



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation held on Tuesday **10 May 2011** at 09h00 in the Rotterdam Beurs World Trade Centre, **Rotterdam**, The Netherlands.

1. **Welcome and opening address:** the President welcomed all delegates to the AGM noting that there was an increased attendance at the World Championships. The President informed the AGM about the procedures to be implemented for the 2012 World Championships for visa applications in order to avoid any further problems.
2. **Appointment a chair:** the AGM appointed the President by acclamation to chair the AGM.
3. **Roll call of associations present and verification of proxies (attached):** the AGM noted that a quorum existed and that there were 133 votes (124 delegates and 9 proxies) initially and following the acceptance of Mozambique and Antigua-Barbuda as members, the number increased to 135 (126 associations and 9 proxies).
4. **Appointment of scrutineers:** the AGM approved the appointment of the following scrutineers nominated by the continental associations:

Africa: Audrey Macdonald, Madhubala Gudka
Asia: Afshin Badiie, Tsung-Min Hung
Europe: Stefano Piva, Joe Cardona
Latin America: Oswaldo Arce, Pedro Uribe
North America: Mireille Tallon, Tim Boggan
Oceania: Anthony Ho, Patrick Gillmann
5. **Confirmation of the minutes of the AGM held on 26 May 2010 in Moscow, Russia:** the AGM confirmed the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26 May 2010.
6. **Presentations:** the AGM noted:
 - a. Merit award: Mr Cor du Buy had received the Merit Award during the Opening Ceremony.
 - b. Other presentations: were made to:
 - Peace and Sport: ITTF had entered into a partnership with Peace and Sport in Colombia and Timor l'Este and table tennis would be the first sport involved in the "Peace and Sport Cup" to be organised in Qatar in November 2011.

- Iraq: as an energised member of ITTF which had hosted a very well organised event on the Junior Circuit.
 - China Unicom: as a valued sponsor of ITTF.
 - Russian Table Tennis Association: for hosting a successful 2010 World Championships.
 - Slovakian Table Tennis Association: for hosting a successful 2010 World Junior Championships.
 - Table Tennis Federation of India: for hosting a successful Global Junior Circuit Finals.
 - Hong Kong Table Tennis Association: for hosting the best 2010 Junior Circuit event for the second time.
 - Korean Table Tennis Association: for hosting the best 2010 Pro Tour event and the Pro Tour Grand Final.
 - UAE Table Tennis Association: for hosting the UAE Open at very short notice replacing the original host which was suspended at the time.
 - City of Rotterdam: for its contribution to hosting the 2011 GAC World Table Tennis Championships.
 - Netherlands Table Tennis Board: for its contribution to hosting the 2011 GAC World Table Tennis Championships.
 - Organising Committee for the 2011 GAC World Table Tennis Championships: for its contribution to hosting the 2011 GAC World Table Tennis Championships.
- c. 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games: Mr. Richard Scruton presented an update, on progress with the table tennis competition.
- d. 2014 World Table Tennis Championships bid: which had been received from the Japanese Table Tennis Association.

The AGM welcomed the signing of the contract between Peace and Sport, the Qatar Table Tennis Association and ITTF for the “Peace and Sport Cup” and noted that invitations had been issued to China, Japan, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, USA, Russia, India, Iran, Pakistan, Republic of Korea and Qatar; with England and France as alternates.

The AGM approved the award of “Personal Honorary Member” to **Andre Damman** acknowledging his long service to ITTF.

7. **Applications for membership**: the AGM resolved to accept the following applications for membership:
- a. **Wallis and Futuna**
 - b. **Curacao**
 - c. **Tokelau**
 - d. **Antigua-Barbuda**
 - e. **Mozambique**

The AGM waived the notice period for the submission of applications for new members and also accepted the application of **British Virgin Islands** as a new member.

As a result of the acceptance of new members, Curacao replaced Netherlands Antilles as a member. The AGM noted that **ITTF now had 215 members**.

