



Summary Report on CACCI Activities THE 2017 YEAR-END REVIEW

As the year 2017 comes to a close and the year 2018 about to begin, it is an opportune time for us to take stock of our accomplishments over the past year, with the view to building on them in order to make our Confederation even more relevant to our members in the year ahead.

Hereunder is a summary report on the activities undertaken by CACCI in 2017:

I. PREPARATIONS FOR THE 31st CACCI CONFERENCE AND THE 10TH WORLD CHAMBERS CONGRESS

A. Planning Committee Meeting in Paris

1. Members of the 2017 CACCI Planning Committee, along with key officers and staff members of the ICC World Chambers Federation (ICC WCF) and the Sydney Business Chamber (SBC), met on 2 March 2017 at the ICC Headquarters in Paris, France. Hosted by ICC WCF, the meeting discussed primarily preparations for the 31st CACCI Conference scheduled to take place in September 2017 in Sydney, Australia, in conjunction with 10th World Chambers Congress jointly organized by the ICC WCF and the SBC.



2. A total of 22 delegates from 11 countries attended the Meeting, including representatives from Australia, Bangladesh, Georgia, France, India, Iran, Japan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Russia and Taiwan. Heading the CACCI delegation was President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili, while Mr. Peter Mihok, Chairman of ICC WCF, and Mr. Stephen Cartwright, CEO of NSWBC, led their respective organizations.

B. Preparations for the 2017 Joint CACCI-ICC WCF-SBC Event in Sydney

3. The CACCI Secretariat regularly coordinated with the ICC WCF and the SBC on preparations for the holding of the 31st CACCI Conference to be held within the framework of the ICC-WCF's 10th World Chambers Congress in Sydney, Australia on 18-21-September 2017. They reviewed – via regular teleconferences – the proposed program and other related matters.

C. 2017 World Chambers Competition

4. CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili and CACCI SME Development Council Chairman Mr. George Abraham accepted the invitation to take part in the judging process of the 2017 World Chambers Competition.

5. Under the umbrella of the World Chambers Congress, the Competition gives an opportunity for chambers to improve and enhance their services as well as to strengthen their SME constituencies. Some chambers from the CACCI network have submitted projects for this year's Competition. In the past, CACCI member chambers had been extremely successful in making it to the Competition finals.

6. The four categories featured this year were: Best CSR project, Best job creation and business development project, Best unconventional project, and best education and training project. Mr. Inaishvili was assigned to judge the Best job creation and business development project, and Mr. Abraham evaluated entries for the Best unconventional project.



7. After a thorough assessment by a prominent and experienced jury, four finalists were chosen from each of the four categories to join their peers in Sydney during the 10th World Chambers Congress in September 2017 and present their initiatives live.

8. CACCI President Emeritus Mr. K. K. Modi and CACCI Vice President Mr. Peter McMullin were invited to present the awards to some of the winners during the Gala Dinner of the 10th World Chambers Congress.

II. CACCI PRESIDENTIAL VISITS

9. The CACCI Secretariat coordinated with member chambers in selected Asian countries on the possibility of receiving a CACCI delegation in 2017 to be led by the CACCI President. CACCI Presidential visits aim to provide CACCI members the opportunity to get an overall view of the activities of member chambers, gather first-hand information on the business situation in member countries, and further build up the image of CACCI by making courtesy calls on high-ranking government officials.

Nepal Visit

10. CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili led a 30-member delegation to Nepal for a successful three-day visit on November 20-23, 2017. The CACCI delegation was composed of key chamber officers and leading businessmen from Australia, Bangladesh, Georgia, Hong Kong, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Taiwan.

11. The three-day program of the Presidential visit allowed the CACCI delegation to meet with various government officials – including the Right Honourable President Bidya Devi Bhandari and Commerce Secretary Chandra Kumar Ghimire - to exchange views on trade and investment issues as well as identify areas where Nepal and CACCI member countries may strengthen their economic relations. The delegation also had the opportunity to network with officers and members of FNCCI and the Bukhara Chamber of Commerce and Industry, as well as to experience some of the tourist attractions and places of interest in Nepal.



