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Minutes of the 74th Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS, Kolkata held on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at IIC, New Delhi at 12. 30 p.m.

The 74th Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS was held on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 12. 30 p.m. in the IIC, New Delhi.

Members Present:

1. Shri. Sitaram Sharma, Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS
2. Professor Uma Dasgupta
3. Professor O. P. Mishra
4. Professor Mushirul Hasan
5. Shri. Siddartha Varadarajan
6. Ms. Sreya Guha, Joint Secretary, MOC, GOI (nominated by Sri. Ravindra Singh, Secretary, MOC, GOI to represent the MOC, GOI)
7. Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director & Member Secretary

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

Shri. Sitaram Sharma, Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS welcomed all members of the Council and introduced Ms. Sreya Guha, JS, MOC, GOI to the members present. Shri Sitaram Sharma, Chairman of the Executive Council of MAKAIAS requested Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director, MAKAIAS to brief the Executive Council Members about the major decisions of the Finance Committee meeting held earlier in the day.

Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director, MAKAIAS thanked the Chairman of the Executive Council and presented the two items for discussion at the Executive Council of MAKAIAS as suggested by Shri. Raghav Chandra, FA & AS & Chairman of the Finance Committee of MAKAIAS, Kolkata.

The Director, MAKAIAS informed that regarding enhancement of Grade Pay of Director, MAKAIAS to Rs. 10, 000/- (Rupees ten thousand only), the Chairman of the Finance Committee has suggested a proposal with proper justification may be sent to the Administrative Section of the MOC, GOI.

Second, the Director, MAKAIAS reported the suggestion of the Chairman of the Finance Committee of MAKAIAS to the Executive Council that an age limit may be fixed for the researchers at the Institute.

The Council noted the above suggestion of the Finance Committee, MAKAIAS in its meeting held on August 21, 2014 at 11 a.m. at Krishi Bhavan. The Executive Council suggested a draft fellowship scheme may be formulated.

The Council took note of the letter sent by Professor Suranjan Das, Executive Council member of MAKAIAS and his views on the relevant Agendas were discussed in the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 1: To confirm the Minutes of the 73rd Executive Council Meeting held on June 4, 2014 at Azad Bhavan, MAKAIAS, Kolkata. (Annexure I)

The Council confirmed the Minutes of the 73rd Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS held on June 4, 2014 at Azad Bhavan, MAKAIAS.

Agenda Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on the resolutions of the 73rd Executive Council Meeting held on June 4, 2014.

The Council noted and confirmed the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of the 73rd Executive Council Meeting held on June 4, 2014.

Agenda Item No. 3: The Minutes of the 33rd Finance Committee Meeting of MAKAIAS, Kolkata held on June 4, 2014 is placed before the Executive Council, MAKAIAS for perusal and record. (Annexure II)

The Council noted and confirmed the Minutes of the 33rd Finance Committee Meeting of MAKAIAS held on June 4, 2014.

Agenda Item No. 4: The Minutes of the Academic Committee Meetings of MAKAIAS held on June 24, 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 June 24, 2014.

Agenda Item No. 5: The revised/ re drafted Bye Laws are placed before the Council for consideration and confirmation. (Annexure IV).

The Council perused and noted the revised Bye- Laws placed before the members for discussion. The following suggestions and changes to be incorporated in the revised Bye Laws were made:

- i. Promotion, Abolition and Creation of Post and any revision in pay scale to be in confirmation with the Finance Ministry Circulars from time to time.
- ii. 10 mins relaxation in working hours.
- iii. ACR- Current Grading System followed by Ministry of Culture, GOI, to be used.
- iv. For Maulana Azad Fellow- the Institute may offer fellowship limited to a single term and with maximum age of 70 years and with excellent academic credentials.
- v. The JS, MOC, GOI pointed out that the word 'Service' with reference to Fellows should not be used and Terms & Conditions for the Fellows should be prepared separately.

The Council noted that the entire portion on Fellowship in the Bye Laws should be reviewed and examined and should be streamlined with other Institutions like Teen Murti etc. which may be taken as reference while formulating the 'Fellowship Scheme' at MAKAIAS.

