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INTRODUCTION



FOREWORD BY THE AFC PRESIDENT



Since the last Congress, the COVID-19 pandemic has continued to impact lives and livelihoods with the Omicron variant causing headwinds against the recovery plans of nations and economies across the globe, but as we take a moment to reflect, we can all take immense pride in the progress and strong momentum to the restart of Asian football.

The strength of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) continues to be anchored in the unity and resilience of our Member Associations (MAs) and Regional Associations (RAs) and this collective sense of purpose has enabled the AFC to deliver all its competitions since our last Congress, keeping in view the most stringent health and medical protocols.

The most palpable evidence of the AFC's recovery was on display at the AFC Champions League 2021™ Final, where Al Hilal SFC from Saudi Arabia captured their historic fourth Continental club crown in the presence of more than 50,000 passionate fans at the King Fahd International Stadium.

Building on the successful completion of the AFC's club competitions in 2021, we welcomed the new

year with cautious optimism with the expanded AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™.

It was a showpiece that once again underscored the resolve of the AFC and its members and not only were we able to deliver the tournament for our teams and passionate fans, but by all accounts, India 2022 was the greatest ever reflection of the rise of the Asian women's game.

On the pitch, China PR clinched a record-extending ninth title while the Philippines and Vietnam proved the narrowing gap of our women's teams by securing their spots at the FIFA Women's World Cup for the first time in a captivating celebration of women's football that broke all digital engagement records.

And off-the-pitch, the tournament was brought to bear by our largest-ever cast of women administrators and our biggest ensemble of match officials, who were exemplary throughout the competition including in implementing the Video Assistant Referee system for the first time from the Quarter-final stage.

We must convey our heartfelt gratitude to the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and the Local

Organising Committee (LOC) for their hospitality and commendable organisational capabilities amidst the most overwhelming circumstances.

At the same time, after six months of careful planning and close coordination with our MAs, the AFC successfully delivered the AFC Asian Qualifiers – Road to Qatar™ and we wish our four representatives the very best of success in their preparations for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, where the focus of the world will be firmly on Asia.

Our sincerest appreciation to all the Participating MAs as well as the numerous hosts of the neutral venue matches. Likewise, we have also finalised the hosts for nearly all our competitions in 2022 so I must thank all our centralised host MAs for their steadfast commitment towards ensuring Asian football emerges stronger from this pandemic.

It is through the continued support and unity of the MAs which has allowed the AFC to make such progress and I am pleased to note that their commitment to excellence has been rewarded.

In perhaps the most innovative measures ever introduced by the AFC for the good of the game, wide ranging reforms will see the AFC Champions League™ and AFC Cup™ moving to the Autumn-Spring calendar, while the club competitions are poised to benefit from an increase in the number of foreign players, ushering a new era of stature and prestige.

The AFC's Vision and Mission to strengthen its MAs and RAs has also continued to come to life with the numerous Technical seminars and projects, Development workshops and programmes, which are explained and celebrated within the pages of this report.

Most notably, our revamped funding model for our MAs and RAs through the AFC Enhance Member Association Programme and the AFC Enhance Regional Association Programme will systemically transform the future landscape of Asian football.

Meanwhile, it is also vital that we continue to invest in the capabilities of our people and the AFC Member Associations and Regional Associations General Secretaries' Conference 2022 in Riyadh was not only instrumental in outlining the AFC's dedication in this area but also magnified the ever-growing spirit of partnership within the Asian football family.

All this, of course, is underpinned by the pillars that have become synonymous with the AFC and Asian football, that of Good Governance and Integrity and it is through our commitment to these values that we launched the AFC Child Safeguarding Policy.

It is our inherent duty to ensure football continues to create a lasting impact on our future generations and this landmark policy will ensure the beautiful game is always a safe space for our children and young people.

In the face of great uncertainty, so much has been achieved in such a short period of time, and all our achievements are testament to the unparalleled display of unity and solidarity of our MAs and RAs.

And in the coming months, this same unity well admired across the world will stand firmly in support of our dear friends from the Qatar Football Association (QFA) and the Qatar Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy as they seek to host the greatest-ever edition of the FIFA World Cup later this year.

It will be a crowning moment for Asia. It will indeed be Asia's time and we wish the QFA and the Qatari Authorities the very best of success as the global showpiece returns to Asia for only the second time.

I thank all of you who have contributed so much to the recovery of Asian football. We have faced uncertainties and several challenges but the AFC's determination to stick to its principles, and just as importantly, to do so collectively, has allowed us to overcome so many of our hurdles.

Even as the world recalibrates to the new realities, the unity and solidarity that we have shown is not only a source of great pride but also something that we must cherish.

As we look towards 2022 and beyond, I am filled with confidence, inspiration and gratitude that the AFC and Asian football remains in the best possible position to not only stage a formidable recovery, but also in ensuring we unlock more opportunities for our MAs and RAs to scale even greater heights.



HE Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa
AFC President

REPORT BY THE AFC GENERAL SECRETARY

Within the short span since our last Congress in November 2021, the AFC Administration has worked hard to achieve new milestones and continued to accelerate the growth of football in Asia.

