# The 4th NEAR Association Conference

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| Periods | September 11, 2002 ~ September 12, 2002 |
| Venue (Place) | Russia > Khabarovsk Territory, Khabarovsk City |
| Organized by | Russia > Khabarovsk Territory |
| Participation | 29 regional authorities from 6 countries |
| China | Heilongjiang Province, Shandong Province, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region |
| Japan | Aomori Prefecture, Yamagata Prefecture, Niigata Prefecture, Toyama Prefecture, Ishikawa Prefecture, Fukui Prefecture, Hyogo Prefecture, Tottori Prefecture, Shimane Prefecture |
| South Korea | Busan Metropolitan City, Gyeonggi-Do, Gangwon-Do, Chungcheongbuk-Do, Jeollabuk-Do, Jeollanam-Do, Gyeongsangbuk-Do |
| North Korea | Hamgyeongbuk-do, Rasun City |
| Mongolia | Selenge Aimak |
| Russia | Republic of Buryatia, Khabarovsk Territory, Amur Region, Kamchatka Region, Sakhalin Region, Zabaikalsky Territory, Ust-Ordynsky Buryat Autonomous Area |

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| ▷ Amendment of the united administration and the conference expense• The existing Chamber System, the assembly that hosted the organization which also holds the successive assembly of, is modified as the head of the successive host organization in charge for two years until the next assembly • The host organization of the assembly pays half of the administrative committee membership fees and the conference expenses and the participating organizations will pay the other half

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| **▷ Discussion of approval of the union regarding specific businesses that party members conduct****▷ Regarding permanent office establishment in Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, a proposal will be prepared by the ‘Joint Organization for Permanent Office Establishment’ and will be discussed in the next assembly.****▷ Reporting activities for each subcommittee****▷ Heilongjiang Province selected as host for the 2004 Assembly** |

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* **Declaration**

The 4th Local Authority Conference in the North East Asia Region was held on September 11, 2002 in Khabarovsk Territory.

Six nations, twenty-nine regions of local authorities in the North East Asia Region such as Russia, China, South Korea, North Korea, Mongolia etc., promoted cooperation among countries for the realization of culture, Science, and economy projects.

Khabarovsk conference was special for its high attendance as local authorities of twenty-nine regions participated. During the assembly, the new constitution was adopted. In addition, the admissions of the new self-governing organizations such as North Korea, Mongolia, and Russia, and economic cooperation as well as the development related to the globalization of the world economy were discussed. Assembly discussion participants shared their experiences with regard to economic, political, and cultural exchange, and presented proposals for better relationship between nations at a regional level. After discussing a vast range of topics, the 4th Self-Governing Organizations Conference in the North East Asia Region participants agreed on the following issues:

1. We admitted business at the Local Authority Conference in the North East Asia Region subcommittee is appropriate and effective for its function and assignment. Activities of the subcommittee will be continued to exchange information between regions and nations for environmental protection, natural disaster protection, and cultural exchange.

2. The successive Assembly host nation will approve the executive office’s location and condition for the next two years by doing an effective call for the next General Assembly and regular convention.

3. United conference admitted the importance of the Self-Governing Organizations Conference in the North East Asia Region’s permanent office establishment. In order to investigate the conditions for the permanent official establishment (duty, organization, financial quota), the office will be set up with the cooperation of Hyogo Prefecture (Japan), Toyama Prefecture (Japan), Gyeongsangbuk-do (South Korea), Province Busan Metropolitan City (South Korea), Heilongjiang Province (China), and Khabarovsk Territory (Russia).

4. In order to spread decisions made by the association and its activities, we decided to delegate the task of contacting other international organizations to the office.

5. We decided to approve the general rule of splitting expenses regarding calls for the successive Association General Assembly.

6. To introduce the rule of splitting expenses, estimated expense draft for 2003 Association Working Committee will be delegated for a month.

7. We decided to approve the new constitution of the Association, by considering the discussed proposals.

8. We decided to accept Selenge Aimak (Mongolia), Ust-Ordynsky Buryat Autonomous Area (Russia), Hamgyeongbuk-do (North Korea), Rasun (North Korea) as new members.

9. By realizing the importance of gaining association’s economic influence, we decided to discuss the North East Asia economic issues and the regional project to develop infrastructure within North East Asian Regions on the next General Assembly.

10. We decided to promote regional collaboration between the developed countries and the developing country in North East Asia for active Science and Technology exchange.

11. We decided that the 5th Association General Assembly is to be held in Heilongjiang Province (China) in 2004.