



ASIANIA

PARACHUTE FEDERATION

MISSION STATEMENT:

ASIANIA exists to pursue its aims and ideals towards promoting, developing and increasing standards in international competition, skills, technical knowledge, training, safety, friendships and better relations in the sport of parachuting and skydiving between the member countries and to provide a supportive role in promoting the values and benefits of FAI membership.

BACKGROUND:

ASIANIA (Asiania Parachute Federation) is a voluntary, nonprofit sporting organization that was established in 1994 at a special meeting convened by the ASFC Chinese Parachuting Committee at Chengdu, China, during the 22nd World Style and Accuracy Championships and a group of experienced parachutists and leaders eager to pursue the development and establishment of greater quality championship and competitions in the ASIANIA (Asian and Australasian) areas.

The aim of this meeting was to form an organization that would provide support to Asian and Australasian (Australia and New Zealand) countries; especially towards promoting and developing more quality competitions in the lesser developed areas. Countries attending this meeting were Australia, China, China Taipei, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea and Thailand.

In April 1995, the inaugural general meeting for ASIANIA was held in Thailand, with Madam OH Lan Fang (Japan) elected as President, Mr Jai Cheng Xian (China), Vice President and Mrs. Faye Cox (Australia) Secretary General.

The number of countries has increased over the years, with many countries becoming involved - Australia, Bahrain, Brunei, China, Chinese Taipei, Egypt, Hong Kong China, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Korea DPR, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Oman, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Syria, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan and Yemen. Brunei and Yemen are currently suspended members due to being un-financial.

ASIANIA Annual General Meetings are generally held every year. The majority have been held in in conjunction with ASIANIA Championships. The current ASIANIA Executive Committee is:

President Mubarak Swailim Al-Swailim (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)

1st Vice President Han Zhaofang (China)

Vice President Azizan Bin Abd Aziz (Malaysia)

Vice President Nisfu Chasbullah (Indonesia)

Vice President Sheik Salman Al Khalifa (Bahrain)

Vice President Abdelmoen Hassan (Egypt)

Secretary General Mrs. Faye Cox (Australia)

Arab Liaison Officer Mohd Ahmed Malalla Al Sabt (Bahrain)

ASIANIA has always promoted FAI IPC involvement within its membership; however Asiania members were originally not required to belong to the FAI. However, it eventually became evident that it would be better for ASIANIA to be more officially representative in its promotion of the FAI, and the idea of becoming an FAI Internationale Affiliate member was proposed.

Meetings with the representatives at the 2003 FAI IPC Annual Conference in Fortalesa, Brazil, resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) document being drawn up to assist Asiania to continue to pursue its goals and to comply with requirements of the FAI IPC. ASIANIA has since been working towards fulfilling the conditions of the MOU. The most difficult requirement for ASIANIA was to ensure that all ASIANIA member countries became members of the FAI, at least as a Temporary Member by the end of the year 2005.

ASIANIA provided a lot of encouragement and support towards preparing documentation, information and assistance wherever required to promote Asiania countries to join the FAI and non financial members to renew. At this point in time ASIANIA's membership has 30 countries, with two countries currently without FAI status.

The more countries representing the FAI from within the Asiania sector, the more opportunities there are for conducting major sporting events and meetings in our Asiania member countries.

ASIANIA and FAI INTERNATIONALE AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

In October 2005, ASIANIA President Lee Jong Hoon presented ASIANIA'S application for FAI Internationale Affiliate membership to the FAI General Conference - this application was successful and was a great achievement for ASIANIA

ASIANIA member countries as at September 2015:

☐ FAI Active Member Countries:

Australia, China, Chinese Taipei, Egypt, Hong Kong China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Korea DPR, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan.

☐ FAI Associate Member Countries: Bahrain, Egypt, Oman

☐ Non FAI Member (suspended) Iraq, Syria

☐ Not on FAI List: Yemen

☐ Countries can no longer be accepted as ASIANIA members unless they are also members of the FAI. They remain under suspension until the requirement is met.

To encourage any suspended countries or nonmembers to be involved, exposed and encouraged towards membership, they are allowed to compete at Asiania Championships and related events in an unofficial status.

They are not eligible to be officially recognized to achieve placing or record status for outstanding performances. This has had an effect of promoting the desire to obtain FAI membership and to participate at future world events.

ASIANIA will continue to actively promote the FAI, its aims and ideals, the benefits of membership etc. Awareness and respect for the advantages provided in the many areas of the sport by the FAI and IPC have always been promoted.

