



# मौलाना अबुल कलाम आज़ाद एशियाई अध्ययन संस्थान

(संस्कृति मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के अधीन एक स्वायत्त निकाय)

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## Minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS, Kolkata held on June 4, 2014 at Azad Bhavan, MAKAIAS

The 73<sup>rd</sup> Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS was held on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 4 p.m. in the office of the Director, MAKAIAS, Azad Bhavan, IB- 166, Sector III, Kolkata 700 106.

### Members Present:

1. Shri. Sitaram Sharma, Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS
2. Professor Uma Dasgupta
3. Professor O. P. Mishra
4. Smt. Nirmala Goyal, Deputy Secretary, MOC, GOI- Nominated by the Secretary, MOC, GOI
5. Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director & Member Secretary

Leave of absence was granted to Professor Suranjan Das, Professor Ashis Kumar Roy, Professor Mushirul Hasan, Mr. Siddartha Varadarajan, Mr. Raghav Chandra (FA & AS, MOC, GOI).

**Agenda Item No. 1:** To confirm the Minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on March 13, 2014 at IIC, New Delhi. (Annexure I)

The Council confirmed the Minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS held on March 13, 2014 at IIC, New Delhi.

**Agenda Item No. 2:** Action Taken Report on the resolutions of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on March 13, 2014.

The Council noted and confirmed the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on March 13, 2014.

Letter seeking authorization for the Director, MAKAIAS to approve on exceptional basis the travel and accommodation of P.S to Director for her official trips outside Kolkata has been sent to the MOC, GOI. Meanwhile the Council resolved that post facto approval be given towards the travel and accommodation of official trips to New Delhi from January 12, 2014 –

January 14, 2014 (Meeting of the Hindi Salakar Samiti); for EC, FC meetings in New Delhi during March 11- 14, 2014 and any such other official trips undertaken by P. S. to Director for her Institutional/ official visits outside Kolkata.

**Agenda Item No. 3:** The Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Finance Committee Meeting of MAKAIAS, Kolkata held on March 12, 2014 is placed before the Executive Council, MAKAIAS for perusal and record. (Annexure II)

The Council noted and approved the Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Finance Committee Meeting of MAKAIAS held on March 12, 2014.

**Agenda Item No. 4:** The Minutes of the Academic Committee Meetings of MAKAIAS held on April 28, 2014 is placed before the Council for perusal and confirmation. (Annexure III)

The Council confirmed and approved the Minutes of the Academic Committee meeting of MAKAIAS held on April 28, 2014.

**Agenda Item No. 5:** The Council is requested to peruse the Two Reports of the Committees constituted to address the complaints made by former Fellow- Ms. Antara Mitra, of the Institute and give suggestions on the same, as desired by the Ministry of Culture, GOI. (Annexure IV).

The Council perused and noted the two Reports of the Committees constituted to address the complaints made by Ms. Antara Mitra, Former Fellow, MAKAIAS. The Council also took note that both the reports have been forwarded to the Ministry of Culture, GOI as desired and has taken action as per the resolutions of the Executive Council. The Council accepted the recommendations made by the Professor Uma Dasgupta Committee and the views of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) on the same.

Further, the Council unanimously agreed that the Institute with due diligence has addressed the complaints of Ms. Antara Mitra, former Fellow, MAKAIAS. The Reports of both the Committees has been sent to Ms. Antara Mitra and to the Ministry of Culture. The Council unanimously agreed, since Ms. Antara Mitra has not appeared before the ICC Committee, this issue is considered closed. Further the Council considered the recommendation made by Professor Uma Dasgupta Committee: "Antara Mitra's term as Fellow at MAKAIAS ends in March 2013. This Committee of enquiry into her problem would like to put it on record that Ms. Mitra has caused embarrassment to the Institute by making false claims regarding her publications in her CV and has also harmed the Institute's functioning by her constant non-attendance in spite of being reminded of it repeatedly.

If the Council agrees she may be paid her withheld stipend from August 2012 to the end of her tenure in March 2013. But in view of what the Institute has suffered due to Ms. Antara Mitra's conduct, this committee recommends strongly that she withdraws her allegations and complaints against the Institute", may be regarded as final recommendation.

