of the Interior and President of the Chinese National Committee Mr. Lin Ching-Shen, who welcomed those present saying "There is no greater pleasure than to meet friends who come from afar", for which reason it was an honour and a pleasure to receive them in his country.

He said that since 1949 his country had been consolidated and its economic development had also been consolidated, which permitted the level of education to be raised, the standard of living to be improved and efforts to be made so that his country might reach the level of development that free and democratic countries had attained.

The Minister expressed his satisfaction that this visit permitted the delegates to make direct contact with the Chinese people and to get to know the reality of the country.

In 1966, he went on to say, his Government initiated its first development programme which greatly stimulated the promotion of Vocational Training. Two years later application was made to the United Nations Special Fund for Vocational Training for a loan to create the Organization of Vocational Training for industrial training and education. His Ministry had established Vocational Training centres in the southern and northern zones for the teaching of technical personnel employed in State, public and private enterprises. Laws had been enacted to create a Fund to assist public and private enterprises having more than 40 employees. This subsidy represented 0.15 per cent of the total wages, which permitted the collection of NT\$ 226,238,800, destined for the training of 31,988 technicians. In 1974 the amount collected was NT\$ 369,136,000, with 235,158 persons being trained.

The first National Apprentice Competition was held in the month of October 1968, in order to encourage young people, and since that date 5 competitions had been held in 18 specialities, with 1,147 participants.

In order to compensate for the suspension of the Lisbon Competition, the Chinese candidates took part in the 9th Korean National Competition. The 6th Chinese National Competition would be held in December 1974 to select the boys who would take part in the XXII International Competition.

The Minister ended by saying that up to the present Chinese young people had taken part in three International Competitions and Delegates from his Committee had attended meetings of the Organizing Council and the Technical Committee held in Europe, thus enjoying the hospitality of European countries.

He expressed the hope that the delegates attending the meeting would achieve all they desired, and he reiterated his very heartfelt welcome and that of the Chinese people, expressing the wish that all present would have successful meetings and a happy stay in the Republic of China.

Mr. Palomares thanked Mr. Lin Ching-Shen for his words, extending his thanks also to Messrs. Wang and Liu, the Official and Technical Representatives of China. He asked the Minister to transmit to the President of the Republic of China and to his colleagues in the Government the gratitude of the Organizing Council for having been invited to Taipei.

The President regretted the absence of Mr. Hamer due to illness, and the absence of the Representatives of Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta and Iran, for justified reasons. He also regretted that Mr. O'Flanagan was not present because he had severed his connection with the Competition on his retirement.

The President greeted General Lee and welcomed the new Official Representative of Korea Mr. Soon Hwa Chung. He likewise greeted Messrs. Cholbi and Yago, who replaced the Official and Technical Representatives of Spain, Messrs. Peréz Cornes and Maestu, respectively, and Messrs. Biedermann and Gonthier, of Liechtenstein and Switzerland, who replaced Messrs. Walser and Guez, the Technical Representatives of the countries cited.

The President then asked the Secretary General to read the Agenda in order to begin the meeting of the Organizing Council. Mr. Albert did so, and the Meeting began to discuss the following points :

1. - Report by the President of the Sub-commission that is studying the future of the Competition

Mr. Spoelgen reported to the Council on the results of the meeting held by the Sub-commission in Luxembourg in July 1974. As a result of the meeting a new Constitution had been drawn up and sent to all the Representatives. Therefore the suggestions or objections of the members of the Council would be based on this text.

He indicated a lack of conformity with the title that should be given to the new Organization. For example Mr. Schürch was of the opinion that the name of the Organization should be the following : "Organization for Vocational Training Competitions and Promotion."

The Representative of Ireland thought (Mr. Albert pointed out) that the most suitable name would be "International Organization for the Promotion of and Education in Vocational Training."

Mr. Poitevin suggested the following denomination : "International Organization for the Promotion of Vocational Training Competitions and Education."

Finally Mr. Johnson thought that all the names were good on the condition that the word "youth" was included. The President put forward a name that included the suggestions noted. It would be : "International Organization for the Promotion of Vocational Training and its International Competitions for Youth."

This denomination, which the President supported, was accorded general acceptance.