12. Hosted by the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI), with the assistance of CACCI Vice President and Former FNCCI President Mr. Pradeep Kumar Shrestha, the visit was aimed at providing the CACCI visitors the opportunity to promote CACCI in Nepal and explore possible joint business ventures and investment cooperation with their Nepalese counterparts, as well as to meet with key government officials of the country to obtain a better understanding of the trade and investment policies of Nepal.

13. During the delegation's meeting with FNCCI, Kowloon Chamber of Commerce Chairman Mr. John Li and FNCCI President Mrs. Bhawani Rana signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining possible areas of cooperation between the two organizations.

14. The delegation was also invited to attend the various ceremonies held to commemorate the wedding of the son of Mr. Pradeep Kumar Shrestha – Mr. Udeep Shrestha – to Ms. Aayusja Kaarki.

Preparations for Other Proposed Visits

15. The CACCI Secretariat coordinated with CACCI Primary Members and other chambers of commerce in other countries to which CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili plans to lead a CACCI delegation for visits in 2018.

16. These chambers included the Cambodia Chamber of Commerce, Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which Mr. Inaishvili hopes to visit during the March-April period, as well as the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation, which President Inaishvili plans to visit during the May-June period.

17. The CACCI President is also scheduled to visit Mongolia in September and has requested the Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry to organize a Business Forum at the time of the visit to which representatives from the local business community and the Mongolian government will be invited.

III. CACCI PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FORUMS

A. Joint Consultation Meeting of ASEAN + 1 Business Councils and Associations on January 26, 2017 in Manila

18. CACCI attended the 9th Joint Consultation Meeting with ASEAN + 1 Business Councils and Associations organized by the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC) on January 26, 2017 in Manila, Philippines. The ASEAN-BAC invited CACCI as an Observer.



19. Representing CACCI at the meeting was Deputy Director-General Mr. Amador Honrado, who was given the opportunity to introduce the Confederation and its activities to the other meeting participants. Mr. Honrado thanked the ASEAN-BAC for inviting CACCI to the meeting. He pointed out that most of the issues being discussed by the Joint Consulting Meeting are the same issues taken up by CACCI members in their meetings and conferences. Mr. Honrado thereby expressed CACCI's interest to participate in future Joint Consultation Meetings and to provide inputs to the discussions and formulation of recommendations by the ASEAN-BAC.

20. The ASEAN BAC was formed following the decision of the ASEAN Leaders at the 7th ASEAN Summit and launched in April 2003, with the mandate to provide private sector feedback and guidance to boost ASEAN's efforts towards economic integration.

B. Roundtable Organized by Economic Chamber of Macedonia on February 17 in Skopje

21. CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili participated as Speaker at the Roundtable organized by the Economic Chamber of Macedonia in Skopje on February 17, 2017 marking 95 years of Macedonia's successful system of commercial chambers.

22. Addressing the topic "Position of Small Countries in the International Economy: Advantages and Disadvantages," the Roundtable was attended by renowned representatives of the business, science and business associations, former prime ministers and presidents from the region and beyond who work or come from small countries.

23. The event was initiated by the two-year work of the economic chambers and their members for development and revitalization of a very significant initiative - the initiative for connecting the entrepreneurs from small countries facing the challenges related to business management during particularly difficult times. The Chamber has traditionally been organizing events to mark its anniversaries which are closely connected to the Chamber's priority initiatives.



C. WCF General Council Meeting in Paris

24. CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili attended the 1st Meeting for 2017 of the General Council of the World Chambers Federation (WCF) held on March 1, 2017 in Paris, France, along with seven other CACCI member representatives who were recently elected to the WCF General Council. As a transnational chamber, CACCI is a Permanent Member of the WCF General Council and is currently represented by President Inaishvili.

25. President Inaishvili was accompanied at the meeting by CACCI Director-General Amb. Victor C. Y. Tseng and Deputy Director-General Mr. Amador R. Honrado, Jr. Representatives from CACCI member chambers were from Australia, Georgia, Japan, Iran, Mongolia, Russia and Turkey



26. The WCF is a global network of 12,000 chambers that aims to help individual chambers to become more productive and strengthens links among them. The General Council is the governing body of WCF that sets the strategic direction and development of WCF's services.