Thus, the Council approved the due payment to Ms. Antara Mitra subject to the conditions recommended by the Enquiry Committee and requested the Director, MAKAIAS, to take necessary action accordingly.

**Agenda Item No. 6:** To approve the Academic Calendar 2014- 2015 of MAKAIAS. (Annexure V)

The Council approved the Academic Calendar 2014- 2015 of the Institute.

**Agenda Item No. 7:** The Director MAKAIAS reports to the Council that a MOU has been signed between MAKAIAS & Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh under the Maulana Azad Centre for North East Studies.

The Council noted and approved the MOU signed between MAKAIAS and Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh under the Maulana Azad Centre for North East Studies.

**Agenda Item No. 8:** To report that the Museum Committee of the Institute was re-constituted with the following members:

- i. Shri. Sitaram Sharma, Chairman, executive Council, MAKAIAS
- ii. Dr. Sayeeda Hamid
- iii. Shri. A. S. Malihabadi
- iv. Dr. Chittabrata Panda
- v. Professor Mushirul Hasan
- vi. Dr. Shyamal Kanti Chakraborty
- vii. Director General- Victoria Memorial Hall & Museum, Kolkata -Ex- officio Member
- viii. Director General- Indian Museum, Kolkata- Ex- officio Member
- ix. Dr. Sreeratha Dutta, Director, MAKAIAS

The Council noted the composition of the Museum Committee and suggested that Professor Uma Dasgupta and Professor Suranjan Das may also be included as members of the Museum Committee of the Institute.

**Agenda Item No. 9:** The MOU between MAKAIAS and Ministry of Culture, GOI is placed before the Council for perusal and approval. (Annexure VI)

The Council noted and gave post facto approval to the MOU signed between MAKAIAS and the Ministry of Culture, GOI.

**Agenda Item No. 10:** The Bye- laws of the Institute is placed before the Council for perusal and suggestions and approval. (Annexure VII)

The Council perused and noted the Bye laws and suggested that a Committee with the following members be formed to make further changes and submit its report by August 30, 2014:

- i. Shri. Sitaram Sharma, Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS
- ii. Professor O. P. Mishra, Member, Executive Council, MAKAIAS
- iii. Professor Ashis Kumar Roy, Member, Executive Council, MAKAIAS
- iv. Professor Suranjan Das, Member, Executive Council, MAKAIAS
- v. Shri. K. K. Banerjee, Director, RRLF

- vi. Staff representative- AFO/ Librarian
- vii. Fellow representative, MAKAIAS
- viii. Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director, MAKAIAS

**Agenda Item No. 11:** Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

- i. To report the resignation submitted on April 9, 2014. Mr. Mainak Sen, Fellow, MAKAIAS. Mr. Mainak Sen has mentioned that he will submit a complete report of the work undertaken by him during the last two years by April 28, 2014 and the draft manuscript. And will continue to assist the website project of MAKAIAS and work with the NIC team and also any technical expertise that may be required for the development of the Maulana Azad Museum.

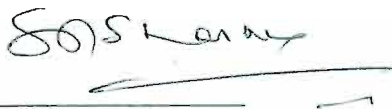
The same has been reported in the Academic Committee of MAKAIAS in its meeting held on April 28, 2014. The Committee resolved that the matter be placed before Executive Council, MAKAIAS.

The Council resolved that the resignation of Mr. Mainak Sen, Fellow, MAKAIAS be accepted.

- ii. To consider the application submitted by Dr. Anita Sengupta, Fellow, MAKAIAS to participate in the Workshop on "*National Identity versus Transnationalism: Turkey and Eurasia*" to be held at Istanbul during June 26- 27, 2014 at Swedish Research Institute, Istanbul with financial assistance of Rs. 98,000/- (Rupees ninety eight thousand only).

The Committee approved the participation of Dr. Anita Sengupta, Fellow, MAKAIAS in the above mentioned Workshop to be held at Istanbul during June 26- 27, 2014 with financial assistance of Rs. 98, 000/- (Rupees ninety eight thousand only) as per the practice in the Institute and GOI rules.

The meeting ended with of thanks to the Chair.



Shri. Sitaram Sharma  
Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS



Sreeradha Dutta  
Director & Member Secretary