- 8. Report of the Nominations Committee (document D3):** the AGM adopted the report of the Nominations Committee.
- 9. Annual reports from the Executive Committee:** the AGM adopted the following reports:
- a. President: Adham Sharara (document A1)
 - b. Deputy President: Yang Shu'an (document A2)
 - c. Executive Vice-President: Khalil Al-Mohannadi (document A3)
 - d. Executive Vice-President: Cherif Hajem (document A4)
 - e. Executive Vice-President (Finance): Neil Harwood (document A5)
 - f. Executive Vice-President: Koji Kimura (document A6)
 - g. Executive Vice-President: Melecio Rivera (document A7)
 - h. Executive Vice-President: Petra Sörling (document A8)
 - i. Executive Vice-President: Thomas Weikert (document A9)
- 10. Annual reports from the Continental Federations:** the AGM adopted the following reports:
- 10.1 Africa (document B1)
 - 10.2 Asia (document B2)
 - 10.3 Europe (document B3)
 - 10.4 Latin America (document B4)
 - 10.5 North America (document B5)
 - 10.6 Oceania (document B6)

The AGM noted that Oceania now had 100% membership of possible associations in Oceania.

- 11. Annual reports from the Executive Directors:** the AGM adopted the following reports:
- a. Competitions (document C1)
 - b. Development (document C2)
 - c. Education and Training (document C3)
 - d. Operations and Olympic Games (document C4)
- 12. Annual reports from the committees:** the AGM adopted the following reports:
- a. Equipment Committee (document D1)
 - b. Media Committee (document D2)
 - c. Rules Committee (document D4)
 - d. Sports Science Committee (document D5)
 - e. Technical Committee (document D6)
 - f. Umpires' and Referees' Committee (document D7)
 - g. Olympic and Paralympic Commission (document D8)
 - h. Para Table Tennis Division (document D9)
- 13. Finance:** the AGM resolved to:
- 13.1 Audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010 (document E1): adopt the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010.
 - 13.2 Appointment of auditors: appoint Ernst and Young as the auditors for the 2011 financial year.

13.3 Budget: approve the adjusted budget as presented.

The AGM noted the report from the chair of the audit panel which was appointed in December 2010 and that:

- The first meeting had been held in Moscow to analyse the 2009 audit.
- The second meeting had been held in Lausanne in November 2010 to draft a risk assessment policy.
- The next meeting had been held in Rotterdam to analyse the 2010 audit and the implementation of the risk assessment policy.

The AGM approved the delay of the approval of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011 to the AGM to be held in May 2013.

14. Ratification of the work done by the Board of Directors and Executive Committee: the AGM resolved to ratify the work done by the Board of Directors and Executive Committee since the last AGM.

15. Propositions and Resolutions (document F1): the AGM considered the following Propositions, which required a 2/3 majority of the votes cast:

1	<p>Proposed by the HKG TT Association</p> <p><i>To amend 1.15.2.1 and to amend the ITTF Language Operational Policy</i></p>	Withdrawn
2	<p>Proposed by the PTT Division</p> <p><i>To amend the relevant clauses of chapter 1 and 2 to add “Paralympic” where “Olympic” appears.</i></p>	<p>PASSED In favour 99% Against 1%</p>
3	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>1.17.3.2 An Association which fails to pay its subscription for 3 successive years shall automatically be suspended from membership; it shall not be liable for subscriptions during the period of suspension and may be re-admitted to membership on payment of part or all of the subscriptions previously due, at the discretion of the Board. The suspension in this case is a full suspension.</p> <p>1.17.3.3 An Association that is suspended from membership shall, including but not limited to, not be entitled to nominate or enter players for any event held under the jurisdiction of the ITTF nor to attend or be represented at a General Meeting, to nominate any person for election to the Executive Committee, Board, any committee, commission or working group nor shall any individual nominated by the Association be entitled to participate in the activities of the Executive Committee, Board, any committee, commission or working group. Further:</p> <p>1.17.3.3.1 no technical official from the Association shall officiate at any ITTF sanctioned event.</p> <p>1.17.3.3.2 the Association shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the ITTF including but not limited to participation in</p>	<p>PASSED In favour 93% Against 7%</p>