The meeting then proceeded to the study of the Sub-commission's proposal by having all the articles of the Constitution read, which gave rise to discussions which were very detailed, since such an important document was concerned. It was considered that the study of the document and the decisions adopted should be the subject of careful thought and drafted with due legal rigour.

The articles that caused most discussion were the following :

- (a) Directive organs. Their enumeration, composition and functions.
- (b) To determine very specifically which organs would represent the Organization, especially vis-à-vis the outside world.
- (c) Denomination of the presidential organ, and the advantage of utilizing the word Presidium or Permanent Commission.
- (d) Systems for the election of the Presidency and the Vice-Presidency where applicable.
- (e) To clarify the percentages of votes which would make resolutions valid, as well as the quorum of members present in order to adopt important resolutions.
- (f) That the organizations or entities represented on the Council should be recorded in the Constitution in the language of each country, since their translation could produce errors.

After these discussions, and in view of the need to correct the texts presented and give them legal force, it was resolved that the Vice-President of the Sub-commission, Mr. Spoelgen, should be entrusted with the drafting, doing so as rapidly as possible and sending the texts drafted to the Secretary General for translation into the languages concerned and in turn, for forwarding to all the representatives.

The Council would meet again on a convenient date to approve this document.

2. - Report of the Portuguese Delegation on the suspension of the XXII International Competition that was to have been held in Lisbon in 1974.

Mr. Carita explained the reasons why the Competition could not be held in his country, and pointed out that at the present moment he could not assure the participation of the Portuguese Representation and competitors in the next Competition.

Mr. Palomares expressed his thanks to Messrs. Carita and Costa for their attendance in a private capacity, and expressed the hope that the Portuguese young people would be represented at the next Competition. He requested the members of the Council to permit the Official and Technical Representatives of Portugal to remain on the Council until others were appointed, if the relevant authorities deemed it appropriate. This request was unanimously approved.

3. - Report from the Delegation of Ireland on the holding of the XXII Competition in Dublin in July 1975

Mr. Palomares reported to the Council that Messrs. Power and Sweeney had gone to Madrid a few days before the present meetings began to inform him that, because of economic difficulties, it would not be possible to hold the Competition in the place and on the date mentioned.

He regretted this circumstance and pointed out the danger represented for our activity by not holding the Competition during two consecutive years, for which reason he invited the countries present to offer their territory for the holding of the Competition in 1975. After a prolonged silence Mr. Cholbi, the acting Official Representative of Spain, present as an observer at the meeting, offered his country for the holding of the XXII International Apprentice Competition in the year 1975 in the name of the Spanish Representation and of the National Delegate for Youth, although indicating that the sacrifice and the effort that this would represent was considerable, taking into account the fact that Spain had also undertaken another International Competition in Gijón in 1972. He added that he could not indicate the place or the date because the short time available would require considerable thought to be devoted to the decision as well as the counsel of the Spanish National Committee.

Messrs. Seger, Johnson and Hill expressed their gratitude for the offer by Spain which had always filled the gaps caused by lack of offers to hold the Competitions that had occurred in recent years.

Dr. Hausler-Angeli also expressed his gratitude for the Spanish gesture and likewise pointed out the danger represented by not holding the Competitions annually.

Mr. Valentín-Gamazo, National Delegate for Youth, the body that sponsors the Competition in Spain, acknowledged the welcome that the members of the Council had given to his country's offer to hold the next Competition in Spain, but emphasized the necessity of establishing formulas so that the continuity of the Competitions would be assured, either by appointing alternative countries to organize them or other formulas that would guarantee the above-mentioned continuity. He thanked Mr. Seger for the offer of financial aid to be contributed by the member countries to Spain for the holding of the next Competition, but this would represent the adoption of a measure not contained in the Bylaws, and that would not serve to guarantee continuity in the future. The motive that prompted Spain to make its proposal was solely that of saving the continuity of the Competition, and this offer was made accepting all the consequences. He reiterated the duty of the Council to study for the future valid measures to avoid interruptions in the convening of our Competition.

4. - The possibility that the competitors registered for the suspended Lisbon Competition might participate in the next Competition to be held.

The Irish Representation asked Mr. Albert to report on its view. The Irish Representation was not opposed to their participating, since it was just that they should do so. It pointed out only one condition: that the reglamentary age should not be exceeded.

A short discussion took place in which two positions were evident. One, a

general position in favour of their participation, even though this would imply exceeding the reglamentary age limit by one year.