ASIANIA considers that it provides a service to the FAI within the Asiania areas, in particular the less developed Asian countries.

OTHER ASIANIA ACTIVITIES:

FAI JUDGE TRAINING COURSES:

- ☒ FAI IPC support has allowed the conduct of approved FAI judge training courses at Indonesia, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, UAE, China and Indonesia.
- ☒ More than 40 members from Australia, Bahrain, Brunei, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Korea, DPR Korea, Malaysia, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Thailand, UAE and Uzbekistan have participated in these courses, which have provided the opportunity to:
 - ☒ achieve FAI level judge qualifications in Accuracy, Style, CF and FS
 - ☒ to revalidate FAI ratings in Accuracy, Style, FS and CF
 - ☒ produce national judges in Accuracy, Style, FS and CF
- ☒ These courses provide the opportunity to improve the quality of judging in these areas, therefore supporting improved interest and awareness of competitor skills and requirements.
- ☒ These courses also provide an added incentive towards gaining FAI membership to enable the validation of the Judge ratings.

COACHING:

- ☒ Coaching by experienced FS/CF teams and camerapersons has also been available at ASIANIA Championships and ASIANIA supported events providing coaching for teams that need assistance with their skills and techniques
- ☒ ASIANIA has achieved results in assisting many of its member countries to upgrade their skill levels and operations to 'Air to Air' status. Many of these countries would very likely have remained using "Ground to Air" for judging and jumping operations without the enduring patience, promotion, and encouragement by ASIANIA.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- ☒ ASIANIA communications and support is provided by publishing general notices, the ASIANIA Calendar of Events, ASIANIA Address List, and ASIANIA website.

COMPETITIONS:

- ☒ EMAX VIDEO COMPETITION - ASIANIA conducts an annual Video Competition to encourage greater participation and practice in competition jumping.
- ☒ Teams send their video entries by email or fax (EMAX) to be judged by an official FAI judge's panel organized by the ASIANIA Competition committee.
- ☒ 4 way Formation Skydiving, 2 Way Sequential and 4 Way CF Rotations were the events.
- ☒ All judges are encouraged to participate and send their personal judgments of their team's competition jumps, receiving constructive critiques by the official judging panel.
- ☒ 12th Emax Video Competition 2015, judging was conducted at Taiyuan, China

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SIANIA provides support with organization and approved personnel to countries that wish to conduct International Championships or courses.

- Every year Asiania supports international events within Asiania countries. Apart from Asiania Championships notable events over the years were the Indonesian International Accuracy Championships, Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesian International Accuracy Championships, Solo, Java; 200 Years Police International Open Championship, Langkawi, Malaysia; Merdeka Cup International Open, Malacca and Port Dickson, Malaysia; Fujairah International Open, Fujairah, UAE. Arab, Egyptian International Open Championship, Giza, Jeddah International Championships for Skydiving, Saudi Arabia, Dubai International Open Championships and Gulf Cup, Dubai, World Mondiale, Dubai.

ASIANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

ASIANIA Championships were originally planned to be conducted every two years, with an Asiana Cup being conducted in the other year. At the Asiana Annual General Meeting in 1996 it was decided that it would be more promotional to conduct Asiana Championships every year.

- ☒ 1995 1st Asiana Championships - Anyang, China.
- ☒ 1996 1st ASIANIA CUP – Prachuab Khiri Khan, Thailand
- ☒ 1997 2nd Asiana Championships - Hangzhou., China
- ☒ 1999 3rd Asiana Championships - Nanjing, China.
- ☒ 2000 4th Asiana Championships - Wagga Wagga, Australia.
- ☒ 2001 5th Asiana Championships - Zhou Shan, China.
- ☒ 2002 6th Asiana Championships - Kuantan, Malaysia.
- ☒ 2003 7th Asiana Championships - Kuantan, Malaysia.
- ☒ 2004 8th Asiana Championships - Urumqi, China.
- ☒ 2005 9th Asiana Championships - Umm Al Qwain, UAE
- ☒ 2006 10th Asiana Championships - Chengdu, China
- ☒ 2007 11th Asiana Championships - Port Dickson, Malaysia
- ☒ 2008 12th Asiana Championships – Al Fujairah, UAE
- ☒ 2010 13th Asiana Championships – Solo, Indonesia
- ☒ 2011 14th Asiana Championships - Fuyang, China
- ☒ 2013 15th Asiana Championships – Wuhan, China
- ☒ 2014 16th Asiana Championships – Bandung, Indonesia
- ☒ 2015 17th Asiana Championships – Taiyuan, China

☒ Many countries have improved their jump performance standards by competing and winning medals at ASIANIA events, sometimes resulting in increased funding to attend ASIANIA, International and World events.