D. B20 Joint Task Force Meeting in Paris

27. The B20 Germany invited CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili to attend the B20 Joint Taskforce Meeting held on March 22, 2017 in Paris. President Inaishvili is member of the B20 Task Force on Trade and Investment.



28. Held in cooperation with Business at OECD (BIAC) and the OECD, the final meeting of all B20 Task Forces and Cross-thematic Groups before the B20 Summit in May focused on the advocacy of B20 recommendations prior to the G20 Sherpa meeting. The agenda for the Special B20 Germany-OECD-BIAC Session aimed at further strengthening the ongoing G20-B20 dialogue with input from the OECD and BIAC.

E. Meeting of the Global Chamber Platform in Berlin

29. CACCI Director-General Amb. Victor C. Y. Tseng represented CACCI in the meeting of the Global Chamber Platform (GCP) held on the morning of May 2, 2017 in Berlin. This year's GCP discussed the many challenges the global economic environment is currently facing as well as the position of the GCP regarding the outcome of the B-20 Summit.

30. The GCP was launched in 2002 by the Eurochambres (Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry) to develop a coherent framework for Eurochambres and its relations with partner organizations around the world. CACCI joined the GCP in October 2003 during the 11th Annual Congress of Eurochambres, where Mr. K. K. Modi, then CACCI President, was invited as one of the panelists.



31. The GCP usually holds its annual meeting in conjunction with the Annual Congress of Eurochambres. As GCP member, CACCI has always been invited to attend these annual meetings. For the first time, the GCP was represented at the B-20 Summit from May 2-3 in Berlin as an official networking partner.

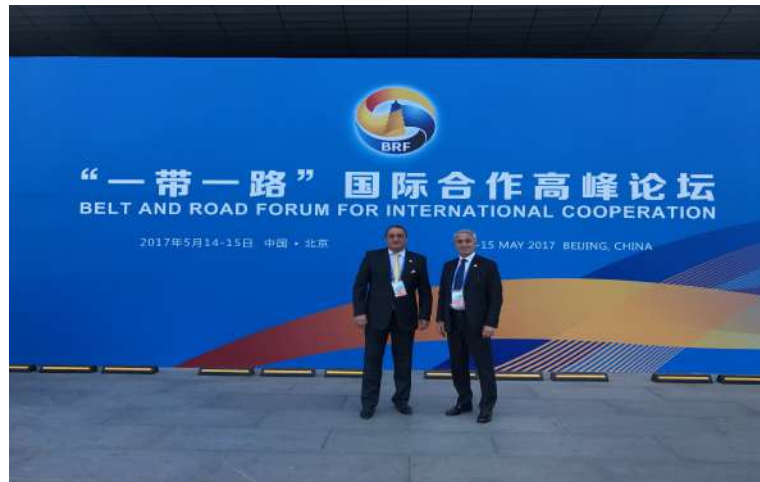
F. B20 Summit in Berlin

32. CACCI Director-General Amb. Victor C. Y. Tseng attended the B20 Summit held on May 2-3, 2017 in Berlin. During the two-day high-level event - which served as the highlight of the B20 process – panelists and some 800 B20 affiliated CEOs and representatives from international organizations and politics met in Berlin to discuss the crucial findings and policy recommendations derived from the B20 process. The B20 Summit allowed for discussions, high-level networking, and high-level business advocacy. German Chancellor and G20 Chair Angela Merkel received the B20 policy recommendations on May 3 in an official handover ceremony.



G. One Belt, One Road Summit

33. CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili attended the One-Belt,One-Road Summit held in Beijing on May 14-15, 2017. At the Summit, Chinese President Xi Jinping urged multilateral institutions to join the One-Belt, One-Road Initiative, stressing the importance of rejecting protectionism in seeking global economic growth. President Xi pledged US\$124 billion for the new Silk Road which aims to bolster China's global leadership ambitions by expanding links between Asia, Africa, Europe and beyond. Leaders from 29 countries attended the Belt and Road forum, as well as the heads of the United Nations, International Monetary Fund, and World Bank.



H. AIIB Board of Governors Meeting in Jeju, Korea

34. President Inaishvili attended the second annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) held on June 16-18, 2017 in South Korea's Jeju Island.