	<p>development activities nor to receive any grants from the ITTF.</p> <p>1.17.3.3.3 the Association shall not be entitled to host an ITTF sanctioned event save that where an ITTF sanctioned event has been approved prior to the suspension, the Executive Committee may establish a committee to oversee the organisation of such sanctioned event under conditions approved by the Executive Committee, at its discretion.</p> <p>1.17.3.4 An Association which seriously and persistently fails to maintain the principles or to respect the Constitution and decisions of the ITTF may be censured, fined, suspended or expelled by a General Meeting by a two-thirds majority; a suspension may be cancelled only by a General Meeting by a two-thirds majority or, in emergency, by a 3/4 majority of the votes cast at a Board meeting. In a case of a suspension, the General Meeting may allow players from the suspended Association to compete in events under the jurisdiction and flag of the ITTF.</p> <p>1.17.3.5 Before the General Meeting suspends an Association, the Association must have been sent notice in writing of the proposed suspension at least one month before the General Meeting at which the suspension is to be considered. The Association shall be afforded an opportunity to present its case at the General Meeting.</p> <p>1.17.3.6 The Executive Committee may act to suspend an Association pending the General Meeting provided that:</p> <p>1.17.3.6.1 clause 1.17.3.5 is applied;</p> <p>1.17.3.6.2 the Executive Committee decides to suspend an Association by a unanimous vote;</p> <p>1.17.3.6.3 the Executive Committee immediately informs all Associations of the suspension providing reasons.</p> <p>1.17.3.7 The Association which has been suspended or expelled may appeal to the Court of Arbitration of Sport.</p>	
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The AGM considered the following proposals which required a 3/4 majority of the votes cast:

4	<p>Proposed by the Equipment Committee</p>	<p>DEFEATED In favour 42% Against 58%</p>
	<p><i>To modify 2.2.1, 2.2.4, 2.9.1.1 and 2.10.1.3:</i></p>	
	<p>2.2.1 The net assembly shall consist of the net, its cord suspension and the upright net posts, the horizontal part of the supporting posts and the possible clamps.</p>	
	<p>2.2.4 The bottom of the net, along its whole length, shall be as close as possible to the playing surface and the ends of the net shall be as close as possible to the upright posts</p> <p>2.9.1.1 (The rally shall be a let) if in service the ball, in passing over or around the net assembly, touches the net, its cord suspension or the upright net post, provided the service is otherwise correct or the ball is obstructed by the receiver or his partner</p>	

	2.10.1.3 (Unless the rally is a let, a player shall score a point) if, after he has made a service or a return, the ball touches anything other than the net, its cord suspension or the upright net post before being struck by an opponent.	
5	<p>Proposed by the Rules Committee and the Finnish TT Association <i>To modify and unify 2.9.1:</i></p> <p>2.9.1 The rally shall be a let 2.9.1.1 if in service the ball, in passing over or around the net assembly, touches it, provided that 2.9.1.1.1 the service is otherwise correct or 2.9.1.1.2 the receiver or his partner obstructs the ball, touches the playing surface with a free hand or infringes Law 2.10.1.13 or 2.9.1.1.3 the receiver or his partner, or anything they wear or carry, moves the playing surface or touches the net assembly.</p>	<p>DEFEATED In favour 70% Against 30%</p>

The AGM considered the following Resolution, which required a simple majority of the votes cast:

A	<p>Proposed by the LAT TT Association <i>To discuss the service rule in terms of Law 2.13.3:</i></p> <p>The change of the serving player or pair in accordance which player or pair has scored the previous point. The next server of the rally is the player or pair, who has lost the point in the previous rally (2.13.3)</p>	<p>PASSED In favour 60% Against 40%</p>
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- 16. Future world championships:** the AGM noted that there was no document G1 but considered the following:
- Update on the 2012 ITTF World Team Championships in Dortmund.
 - Selection of host of the 2014 ITTF World Team Championships: the application from the Japanese Table Tennis Association.

The AGM resolved to award the 2014 World Team Championships to Japan noting the motivation of using sport to re-build the country after the devastation being experienced as a result of the earthquake and tsunami.

- 17. Recommendations for committee membership (document H1):** the AGM noted and approved the recommendations for committee membership as submitted.

- 18. Next AGM:** the AGM noted that the next meeting would be held in Dortmund on 27 March 2012

- 19. Any other business:** the AGM noted:
- The request from the Arab Table Tennis Federation that the suspension of the Kuwait Table Tennis Association be reviewed.
 - The request for all delegates to encourage their players to vote in the elections underway for the Athletes' Commission.