In view of the above observations and discussion, the Council resolved that the revised Bye laws and the Fellowship Scheme will be prepared shortly and circulated and placed before the Executive Council for confirmation.

The Director, MAKAIAS was requested to make the necessary changes and to follow the GOI rules while preparing the Bye- Laws and place it before the next meeting of the Executive Council.

Agenda Item No. 6: To consider and approve advertisement of Fellowships at MAKAIAS. The Council is requested to propose External Experts for the Selection of Fellows, Senior Research Assistants and Research Assistants. The Director, MAKAIAS is placing a note regarding Fellowships at MAKAIAS with the research topic and tenure. (Annexure V)

The Council members perused the note circulated by the Director, MAKAIAS on Fellowship at the Institute. It was resolved, in view of the letter received from Professor Suranjan Das, Member, Executive Council, MAKAIAS that the Selection of Fellows is to be kept on hold and to be re- advertised.

The Council resolved that extension of 3 months may be given to the researchers at MAKAAIS with the new consolidated Fellowship as approved by the 34th Finance Committee in its meeting of August 21, 2014. All Research Assistants are to be in one grade with consolidated fellowship as approved by the Finance Committee.

Further resolved that the old advertisement may be treated as cancelled and information uploaded in the Institute's website and new advertisement in due course of time, post the Fellowship Scheme is prepared and vetted may be published, uploaded and call for fresh applications may be invited by the Institute.

The Council further resolved that, those candidates who have been earlier shortlisted, for interview may be considered by the Selection Committee set up for the same.

Agenda Item No. 7: To consider the proposal for organizing a two day National Seminar on "India's Foreign Policy Orientations in the New Regime" at Manipal University during September, 2014 with request of financial assistance of Rs. 8, 25, 000/- (Rupees eight lakhs and twenty five thousand only). (Annexure VI)

The Council noted and approved the proposal for organizing a two day National Seminar on "India's Foreign Policy Orientations in the New Regime" as a collaborative academic exercise between MAKAIAS, Kolkata and Manipal University during September 2014 with partial financial assistance of Rs. 5, 00, 000/- (Rupees five Lakhs only).

Further members of the Council suggested that the title for the above mentioned National Seminar should be reworked and requested the Director, MAKAIAS to take necessary steps in conveying the same to Manipal University.

Agenda Item No. 8: To consider the proposal for organizing An International Conference and Symposia by MAKAIAS during November 26- 27, 2014 on "Protest and the State in Eurasia and West Asia" with a budget of Rs. 10, 00, 000/- (Rupees ten lakhs only) for the International Seminar and Rs. 10, 00, 000/- (Rupees ten lakhs only) for the Symposia on 'Can Protests be replicated'; 'Ukraine: Protest and its Aftermath'. (Annexure VII)

The Council approved the organization of an International Conference and Symposia by MAKAIAS during November 26- 27, 2014 on the titles as mentioned above and with the budget as proposed i.e. total Rs. 20, 00, 000/- (Rupees twenty lakhs only) and proviso that new set of resource persons and academicians be invited to participate and deliberate in the above mentioned International Seminar and Symposia.

Agenda Item No. 9: To consider organizing an International Seminar by MAKAIAS on "History of Global Climate Change: Water, Ecology, Politics and Management of Nature" during January 21- 22, 2015 with a budget of Rs. 10, 00, 000/- (Rupees ten lakhs only). (Annexure VIII)

The Council noted and approved the above mentioned International Seminar to be organized by MAKAIAS, Kolkata during January 21- 22, 2015 with a budget of Rs. 10, 00, 000/- (Rupees ten lakhs only).

Agenda Item No. 10: To consider the proposal for collaboratively organizing a 3 day International Seminar during February 3- 5, 2015 with Tezpur University on 'Cultural Studies: Global and Local Perspectives' with a budget of Rs. 10, 00, 000/- (Rupees ten lakhs only). Financial assistance requested from MAKAIAS, Kolkata is Rs. 10, 00, 000/- (Rupees ten lakhs only). (Annexure IX)

The Council noted that the above proposal for organizing an International Seminar during February 3- 5, 2015 collaboratively with Tezpur University under the aegis of Maulana Azad Centre for N. E. Studies be approved with the financial assistance of Rs. 10, 00, 000/- (Rupees ten lakhs only).