35. This year's annual meeting brought together about 2,000 participants, including delegations of both 57 founding members and 20 new members, international organizations and academia as well as businessmen, financiers and journalists. The attendees included over 20 finance ministers of the 77 approved AIIB members such as Australia, China, Georgia, India, Indonesia and Laos, according to South Korea's finance ministry.



36. The second meeting was held under the theme of "Sustainable Infrastructure," seeking strategic directions of the international infrastructure bank and making major decisions on the bank's management.

37. Along with the official sessions, a variety of side events were scheduled such as seminars on infrastructure and the one-on-one business meetings. Several bilateral meetings between chief delegates were held on the sidelines of the official sessions.

I. ITD's Annual Regional Forum on Trade and Development 2017

38. The International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD) invited CACCI President as Panelist in the Regional Trade and Development Forum 2017 held on July 19-20, 2017 in Bangkok. The 2017 forum titled "Linking Trade and Development for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth," addressed emerging issues around sustainable trade and development within the context of South-South region and how Asia-Pacific needs to redefine its development strategy to meet both the challenges of the time while being transformative enough, to leapfrog itself by leveraging new technologies and modern policies.



39. Mr. Inaishvili was invited as one of the panelists in Session IV on "One Belt, One Road Initiative: Outlooks and Future Trade and Investment in the Region South". The session discussed the current developments of the Initiative and future plans to integrate this to the rest of the region. Speakers shared their views on how this initiative could link with the UN SDG 2030 goals and facilitate peace and prosperity in the APAC region, and how other countries could benefit from this initiative (who are not linked via land or by maritime route)?

40. The ITD is a regional trade and development policy based institution (non-partisan, politically neutral) established in May 2002, as part of the 10th Session of the UNCTAD Meeting in Bangkok on 17 February, 2001. Its primary mission is to provide technical capacity building support and assistance in areas relating to promoting sustainable trade and development policies to countries within the Asia-Pacific region.

J. 2017 Homeland & Global Security Forum

41. CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili has been invited to attend the 19th Annual Session of the Homeland & Global Security Forum being organized by the Crans Montana Forum in Brussels, Belgium on October 25-28, 2017.

42. The Homeland & Global Security Forum has served as a platform for discussion among top government officials, international organizations, parliaments, socialized administrations, intelligence agencies and businesses from around the world.



43. The Crans Montana Forum is a Swiss Non-Governmental International Organization that is formally recognized by and work with all major International Organizations, respected Governments, Business and Non-Governmental Organizations. It works to build a more Humane and Impartial World and encourages international cooperation and overall growth. It also works to promote best practices and to ensure a permanent dialogue between all those who handle high-level responsibilities.

K. Participation in the Global Association Management Conference

44. Two Senior Officers of CACCI – Ms. Wendy Yang and Ms. Jacqueline Dy Uy - attended the highly successful “Great Ideas Global Association Management Conference Asia Pacific” held on March 22-24, 2017 in Grand Hyatt Seoul, South Korea.



45. Organized by The American Society of Association Executives, the event was sponsored by the Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism, Seoul Metropolitan Government, and the Korea Tourism Organization. As a regional association, CACCI – along with the Asian Bankers Association (ABA), one of CACCI's Product and Service Councils - had the opportunity of participating in the three-day program which focused on association management.

L. 4th Eastern Partnership Business Forum

46. CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili was one of the invited speakers at the 4th Eastern Partnership Business Forum held on October 26-27, 2017 in Tallinn, Estonia. The Forum is a traditional event to the EU Eastern Partnership Summit. The main objective of the forum is to promote cross-border economic relations, transparency, new business

opportunities and cooperation between EU and Eastern Partnership countries, with particular focus on SMEs.



M. EU-Eurasia-China Business Summit in Athens

47. CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili attended the EU-Eurasia-China Business Summit as a commentator. Held on October 9-10 2017 in Athens under the sponsorship of The Economist magazine, the Summit carried the theme "Building Bridges from East to West"



N. Ukrainian CCI 45th Anniversary Celebration

48. CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili accepted the invitation from the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (UCCI) to attend the 45th Anniversary celebration of the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (UCCI) held on December 14-16 in Kiev. In particular, Mr. Inaishvili was invited to attend the Opening Session on the International Conference on "New Industrialization: Challenges, Opportunities and Prospects for Ukraine." which was part of the anniversary celebration.