- c. Joint Euro-Africa Circuit initiative, with full support from ITTF, which would lead to an estimated 6 new events being held to increase the possibilities for young players to compete more at events.

The AGM resolved, after one year, to lift the suspension on the Kuwait Table Tennis Association with immediate effect.

20. Closure: there being no further business, the Annual General Meeting ended at 14h33.

Adham Sharara
President

Date

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Function	Name	
EC	Adham Sharara	
	<i>Yang Shu'an</i>	Apology
	Khalil Al Mohannadi	
	Chérif Hajem	
	Neil Harwood	
	Koji Kimura	
	Melecio Rivera	
	Petra Sörling	
	Thomas Weikert	
Continental presidents	Board of Directors	
Africa	Khaled El-Salhy	
Asia	<i>Cai Zhenhua</i>	Apology
Europe	Stefano Bosi	
Latin America	Jairo Paez	
North America	Michael Cavanaugh Delegate USA	
Oceania	Patrick Gillman Delegate NCL, Proxy PYF	
Continental representatives	Board of Directors – no vote	
Africa	Berthe Bakhary Delegate CIV	
	Ebo Bartels	
	<i>Henri Djombo</i>	Apology
	Ganief Fataar	
	Thomas Kiggundu	
	<i>Olabanhi Oladapo</i>	Apology
	<i>Phillipe Hao Thyn Voon</i>	Apology
Asia	<i>Khalid Al Mawlawi</i>	Apology
	<i>Thana Chaiprasit</i>	Apology
	Michel de Chadarevian	
	Park Do Cheon	
	Shahrokh Shahnazi	
	Mohammad Sibtain	
	<i>Tony Yue</i>	Apology
Europe	<i>Oktay Cimen</i>	Apology
	Radivoj Hudetz	
	Zdenko Kriz Delegate SVK	
	Dorte Kronsell	
	Alexander Murdoch	
	Cristinel Romanescu	
	Walter Rönmark Delegate SWE	
	Eberhard Schöler	
	Gérard Velten	

Latin America	Alaor Azevedo	
	Sergio Blanco Delegate MEX	
	<i>Aubrey Edwards</i>	Apology
	Carlos Marín	
North America	Bruce Burton	
Oceania	Anthony Ho Delegate FIJ, Proxy VAN	
	Graeme Ireland Proxy TGA	
	<i>James Morris</i>	Apology
Committee chairpersons	No vote	
Athletes'	Claude Bergeret	
Calendar	Khaled El-Salhy	
Equipment	Odd Gustavsen	
Junior	<i>Tony Yue</i>	Apology
Media	Arne Madsen	
Nominations	Chan Foong Keong	
Para TT	Øivind Eriksen Nico Verspeelt	
Rules	Rudi Sporrer	
Sports science	Jean-François Kahn	
Technical	Graeme Ireland Proxy TGA	
URC	Albert Rooijmans	
Veterans	Chan Foong Keong	
Women's	Hajera Kajee Delegate RSA	
PAC	No vote	
	<i>Nils Bergstrom</i>	Apology
	Colin Clemett	
	André Damman	
	Hans Giesecke	
	Han Sang Kook	
	<i>J Rufford Harrison</i>	Apology
	<i>Misha Kapetanic</i>	Apology
	Jane Pinto	
	TD Ranga Ramanujan	
	George Segun	
	Xu Yinsheng	
	<i>Henry Yue</i>	Apology
Association	Family Name, First Name	
	AMINZAI Sayed Shah	
AFG	RASULI Abdul Hamed	
AHO	MATHILDA Frank	
ALG	NOUIOUA Brahim	
Antigua and Barbuda	BELLOT Charles	

