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IARU Region 3 Report to the 2017 IARU Region 1 EC Meeting May 2017

1. Introduction

IARU R3 have 29 Member Societies and its secretariat at JARL HQ, Tokyo, Japan. It is managed by 6 Directors and a Secretary:

Directors are Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN (Chairman), Joong-Geun Rhee HL1AQQ, Shizuo Endo JE1MUI, Peter Young VK3MV, Wisnu Widjaja YB0AZ and Don Wallace ZL2TLL. Secretary is Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP.

The Directors of IARU Region 3 thank the IARU Region 1 EC for the invitation to participate in its meeting but once again are unable to do so because of the financial restraints that it must observe.

2. IARU Region 3 Directors Meeting, August 2016

The directors of IARU Region 3 met in Tokyo on 22nd and 23rd August 2016 at the office of JARL HQ.

Present were Directors Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN, Prof. Rhee HL1AQQ, Shizuo Endo JE1MUI, Peter Young VK3MV, Wisnu Widjaja YB0AZ, Don Wallace ZL2TLL, and Secretary Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP. Tim Ellam VE6SH President IARU and Reinaldo Leandro YV5AM President Region 2 also attended the meeting.

The directors reviewed the actions taken to implement various resolutions that were recorded during the Region 3 conference held in Bali Indonesia last year.

Special attention was made to study actions required by all societies to support the move by IARU for spectrum defense and expansion at the upcoming WRC in 2019. IARU Region 3 will have representation at the APG meetings leading up to WRC 19.

Major work is underway to reformat the Region 3 band-plan to bring it in line with other regions and also make it easier to obtain relevant information.

Discussions also took place on assisting newcomers to the hobby, especially young operators, with low cost entry level transceivers. To assist in attracting newcomers a simple promotional brochure that highlights the key messages about amateur radio has been developed. This brochure will be trialed by Organisasi Amatir Radio Indonesia, (ORARI) over the coming months. Once agreed the brochure will be printed and small quantities will be available so that societies can use in their respective countries.

3. Membership application from Nepal

The Secretary sent a letter to NAROS asking their status in Nepal amateur radio society and submission of their Constitution in English in June 2014. The Secretary received a preliminary response from NAROS stating that they were preparing English translation of their Constitution, but it hasn't been provided yet.

Nepal was hit by a big earthquake in April 2015 and it is supposed to stop their effort for English translation of their Constitution. There is no progress on this matter.

4. Emergency Communications

Chairman of the Region 3 Disaster Communications Committee Jim Linton VK3PC reported major amateur emergency communications activities and the reports are posted on IARU Region 3 website. Just few headlines are provided below.

- Tropical Cyclone Debbie emergency communications in Queensland Australia, April 2017
- Super Typhoon in Philippines southeast, December 2016
- Earthquake hits Indonesia, December 2016
- Hams kept busy by two storms hit Philippines, October 2016
- Indonesian floods get hams help with communications, September 2016
- Indian floods keep hams busy, August 2016

5. Next Directors' Meeting

The next Directors' meeting is planned to be held on 4th and 5th September 2017 in Tokyo, Japan following JARL Tokyo Ham Fair 2017.

Once again, the Directors hope that the IARU Officers, and the representatives of IARU Regions 1 and 2 will be able to join us, particularly as financial constraints have precluded IARU Region 3 from participating in the EC meetings of the other regions.

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