49. Mr. Inaishvili's presence provided him the opportunity to meet and network with UCCI members, gain a better understanding of the chamber's activities, and explore how the two organizations could work together for the mutual benefit of their respective members.

IV. CACCI SECRETARIAT'S MEETINGS WITH CACCI MEMBERS

A. Meeting with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry

50. CACCI Director-General Amb. Victor C. Y. Tseng visited the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) during his trip to New Delhi, India on March 13, 2017. Amb. Tseng was received by FICCI Secretary-General Ms. Ambika Sharma and Mr. Gajendra Badgujar, Liaison Officer and Joint Director for East Asia. They discussed the ongoing and upcoming activities of their respective organizations, possible areas where they could have further cooperation, and the participation of FICCI in the upcoming 31st CACCI Conference in September 2017 in Sydney.



B. Meeting with Kowloon Chamber of Commerce

51. CACCI Secretariat executives led by Amb. Victor C. Y. Tseng met with key officers of the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce led by Chairman Mr. John F. C. Li on April 5 in Taipei to discuss how CACCI can assist in inviting CACCI member chambers to participate in the KCC Elite Development Program for the New Century 2017.

52. The objective of the Programme was to train elite student leaders to broaden their global perspectives, interact with Chinese culture, understand modern society, and learn modern management skills. The main theme for this year was "*The Influence of the One-Belt, One-Road on the Economic Development in Greater China and the Impact of Chinese Medicine Development*". The Programme ran for two weeks from July 8 until July 22. It was divided into two training sections; namely the first week training from July 9-15 being conducted by a university in Mainland, and the second part from July 16-21 being held in Hong Kong.

C. Meeting with the Chairman of the CACCI SME Development Council

53. Mr. George Abraham, Chairman of the CACCI SME Development Council (SMEDC) on May 30 met with CACCI Director-General Mr. Amador Honrado Jr. in Singapore. They discussed preparations for the Roundtable Session to be organized by the SMEDC during the 31st CACCI Conference in Sydney, as well as Mr. Abraham's participation in the 10th World Chambers Congress to be hosted by the ICC World Chambers Federation and the Sydney Business Chamber. Mr. Abraham and Mr. Honrado also exchanged views on other activities that the SMEDC Chairman proposes to undertake during the year.



D. Meeting with the Chief Executive of Wellington Chamber of Commerce

54. Mr. John Milford, Chief Executive of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce (WCC), called on key officers of the CACCI Secretariat led by Director-General Amb. Victor C. Y. Tseng during his recent trip to Taipei on the week of June 14.

55. During their meeting at the CACCI Secretariat office, Amb. Tseng thanked Mr. Milford for the continued strong support of WCC for CACCI and its activities over the years, citing its role in hosting two CACCI gatherings in the past -the 11th CACCI Conference held in November 1986 in Rotorua, and the 53rd CACCI Council Meeting held in April 1996 in Wellington. The WCC also received a CACCI delegation led by then President Mr. K. K. Modi in July 2005.



56. Mr. Milford and Amb. Tseng discussed other possible areas in which the WCC can contribute to CACCI programs, including in membership recruitment, policy advocacy work, information sharing through their respective newsletters, and participation in CACCI annual gatherings - such as the upcoming 31st CACCI Conference in September 2017 in Sydney - by either sending delegates or nominating speakers.

57. Mr. Milford was on his first trip to Taipei, where he was scheduled to meet - along with other businessmen from New Zealand - with other Taiwanese business groups, including the Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA), a CACCI Primary Member. Mr. Milford has had extensive experience in the business and retail sector, having been Managing Director of the department store Kirkcaldie & Stains since 2006 before joining WCC.

V. CACCI INVITATION TO MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL EVENTS

A. Tbilisi Belt and Road Forum in Georgia

58. The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia invited CACCI members to attend the “Tbilisi Belt and Road Forum” held on November 28-29, 2017 in Tbilisi, Georgia.



59. Organized under the patronage of H. E. Prime Minister of Georgia, Giorgi Kvirikashvili, the two-day event served as a continuing platform for high-government and business-to-business dialogue and is aimed at promoting regional cooperation. With focus on the full spectrum of factors which define the regional and global trade, the Forum hosted over 1,000 political leaders, diplomats, representatives of international organizations and business.

