

**Report on PHILATAIPEI 2016 World Stamp Championship Exhibition
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Speech by FIP President Mr Tay Peng Hian during the Opening Ceremony on October 21, 2016



The Welcome Reception on October 21, 2016. FIAP President Mr Surajit Gongvatana (extreme left), FEPA President José Ramón Moreno (3rd from the left), Chairman of Chunghwa Post Mr Philip Ong (3rd from right), FIP President Mr Tay Peng Hian (2nd from right), President of Chinese Taipei Philatelic Federation Mr Chen Yu-An (extreme right)

PHILATAIPEI 2016 World Stamp Championship Exhibition has been held successfully from October 21 – 26, 2016 with the participation of 80 Commissioners from their respective member federations, which was the highest number in an FIP exhibition in the last 10 years.



Long queues by visitors awaiting to visit the exhibition.

There were 2,428 frames exhibited in the following classes: World Stamp Championship, Traditional Philately, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Aerophilately, Thematic Philately, Revenue, Youth Philately, One Frame Exhibit and Modern Philately, as well as 131 Philatelic Literature exhibits.



Philatelic guides doing free tour of the exhibits for visitors

The exhibits were all of very high standard and a Best Youth award has been allocated in recognition of the efforts of the young philatelists having attained world class standards. In the Court of Honour

display area, Chinese philatelic rarities as well as FIP Grand Prix Club members' exhibits were invited to show.

The National Commissioners, Jury members and FIP board members were arranged to stay in Howard Plaza Hotel and they were all very pleased with the rooms and service provided. Daily shuttle buses were arranged at regular timings to send the delegates to and from the exhibition hall, which was located at Taipei World Trade Centre, Exhibition Hall 1, a very convenient and prominent location.



Trade booth area with dealers from all over the world

Spacious and comfortable meeting rooms of 169 square metres were arranged for National Commissioners and Jurors respectively. Snacks and refreshments were amply supplied throughout the days of Jury and Commissioners work.

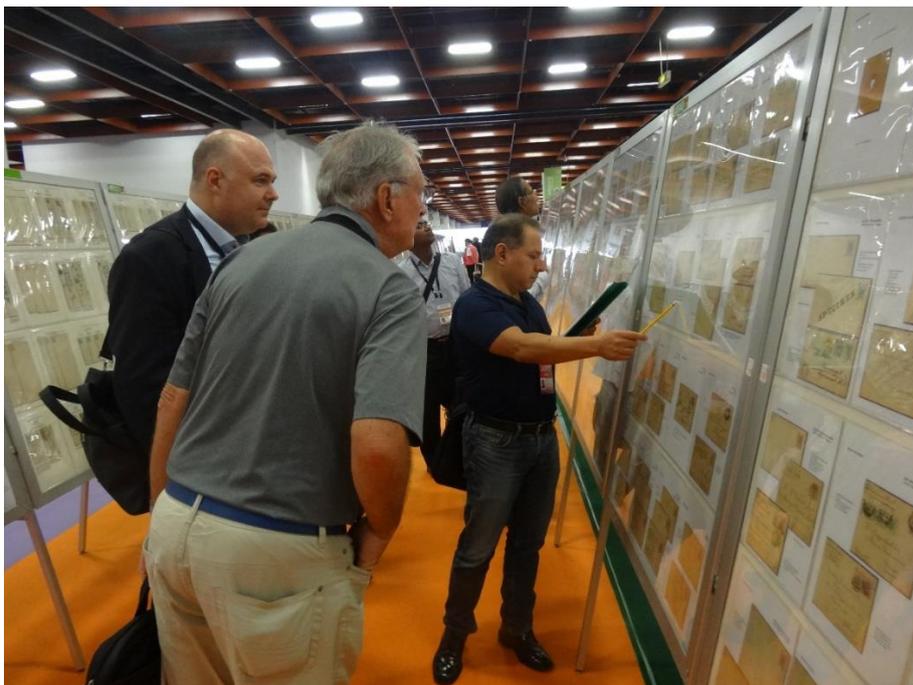


Jury Room



Commissioners' Room

A new procedure was also introduced in the Bin Room during this exhibition. After the mounting of exhibits, the National Commissioners were requested to check that all their respective exhibits were properly put up and that all philatelic items are intact. They were required to sign a confirmation form to this effect. This was done prior to the Opening Ceremony. On dismantling day, all exhibits were taken down by the National Commissioners themselves, instead of the traditional practice by Bin Room volunteers, so that they could have a first-hand inspection of the exhibits and it also shortened the time taken for them to collect back their exhibits. This could be a standard procedure for exhibitions in the future.



The jury judging the exhibits.

The exhibition attracted more than 300,000 visitors in total, which was much more than the 250,000 visitors recorded for the 30th Asian International Stamp Exhibition held in April 2015. Many educational programs were arranged for visitors throughout the 6 days and transportation were provided for school children, including covering airfare for students from the smaller outer islands, to attend the exhibition.



School children who were hosted to the exhibition enjoyed the myriad educational activities planned

The exhibition has attracted not just philatelists. It was heart-warming to see the general public who came with entire families, bringing their parents and children along, to enjoy a rewarding family-bonding time at the show.



Interactive workshops for families



Long queues at the Chunghwa Post booth

The success and popularity of the exhibition also attracted extensive media coverage, both locally and internationally. Representatives from both the Chinese Taipei Philatelic Federation and Chunghwa Post, were interviewed by the media.

There were also seminars held during the respective eleven FIP Commissions Meetings on the October 24 and 25 to share knowledge amongst philatelists.



One of the Philatelic Seminars conducted during the exhibition



Postal History Seminar conducted by the newly elected Commission Chairman, Malcom Groom

The all-awaited Palmares dinner for the presentation of the awards, held at Taipei Marriott Hotel on October 25, was a grand affair that was enjoyed thoroughly by all invited guests and award recipients.



Presentation of awards on the stage by FIAF President Luis Cláudio Fritzen



Handover of FIP flag to Indonesia, organiser for the next FIP Exhibition BANDUNG 2017

We also successfully hosted the 74th FIP Congress and the celebration of the 90th Birthday of the FIP at Howard Plaza Hotel on October 26 .



Presentation of the FIP Finance by FIP President Tay Peng Hian at the 74th FIP Congress



The new FIP Board members f.l: Director Yigal Nathaniel, Director Prakob Chirakiti, Vice-President Bernard Beston, President Tay Peng Hian, Vice-President Bernard Jimenez, Vice-President Reinaldo Macedo and Director Aldo Samamé y Samamé



FIP 90th Birthday Cake cutting ceremony f.l: Prakob Chirakiti, Fernando Aranaz, Bernard Beston, Tay Peng Hian, Bernard Jimenez, Reinaldo Macedo, Aldo Samamé y Samamé, Dila Eaton

All in all, the exhibition had been extremely successful and we look forward to holding another World Stamp Exhibition in 2026, and in between, another 2 Asian International Stamp Exhibitions!