

Dear all members,

We have welcomed 10 Associate Members of Zone 4 to our PABF family and look forward to the development of bridge in our regions and our goal of bridge participation in future Asian and eventually Olympic Games.

For this purpose, I would like to extend an invitation to all member countries to participate in the **First Asia Cup Championships** which China has kindly offered to host from **August 30 - September 5, 2010 in Ning Bo City** which is in the Southeastern part of the Yangtze River Delta and one of the 3 economic centers of Zhe Jiang Province. Ning Bo has an international airport and is approximately 2 hours' drive from Shanghai and 1 hour's drive from Hang Zhou.

The venue and accommodation for the Championships will be the SMILE AND NATIURAL NINBO HOTEL (5 stars) at website www.yuanzhou.com.cn.

The First Asia Cup Championships will have 2 categories, **one Open Team and one Ladies Team** from each member country. **The Chinese Contract Bridge Association (CCBA) will provide complimentary 4 twin rooms and free meals for 7 persons per team.**

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend the first Delegates Meeting of the combined PABF members on August 30, 2010 at 16:00 hours, followed by the Opening Ceremony and Dinner for all participants at 19 :00 hours. Play will begin at 10:00 a.m. on August 31,2010.

As you know this event will take place during the Shanghai Expo and the Hotels in Shanghai and the surrounding cities are fully occupied. It will be necessary for you to confirm your participation and room reservations to our secretariat, Tadashi Yoshida at yoshida@jcbl.or.jp as soon as possible to guarantee rooms. The deadline for registration and room reservations will be July 15, 2010.

CCBA will also help organise a visit to the Shanghai Expo on the 6th and 7th of September with an overnight in Shanghai at your own expenses. If participants are interested please let us know.

Finally, I am pleased to inform you that, according to the memorandum of understanding signed on December 23, 2009 in Dubai with the President of BFAME, the Delegates of the Pacific Asia Bridge Federation unanimously approved the change of name to **Asia Pacific Bridge Federation (APBF)**.

I look forward to your co-operation, friendship and to meeting you all in Ning Bo.

With Kind Regards
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President
Asia Pacific Bridge Federation