B. Match4Industry Event in Kocaeli

60. The Kocaeli Chamber of Industry invited CACCI members to participate in its Match4Industry event that took place on 2-3 November 2017 in Kocaeli, Turkey.



61. Match4Industry was part of "Doing Business Onsite", a unique concept in matchmaking events that offered meetings held in company premises as well as the main event site. Visits to leading automotive companies were available as optional programmes, offering the participants a chance to observe Kocaeli's business environment at first hand. There was a dedicated area to accommodate face to face

meetings between prospective partners. This year's event was expected to attract 350 exhibitors and some 40,000 visitors.

C. FICCI Annual Banking Conference in Mumbai

62. The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Indian Banks Association (IBA) invited members to attend the FICCI Annual Banking Conference (FIBAC) on 6th and 7th November, 2017 at Hotel Trident, Nariman Point, Mumbai, India. The theme of the conference was 'Finance in Digital Era: Navigating the knowns and unknowns.'



63. Building on the discussions that have taken place over the last few years and in light of the significant changes being seen in India particularly in the realm of the digital economy, this year's conference focused on the new frontiers for digital banking and other pertinent topics like consolidation, turnaround management, pricing etc.

D. CCPIT Commercial Sub-Council

64. The CCPIT Commercial Sub-council, an Affiliate Member of CACCI, requested CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili for a CACCI Message of Support for the China Association for Standardization Trade in Services Branch (CASTSB) that was officially launched on December 15, 2017 in Beijing,



65. The CASTSB was initiated by business associations, public research institution, enterprises and universities in the field of trade in services. Its primary objective is to promote policy and knowledge of standardization, to organize standards drafting and implementation of trade in services, to offer technical service and consulting for enterprises and organizations whose business development is expected to benefit from standardization.

E. 2018 Oslo Business for Peace Award

66. CACCI conveyed to members the invitation from The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) to submit nominations for the “2018 Oslo Business for Peace Award” which will be presented during the Award Ceremony to be held on May 16, 2018 in Oslo, Norway.



67. Inaugurated in 2009 in Oslo, Norway, the Oslo Business for Peace Awards are jointly supported by ICC and the Business for Peace Foundation with an aim to promote peace and prosperity through trade. The award shall be given to business persons in recognition for their role in being “business worthy” and is the highest distinction given to a businessperson for outstanding business worthy accomplishments

V. PUBLICATIONS, POSITION PAPERS, AND SURVEYS

A. Submission to Multilateral Organizations of the CACCI Policy Statement on “Promoting Economic Empowerment of Women”

68. The CACCI Secretariat on January 6 submitted a copy of the Policy Statement on “Promoting Economic Empowerment of Women” to the APEC Secretariat, the APEC Business Advisory Council, the ASEAN Secretariat, the ASEAN Business Advisory Council, the Eurochambres, the ICC-World Chambers Federation, and United Nations ESCAP as possible inputs into their work on the issue.



69. In the Policy Statement, CACCI stressed the need for economic empowerment of women, expressing strong support of the APEC Leaders declaration to strengthen the mainstreaming of gender equality and women's empowerment across APEC's work to ensure equal access to quality education and economic resources. In order to fight

against slowing global economic growth, CACCI called on the business community to be proactive in improving productivity, and said that the economic empowerment of women is one key way through which this can be achieved. This increases participation in the workforce to support aging populations, generates innovation and better-decision making through diversity and provides incentives to continue learning and contributing to society.

B. Submission to Multilateral Organizations of the CACCI Summit Declaration

70. CACCI on January 6 also submitted to the above-mentioned organizations a copy of the *CACCI Summit Declaration* issued at the end of the CACCI Summit Meeting held on November 24, 2016 in conjunction with the 30th CACCI Conference in Taipei.



71. In the Declaration, CACCI member chamber leaders said that Asian countries are expected to lead global economic expansion in the years ahead amidst current economic slowdown and uncertainties in major economies, but need to cooperate and partner with each other to help accelerate economic growth. They expressed their belief that today, more than ever, regional cooperation and integration plays a critical role in reducing poverty and economic disparity, raising productivity and employment, and strengthening institutions.