Agenda Item No. 11: To consider the note by the Director, MAKAIAS on Book Launches for MAKAIAS publications. (Annexure X).

The Council noted and appreciated the note and idea/ proposal of introducing Book Launches for the MAKAIAS publications circulated by the Director, MAKAIAS and approved the same.

Agenda Item No. 12: To approve the Minutes of the MACP Screening Committee held on May 20, 2014 for the MAKAIAS Staff- Sri. Debasish Bose, Smt. Godhuli Ghosh Rang, Sri. Pradip Kumar Dutta, Sri. Ashis Bhowmik. (Annexure XI).

The Council noted and confirmed the Minutes of the MACP Screening Committee held on May 20, 2014 for the above mentioned MAKAIAS Staff.

Agenda Item No. 13: To consider the proposal sent by Ms. Nandini Sahai, Director & Chief Executive of the International Centre Goa for a collaborative publication of lecture series titled 'ICG- MAKAIAS lecture Series on Asia'. The financial component will be decided post the approval of the proposal. Approval in principle is requested. (Annexure XII)

The Council perused the proposal and approved the same.

Agenda Item No. 14: To consider the proposal from IUCN on 'Water Futures II' sent by Ms. Archana Chatterjee, Project Manager, Ecosystems for Life: A Bangladesh – India Initiative, IUNC India Country Office, requesting MAKAIAS collaboration to provide local support towards organizing 'Water Futures' event in West Bengal. IUCN has requested MAKAIAS to provide resource person and logistical support with a budget for the same. There is no financial responsibility for MAKAIAS. Approval in principle is requested. (Annexure XIII)

The Council after due deliberations approved the above proposal in principle and requested that the Director, MAKAIAS may work out the modalities in consultation with IUNC and report the same to the Executive Council, MAKAIAS.

Agenda Item No. 15: The Council is requested to consider the following: (Annexure XIV)

- i. Ms. Abanti Adhikari, External Project Fellow requesting extension of her tenure for revising her project work.
- ii. Application of Sk. Aktar Ali, Senior Research Assistant to participate in the International Training Workshop – Shandong Academy of Medical Sciences, China during September 7- 30, 2014 with partial financial assistance of Rs. 46, 000/- (Rupees forty six thousand only) only for air travel (return) and visa charges.

It may be noted that as per existing practice the Researchers at the Institute are given financial support to participate in International Conferences once every two years. Sk. Aktar Ali has last participated and attended International Workshop in November 2012. Thus, Sk. Aktar Ali has prayed for consideration by the Council.

- iii. To consider the budget of Rs. 10, 00, 000/- (Rupees ten lakhs only) for the Play on Maulana Sahib sent by India Foundation, New Delhi. The play was earlier approved in principle in the Academic Committee meeting of April 28, 2014 and a detail break- up of the budget with the proviso that the copyright of the play will be held by MAKAIAS was requested from India Foundation. The budget with detail break up and consent for copyright has been received. The Council is requested to consider and approve the same.

The Council after due deliberations resolved that with respect to i. request of Ms. Abanti Adhikari, External Project Fellow, requesting extension definite time of 6 months of extension be approved.

With respect ii. regarding the application of Sk. Aktar Ali, the Council took note that Sk. Aktar Ali is only falling short of about 2 months and since he has requested partial financial assistance of Rs. 46, 000/- (Rupees forty six thousand only) the application to participate in the above mentioned Workshop be approved.

The Council, with respect to iii. approved the budget of Rs. 10, 00, 000/- (Rupees ten lakhs only) for the play on Maulana Sahib with the proviso that though the India Foundation has agreed that the copyright will vest with MAKAIAS, Kolkata, but at the same time the India Foundation must seek permission from the Director, MAKAIAS before staging it at any point of time and MAKAIAS, Kolkata should be acknowledged.