	MESSIAS Gonda	
ANG	GOUGEL Miguel	
ARG	TENCA Nestor	
ARM	GRIGORYAN Levon	
	GOODIER William Proxy KIR	
AUS	MARRIOTT Peter	
AUT	FORSTHUBER Gottfried	
	KHONDKAR Hassan Munir	
BAN	MOHAMMAD Jahangir Alam	
	FELIX Marguerita	
BAR	ALLEYNE Nicole	
	DENYS Jacques	
BEL	DELHOUX Roland	
BEN	GUEZO Fortuné Luc Olivier	
BIH	ANTONIC Slavko	
BLR	AMARIN Vladimir	
BOT	MAABONG Robert Christopher	
	VINHAS Ivam	
BRA	SARAIVA Eugenia	
BRN	ALKHALIFA Shaikh Ahmed	
BUL	KITOV Stefan	
BUR	NANEMA Denis	
	JACKSON David	
CAN	KIESENHOFER Anton	
	BETHO François Mederic	
CGO	OKOUNA OLANDZOBO Jean Marie	
CHI	OSVALDO Arce Caro	
	LIU Yi	
CHN	ZHANG Xiaopeng	
CIV	BAKHARY Berthe	
COL	URIBE Pedro	
CRC	CALLO Allan	
	MAZZOLINI Maurizio	
CUB	BODE YANES Amado	
CYM	RASINEN Asko	
	GEORGIUO Andreas	
CYP	PAPADOPOULOS Marios	
CZE	SPACEK Zbynek	
	BECKMANN Aksel	
DEN	HUMMELUHR Steen	
DJI	FARAH Hassan Farah	
	VILA Olga	
DOM	VILA REINOSO Juan	
	ABOU EL-NASR Adel	
EGY	ASHOUR Moataz	

	BRADLEY Peter	
ENG	MURDOCH Valerie	
ESA	AGUILAR CASTILLO Leonel	
	MACHADO SOBRADOS Miguel Angel	
ESP	LINEROS Federico	
	LUBI Sirje	
EST	MÄNNIK Marko	
FAR	BERNER Jan	
	GREFBERG Sonja	
FIN	MANNI Jouko	
	RINGEL Patrick	
FRA	COURY Nicole	
	KRUSCHEL Rainer	
GER	VATHEUER Matthias Proxy NAM	
GHA	QUARCOO Richmond Rexford	
GRE	KOLIBADIS Emmanuel	
	CORDERO Claudia	
GUA	GARCIA REYES Jose Estuardo	
HAI	FRANCOIS Herold	
	CHAN Cheong Ki	
HKG	CHIM Mei Fan	
	POSPIS Zlatko	
HRV	MUNIVRANA Ivo-Goran	
HUN	BARSAI Emese	
IMN	MACFARLANE Malcolm	
INA	RAHMAN Farid	
	CHAUTALA Ajay Singh Proxy SRI	
IND	CHOUDHARY Dhanraj	
	BOZORGHZADEI Houshang	
IRI	ZAREPOUR ASHKZARI Mohammad	
IRQ	JASIM Kadhim Khazaal	
ISL	SVERRISSON Sigurdur Valur	
	COHEN Izhak	
ISR	KRAUS Oscar	
	FLORI Antonella	
ITA	MARINO Giuseppe	
	SALKEY Maurice	
JAM	LAMOUNT Samuel	
	SHAEV Rajai	
JOR	NAFFA Rajai	
	MAEHARA Masahiro	
JPN	YOKOTA Sachiko	
KAZ	BEISALIYEV Malik	
	GUDKA Mahdu	
KEN	GITURWA John Gicaci	