C. Publication of the 2016 Year-End Report

72. The CACCI Secretariat on January 18 issued the 2016 Year-End Report summarizing the major activities of CACCI in 2016, and took the opportunity to thank CACCI officers and members for the cooperation and assistance they have extended to the Confederation in undertaking its projects and programs last year.

D. Publication of the Latest Newsletters of CACCI Product and Service Councils

73. CACCI during the first quarter published the latest editions of the newsletters of the following CACCI Product and Service Councils:

- a. Asian Tourism Council
- b. Asian Council on Food and Agriculture
- c. Asian Council on Health and Education
- l. CACCI Women Entrepreneurs Council
- e. Young Entrepreneurs Group of Asia-Pacific
- f. Asian Council on Water, Energy and Environment
- g. Asian ICT Council
- h. Asian Council on Textiles and Garments
- i. SME Development Council
- j. Asian Council on Contracting and Construction
- k. Asian Council on Trade Facilitation



E. ASEAN Investment Report 2017

74. The CACCI Secretariat disseminated to all CACCI members copies of the ASEAN Investment Report 2017, which was launched at the ASEAN Business and Investment Summit held in Manila on November 13, 2017.

75. The Report was prepared under a technical cooperation agreement between the ASEAN Secretariat and the UNCTAD Division on Investment and Enterprise. The 2017 Report, as well as other past editions covering different topics, may be accessed at UNCTAD's or ASEAN Secretariat's website (www.unctad.org or www.asean.org)



F. Survey on Members' Views on the Impact of Brexit and the Trump Presidency on the Region's Economies

76. CACCI on February 8 issued a questionnaire to all CACCI Primary Members seeking their views on the UK's decision to leave the European Union (Brexit) on June 23, 2016, and the election of Donald Trump on November 8, 2016, and how these might affect their national economy as well as the economies of the Asian region as a whole.



VI. PREPARATIONS FOR THE 32nd CACCI CONFERENCE IN 2018

A. CACCI Planning Committee Meeting in Istanbul in 2018

77. The CACCI Secretariat coordinated with the CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili and the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) on preparations for the CACCI Planning Committee Meeting to be held on February, 2018 in Istanbul, Turkey.



78. The Planning Committee Meeting will primarily:

- Discuss preparations for the 32nd CACCI Conference to be hosted by the TOBB in November 2018. Discussions will focus mainly on the proposed Conference venue, theme, topics, speakers, format, and other related matters
- To review the progress of activities under the CACCI Work Program for 2018

B. Survey on 2018 Conference Theme and Topics

79. In preparation for the CACCI Planning Committee Meeting, a survey was conducted among CACCI members seeking their suggestions on economic, business or policy issues which they think are currently of great concern to members and the business sector of the region as a whole, and should be discussed by members during next year's Conference.

80. Members' suggestions will be submitted to the Planning Committee members for discussion at their meeting on February 5 in Istanbul.

VI. LAUNCHING OF THE CACCI AWARDS 2018

81. The CACCI Secretariat launched the various CACCI Awards to be presented during the 32nd CACCI Conference in November 2018 in Istanbul. These Awards include the following:

- a. **8th CACCI Local Chamber Awards**, which aim to recognize local chambers for their outstanding achievement in promoting the industrial, commercial and social welfare of their respective communities. It is also intended to help promote CACCI awareness among members of local chambers in the

region. Awards will be presented in two categories – the Big Chamber Award and the Small Chamber Award.

- b. **7th Asia-Pacific Young Entrepreneur Award, which** aims to recognize excellent young entrepreneurs in the Asia-Pacific rim who not only are successful in their business but also advocate corporate social responsibility for the good of their country.
- c. **2nd Asia-Pacific Women Entrepreneur Award,** which aims to recognize excellent women entrepreneurs in the Asia-Pacific rim who not only are successful in their business but also advocate corporate social responsibility for the good of their country.
- d. **3rd CACCI Hydropower and Clean Energy Excellence Award,** which aims to give recognition to a person or institution that has contributed significantly to the sustainable promotion, support and development of hydropower and clean energy in the Asia Pacific region.

82. The winners of the various Awards will be announced during the Gala Dinner of the 32nd CACCI Conference to be held in Istanbul, Turkey in November 2018