Agenda Item No. 16: To approve and report field trip to Israel to be undertaken by Professor Jayanta Kumar Ray, Maulana Azad Fellow during August - September, 2014 requesting financial assistance of Rs. 2, 40, 988/- (Rupees two lakhs forty thousand nine hundred and eighty eight only). (Annexure XV)

The Council after due deliberations and discussion approved the above mentioned field trip undertaken by Professor Jayanta Kumar Ray, Maulana Azad Fellow, with reservations. The lack of any progress report which is mandatory at MAKAIAS for all Fellows working at the Institute to submit quarterly progress reports about the project work undertaken was noted with concern.

Agenda Item No. 17: To consider the application submitted by Dr. Nandini Bhattacharya Panda to undertake field/ research trip to Nepal during October, 2014 in connection with her research project "Cultural Reconstruction of a Marginal Community: The Mangar Community in the Eastern and North Eastern Himalayas" at the Institute with a budget of Rs. 1, 47, 000/- (Rupees one lakh forty seven thousand only). (Annexure XVI)

The Council approved the field/ research trip of Dr. Nandini Bhattacharya Panda to Nepal during October, 2014 with a budget of Rs. 1, 47, 000/- (Rupees one lakh forty seven thousand only).

Agenda Item No. 18: To consider organizing by MAKAIAS a One – day Symposium on "Biographical Museum and its Relevance" on September 17, 2014 with a budget of Rs. 54, 500/- (Rupees fifty four thousand and five hundred only). (Annexure XVII)

The Council approved the organization of the One- day Symposium on 'Biographical Museum and its Relevance" on September 17, 2014 at Maulana Azad Museum with a budget of Rs. 54, 500/- (Rupees fifty four thousand and five hundred only).

Agenda Item No. 19: To consider organizing by MAKAIAS International Seminar on "The Philosophy of NEFA and Birth of North East India: History, Land and People" during January 7- 8, 2014 at the Institute with a budget of Rs. 9, 40, 000/- (Rupees nine lakhs and forty thousand only). (Annexure XVIII).

The Council resolved that a revised proposal with budget be resubmitted for consideration of the Council.

Agenda Item No. 20: To consider the proposal submitted by Ms. Nandini Sahai, Director & Chief Executive, The International Centre Goa for collaborating to organize a Panel Discussion – exclusive on current issues related to Asia, in the upcoming Goa Arts & Literary Festival (GALF) during December 4- 7, 2014 and requesting to suggest names of probable speakers. The Budget will be worked out once the Panel is finalized. The Council is requested to consider and approve the proposal in principle. (Annexure XIX).

The Council resolved that the agenda item may be deferred for discussion.

Agenda Item No. 21: To report the domestic field trip undertaken by Professor Jayanta Kumar Ray, Maulana Azad Fellow to New Delhi during June 20- 30, 2014 with financial assistance of Rs. 28, 215/- (Rupees twenty eight thousand two hundred and fifteen only) and additional car hiring charges of Rs. 21, 553/- (Rupees twenty one thousand five hundred and fifty three only). (Annexure XX)

The Council took note of the expenditure incurred by Professor Jayanta Kumar Ray, Maulana Azad Fellow for car hiring charges apart from taking full DA during his field/ research trip to New Delhi during June 20- 30, 2014. While giving post facto approval the Executive Council suggested that such practice should not be encouraged.

Agenda Item No. 22: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

- i. To report the participation of Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director, MAKAIAS, Shri. Sitaram Sharma, Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS and Ms. Srimanti Sarkar, Research Assistant, MAKAIAS in an International Seminar- ' Contemporary thoughts on India- Bangladesh Relations: Challenges and opportunities" during August 17- 19, 2014 at Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS), Dhaka, Bangladesh. The MOU was signed during the visit for academic collaboration.

The Council note and approved the same.

- ii. To report the Writ petition 22484 (W) ofn 2014 filed by former Fellow, Ms. Antara Mitra at High Court, Calcutta against the Union of India, Service, through the Secretary, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, IB- 166, Sector III, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700 106 & Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director, MAKAIAS, Azad Bhavan, IB- 166, Sector III, Salt lake, Kolkata 700 106.