☒ Asiana Championships have always included an International Open section in each event for invited official and non-official Asiana teams and other FAI member countries,. Quite often the host country will promote this event under its own selected name.

☒ 96 competitors participated at the 1st Asiana Championships in 1995 and there were 300 participants at the 17th Asiana Championships in 2015.

ASIANIA COMPETITION RECORDS: (established in 1995)

Compiled from results obtained by Asiana countries competing at Asiana Championships

ASIANIA Records are updated every year.

Some records have been superseded over the years with the introduction of new rules and equipment etc. but they are still available on the Asiana website Competition section.

The current ASIANIA Records are as follows:

ACCURACY EVENT (2 cm disc)

Team Accuracy: (5 team members)

Best Team Score on One Jump (4 Scores to count)

Men China 0.00, (0.01) 15th Asiana Champs 2013

Women China 0.00, 0.00 (0.01) 12th Asiana Champs 2008

Individual Accuracy:

Greatest Number of Consecutive DCs (0.00cms)

Men Zhou Pingya, China 5 DCs. (0.16) 12th Asiana Champs 2015

Women Han Quili, China 5 DCs, (0.01) 15th Asiana Champs 2013

STYLE: Fastest Time Score for One jump

Men He Jihuai, China 6.15 secs 2nd Asiana Champs 1997

Women Cao Yan, China 6.81 secs 5th Asiana Champs 2001

4 WAY FORMATION SKYDIVING: (Air to Air Video, 35 Seconds working time)

Greatest Number of Formations Score for One Jump in Competition

UAE Men 30 pts 16th Asiana Championships 2014

4 WAY CANOPY FORMATIONS: (Air to Air Video, 90 secs working time)

Greatest Number of Rotations Score for One jump in Competition

Egypt 18 points 12th Asiana Championships 2008

2 WAY CANOPY FORMATION SEQUENTIAL: inaugural event record 2008

(Air to Air Video, 60 secs working time)

Greatest Number of Formations Score for One jump in Competition

Egypt 11 pts 12th Asiana Championships 2008

RESULTS: Results from Asiana Championships are available upon request

BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT THE FAI IPC – *please check www.fai.org for more details.*

- The FAI (Federation Aeronautique Internationale) is the world governing body for air sports and aeronautical world records..
- The IPC (International Parachuting Commission) is the FAI sports commission responsible for parachuting. It oversees and provides opportunities to parachutists all over the world to compete the ultimate and highest level of competition and for the premier recognition to be rated internationally and worldwide amongst their peers.
- The IPC also provides training courses and opportunities to develop the official areas of judging, safety, technical equipment, rules and regulations.
- The Annual FAI IPC Conference and Plenary Meeting, is held at different locations all around the world each year. Countries are invited to send delegates to participate at this five day conference which includes workshops on all aspects of the sport during the first three days.
- The Annual Plenary Meeting is conducted on the last two days when approvals for changes etc. are carried out, along with the election of the FAI IPC Executive Bureau, Technical Directors and Committees.
- Prestigious awards are made at this conference for various achievements within the sport of parachuting.
- The FAI conducts meetings each year at various world locations, inviting FAI delegates for each country, to carry out similar work with representing every commission involved in sport aviation to be a part of directing the progress and future of sport aviation. Bids are generally hotly contested by countries to host both of these most prestigious meetings.

OLYMPIC COUNCIL OF ASIA (OCA):

- Asiana Parachute Federation President has been liaising with the OCA since 2012 when Asiana was recognised as an international organisation that could look after aviation sports within the Asian areas.
- The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) is the apex sporting body which controls all the sports in Asia. It is one of the five continental associations recognized by the IOC.
- In 2015 an agreement signed by President of Asiana Mubarak al Suwalim at a special meeting was conducted at Dubai between himself and the OCA.
- In 2015 at the 20th Asiana AGM held later in that year members voted that the Asiana Parachute Federation would retain its own entity as a parachuting organization only.
- The Asian Air Sports Federation was therefore formed separately in 2016 and also headed by Mubarak.