The other, also general, on the disadvantages that this would involve by having to choose between two competitors, the one selected for the Lisbon Competition and the one selected at the national competitions held prior to the next International Competition.

The following resolutions were adopted :

- (1) Those competitors selected to take part in the Lisbon Competition may participate in the XXII International Competition on the condition that the age limit of 22 years is not exceeded, that is to say competitors born in 1953 and later.
- (2) That this decision is only applicable to the 1975 Competition for those competitors who were selected for the Lisbon Competition, since the age limit continues to be 21 years.
- (3) That each member country should study the most just and positive solution for presenting the candidate that it deems to be the most suitable.

5. - Report of the President of the Technical Committee on the measures to be adopted at the next Competition

Mr. Kang, Acting President of the Technical Committee in the absence of Mr. Hamer, convened a meeting of the said Committee in order to study a number of technical aspects of the 1975 Competition. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted on the motion of the Technical Committee :

(a) The specialities that are the subject of the Competition would be the same as those convened for the Lisbon Competition with the sole exception of Wood Pattern Making which because of disadvantages of a technical nature could not be held.

(b) The Juries appointed for the Lisbon Competition would be the same for the 1975 Competition. The experts provided for the Lisbon Competition could be changed but not the country designated to select them and to constitute the Jury for each speciality.

(c) The exercises preselected for the Lisbon Competition would be valid for the 1975 Competition, although the presentation of new proposals for their preselection was recommended, if appropriate.

(d) The countries cited below requested demonstrations in the following specialities and under the conditions indicated :

- (1) The United Kingdom : Demonstration of Metal Grinding with workshops assembled by given firms from that country.
- (2) Germany : Demonstration of Automobile Mechanics. The assembly of the workshop would be carried out by the organizing country and under the conditions required for this speciality. Its installation would be very similar to that prepared for the demonstration to be given in Strasburg in December 1974.

- (3) France : The construction of roofs or roofing under conditions which were not indicated.
- (4) The proposal by the Representative of the United Kingdom for demonstrations of Machine Woodworking and of the trade of Goldsmith were rejected.

The possibilities of holding the demonstrations indicated would be studied at the next meeting of the Technical Committee at which the descriptions of the specialities referred to should be presented, together with the contributions that the proposing countries could offer.

Finally, it was resolved to convene the next meeting of the Technical Committee in the last ten days of January or the first ten days of February 1975.

The countries which offered to take steps to act as host to the Committee were : France in Paris, and Liechtenstein in Vaduz.

The Organizing Committee subsequently resolved to suggest to the Irish Representative the possibility that the meeting should be held in Dublin, and to study there, in close contact with the Irish authorities, the feasibility of holding the 1976 Competition in that country.

The place and the date for holding the meeting of the Technical Committee would be decided during the first few days of January 1975.

#### 6. - Presentation of applications for holding the forthcoming International Competition.

Having ensured that the XXII International Competition would be held in Spain in 1975, the President invited the Representatives of the countries present to formulate proposals for holding subsequent Competitions in their countries.

Although no concrete and sure offers were made, the possibility was considered that Ireland or Korea might organize the XXIII International Competition in their respective countries. Both Representations were invited to communicate at the next meeting of the Organizing Council the possibilities they could offer in this respect, after consulting with the organizations which sponsor our activity.

With regard to the holding of the Competition in 1976, it was resolved that the President of the Council should communicate with the Official Representative of Ireland, indicating the disadvantages and disturbance caused to the organization of our competition by adopting short-term resolutions for holding our competitions, and expressing the desire of all member countries that the 1976 Competition should be held in Ireland if the circumstances and reasons which had caused the withdrawal of the proposal presented in Palma de Mallorca in December 1973 to hold the 1975 Competition in Dublin had changed. It was also resolved that a Commission, the Presidency of which would be designated in due course, should go to Dublin to visit the Minister of Education, and to transmit to him personally the desires of the Council.

7. - Other business

It was unanimously resolved to appoint as Honorary Members of the Competition General Chang Jeung Lee, the Official Representative of Korea on the Council and Mr. O'Flanagan, who had been the Official Representative of Ireland until June 1974.

There being no other matters to be discussed, the President instructed that the present Minutes be issued which I, as Secretary, certify.