The Council took due note of the Writ Petition 22484 (W) ofn 2014 filed by former Fellow, Ms. Antara Mitra against the Union of India, Service, through the Secretary, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, IB- 166, Sector III, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700 106 & Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director, MAKAIAS and resolved that the Director, MAKAIAS initiate legal action to address the issue on behalf of the Ministry of Culture and the Institute.

- iii. To consider the proposal submitted by the Centre for South Asian Studies, SIS, JNU, New Delhi requesting partial financial assistance of Rs. 2, 50, 000/- (Rupees two lakhs and fifty thousand only) for organizing a collaborative International Seminar on " India and its Neighbours: Policy Priorities for New Government" during November 21- 22, 2014.

The Council approved the partial financial funding of Rs. 2, 50, 000/- (Rupees two lakhs and fifty thousand only) to SIS, JNU for collaboratively organizing the above mentioned International Seminar during November 21- 22, 2014.

- iv. To consider the proposal submitted by Dr. Anita Sengupta, Fellow, MAKAIAS regarding 4 member visit from MAKAIAS in connection with the MOU signed with Hacettepe University Strategic Research Centre (HUSAM), Ankara, Istanbul and with Kyrgyz- Turkish Manas University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan to participate in

a workshop to be organized by the above Universities tentatively during December 2014 with a tentative budget for the 4 members from MAKAIAS, Kolkata (Chairman, Director and 2 Fellows) of Rs. 8, 76, 000/- (Rupees eight lakhs and seventy six thousand only).

The Council took note of the academic MOUs signed and approved the visit of MAKAIAS members to the above Universities with the budget as proposed for participating in the workshops to be organized in the light of the MOUs.

- v. To consider the application of field/ research trip submitted by Ms. Priya Singh, Fellow, MAKAIAS to Istanbul, Ankara (Turkey) and Beirut (Lebanon) during December 1- 14, 2014 with a budget of Rs. 2, 95, 000/- (Rupees two lakhs and ninety five thousand only).

The Council approved the field/ research trip submitted by Ms. Priya Singh, Fellow, MAKAIAS with a budget of Rs. 2, 95, 000/- (Rupees two lakhs and ninety five thousand only) during December 1- 14, 2014 to Istanbul, Ankara (Turkey) and Beirut (Lebanon).

- vi. To consider the application of field / research trip submitted by Ms. Susmita Bhattacharya, Fellow, MAKAIAS to Ulan Ude, Russia with a budget of Rs. 2, 94, 000/- (Rupees two lakhs and ninety four thousand only) during October 2014.

The Council approved the field/ research trip to be undertaken by Ms. Susmita Bhattacharya, Fellow, MAKAIAS to Ulan Ude during October 2014 with the budget of Rs. 2, 94, 000/- (Rupees two lakhs and ninety four thousand only).

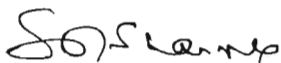
- vii. To consider the proposal for organizing an International Seminar by MAKAIAS on "*An Appraisal of India's Neighbourhood Policy: Way Forward*" during November 6- 7, 2014 at Azad Bhavan, MAKAIAS, Kolkata with a budget of Rs. 8, 00, 000/- (Rupees eight Lakhs only).

The Council approved the organizing of the above International Seminar with the budget as proposed.

- viii. To consider the proposal submitted by Dr. Amrita Dey, Fellow, MAKAIAS to coordinate an International Conference during October 27- 28, 2014 (tentative) on '*Role of Regional and Major powers in Democratic Myanmar*' at Azad Bhavan, MAKAIAS with a budget of Rs. 9, 86, 000/- (Rupees nine lakhs and eighty six thousand only).

The Council approved the organization of the above mentioned International Conference by MAKAIAS, Kolkata with the budget as proposed.

The meeting ended with of thanks to the Chair.



Shri. Sitaram Sharma
Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS



Dr. Sreeradha Dutta
Director & Member Secretary