	TESHAEV Shukhratulla	
KGZ	BALYAN Samson	
	KIM Taek Soo	
KOR	JUNG Hannah	
	CITAKU Nehat	
KOS	PRESTRESHI Idriz	
	AL HOSSAINI Mohamad Abdulaziz	
KSA	ALHAMMADI Saleh	
LAO	DETPHOMMATHETH Chanpheng	
LAT	PURINS Egils	
LCA	MATTHEWS Theodore	
	HAJJ-NICOLAS Selim	
LIB	NOUREDDINE Wael	
LIE	NEUBAUER Herbert	
LTU	BALAIISA Rimgaudas	
	SCHILTZ Paul	
LUX	GONDERINGER Camille	
MAC	O I Chau	
MAR	EL HAJJI Monqid	
	CHAN Foong Keong	
MAS	CHEE Shin Lian Christina	
MDA	SEMIPEADNII Vladimir	
MDV	RASHEED Ali	
MEX	BLANCO Sergio Arturo	
MGL	CHIMEDDORJ Amarsanaa	
MKD	KALEVSKI Martin	
MLT	BORG CARDONA Joseph	
MNE	KALUDJEROVIC Branislav	
MON	MICHELIS Christian	
MOZ	ARCHER DA CUNHA Armando Julio Hansi	
NCA	PEREZ Pedro	
NCL	GILLMANN Patrick Proxy PYF	
	SIALINO Achim	
NED	KRAMER Ronald	
	RAJVAIDYA Chaturananda	
NEP	VAIDYA Sheela	
NGR	HON. ABDULWAHAB-OMOTOSE Kayode	
	BERGERSEN Jan	
NOR	NORDBY Svenn-Erik	
PAK	KHAN Hafeez Ullah	
PAR	ESNARD Carlos	
POR	LEON Carlos	
PRK	RI Song Guk	
PUR	SANTOS Ivan Proxy ARU	
QAT	AL HAMMADI Hamad	

	MUANI Hani	
ROU	ROMANESCU Beatrice	
RSA	KAJEE Hajera	
	MACDONALD Audrey	
RUS	BATOV Victor	
	MARKOV Roman	
SCO	WHITAKER Patricia	
SEN	LO Balla	
SEY	REMIE Francis	
SIN	WONG Hui Leng	
SMR	PIVA Valentino Stefano	
SOM	FARAH Abdi Jama	
SRB	KALINIC Zoran	
	TRPKOVSKI Milorad	
SUD	ALSALLAWI Abdalrahman	
	ABDALLA Ahmed	
SUI	BRAND Katjia	
	SILBERSCHMIDT Georg	
SUR	HOOGHART Desire	
SVK	HAMRAN Anton	
	KRIZ Zdenko	
SVN	SARLAH Danijel	
SWE	GUSTAFSSON David	
	RÖNMARK Walter	
SYR	ALDAYOUB Fouzieh	
THA	RUENGVES Nuttavuth	
	SEMANGERN Niwat	
TOG	LAWSON GAIZER Boe	
TPE	HUNG Tsung-Min	
	YANG Cheng-Hsiung	
TUN	ZAYATI Jalel	
TUR	CIMEN Oktay	
UAE	ALHAJRI Dawoud	
UGA	GALABUZI Dennis	
	WAISADHA Johnathan	
UKR	ULIANCHYCH Mykola	
USA	BOGGAN Joseph R. Tim	
	CAVANAUGH Michael	
UZB	BURKHANKHODJAEV Saidikram	
VEN	BORGES Oswaldo	
VIE	PHAM Duc Thanh	
WAL	FRASER John	
YEM	AL-SUNAINI Esam Ali	
	ZABARAH Motahar Ahmed	

Proxies	Given to	
ARU	PUR - SANTOS Ivan	
SRI	IND	
KIR	GOODIER William AUS	
TGA	IRELAND Graeme BoD	
VAN	HO Anthony BoD	
PYF	GILLMANN Patrick NCL	
NAM	GER	
CUB	ARG TENCA Nestor	
CIV	BAKHARY Berthe	
Observers		
Commonwealth	RANSOME Alan	
	SKINNER Michael	
	HSING Linda	
URC	BASSOUNYI Mohamad	
Rules	MIRO Josep	
Potential WTTC Organiser	HOLT Michael	
	JARA Norma	
WWG	TALLON Mireille	
WTTC Organiser. Dortmund	Britta Gerlach	
OTTF	Phil Males	
Honorary Life Member	Helios Farrell	
Organising Committee	Ton van Happen	
LOCOG	Richard Scruton	
Mozambique	Avelino Francsico de Sousa	
Guests		
Peace and Sport	BOUZOU Joel	
	TEBOUL Frederic	
	HUBLER Ludovic	
Japan presentation team		
JTTA	Mr. Takashi Izawa	
	Mr. Junichi Kasai	
	Mr. Go Takahashi	
	Mr. Toshiaki Gasha	
	Mr. Masakazu Ezure	
	Mr. Hiroyuki Sahashi	
Tokyo TV (for JTTA presentation and award of 2014 WTTC)	Mr. Mitsunori Kishizoe	