In this Activity Report for the 32nd AFC Congress, I am pleased to share our achievements while highlighting our renewed optimism for a brighter and bigger 2022 as football slowly and safely returns in Asia.

When the pandemic hit, there were many uncertainties, but we persisted cautiously, even while the new COVID-19 Omicron variant raged in our Continent. I can confidently say that the lessons we learned in the past only made us stronger.

The AFC Administration worked tirelessly and adopted new methods and technology to ensure that our responsibility to our Member Associations (MAs) and Regional Associations (RAs) remained seamless without compromising on quality.

We started 2022 enthusiastically by successfully organising the expanded AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™, which was a wonderful celebration of the sport and marked the return of women's football in Asia.

The showpiece in India was a success on many fronts and our digital platforms set new benchmarks after breaking all previous engagement records as football fans in Asia tuned in by the millions to watch the live coverage of the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™, showcasing the rising interest in our world-class competitions.

As the leading and reliable Asian football content provider, we strove to furnish fans and stakeholders with the latest news and happenings in Asian football through engaging and entertaining storytelling on our digital channels.



As outlined in the AFC's Vision and Mission, the AFC Administration constantly explored innovative ways to develop football and enhance the capabilities of our RAs and MAs.

And, we are already seeing positive results, with the first group of referees in the AFC Referee Academy completing their final module after a rewarding four-year educational journey.

I am also pleased to note that the innovative AFC Refereeing STAR Programme was delivered to more than 400 participants and provided remote education initiatives to maintain the highest standards of our match officials, who are already renowned for their professionalism on the world stage.

As part of our efforts to raise the Technical standards across the Continent, our MAs continued to benefit from a range of workshops and seminars while the AFC Grassroots Charter, AFC Elite Youth Scheme and AFC Coaching Convention provided a clear blueprint to expand the MAs' technical advancements.

In another interesting development, we launched the AFC Emotions in Football Project to explore the correlation between the emotions of coaches and footballers and how it affects their performance and mental wellbeing.

We also saw the first batch of Football Management Certificate proudly graduating through the AFC Academic Centre of Excellence (ACE) in yet another testimony to our strong dedication to develop future leaders of Asian football by providing them a wide range of exposure to the current best practices in football administration.

The AFC's robust network of partnerships continued to grow despite the volatile and uncertain market with the signing of two new partnerships in Vietnam, in addition to so many others who have signed with the AFC earlier, while the AFC's world class competitions are now available in nearly every territory across the globe.

Following the completion of the AFC Asian Qualifiers - Road to Qatar™, passionate fans in Asia have plenty of football action to look forward to in 2022, including the AFC Champions League™ and AFC Cup™ and culminating in the greatest show on the planet with the FIFA World Cup in Qatar later this year.

But before that, we will witness the next generation of Asian stars in action at the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™, the first time the showpiece

is being organised in the Central Zone, and plans are underway to ensure another successful competition.

Futsal will also stage a welcome return on our roster, giving Asia's top futsal teams and clubs the opportunity to shine at the highest level.

Plans are also in place for our crown jewel - the AFC Asian Cup China 2023™, and the highly anticipated flagship event will have a unique brand identity following the logo launch by the Local Organising Committee that was held in conjunction with the competition's first completed stadium - the Shanghai Pudong Football Stadium.

The last two years have been extremely challenging but the AFC Administration has shown its capabilities to overcome any and all challenges and our efforts have resulted in the return of our competitions.

I must thank everyone for their cooperation and collaboration with the AFC Administration, for understanding the urgency to adapt to change, and I promise that we stand ready to assist you.

These are exciting times for Asian football and I am pleased to work with all of you to usher in a new era of growth and development for the sport.



Datuk Seri Windsor John
AFC General Secretary





MEMBER ASSOCIATION DEVELOPMENT



MEMBER ASSOCIATION DIVISION

Despite the ongoing challenges in 2021 and beyond, the AFC continued to deliver its commitment to its Member Associations (MAs) and Regional Associations (RAs), whilst leveraging the opportunity to analyse and refine its internal development processes and funding mechanisms.

The Administration undertook the task of revising its entire Development Funding model for its MAs and RAs to ensure that the on-field and off-field development of its MAs and RAs were not adversely affected, and in doing so, enabled them to achieve their goals and objectives in football development.

Following an in-depth analysis of the current MAs' and RAs' Development Funding models, an

alternative approach of assisting the MAs and RAs was established. This was a necessary step, taking into consideration the ever-changing off-the-field football dynamics and the challenges faced by the AFC's stakeholders. There was a need to elevate the existing development programmes by revisiting the basic principles of assistance to ensure that the funds were utilised in an effective and productive manner thereby benefitting the MAs and RAs.

After careful and considerable deliberation, and with the vision of developing football through a more dynamic and vibrant approach, the AFC in December 2021 revisited and revised the existing development programmes for the MAs and RAs into:



1. AFC Enhance Member Association Programme - contribution of USD2m over a four-year cycle (2021-2024).
2. AFC Enhance Regional Association Programme - contribution of USD1m over a four-year cycle (2021-2024).

Through these revised programmes, the AFC remains committed to assisting its MAs and RAs in meeting their football development needs. The Enhance Programmes aim to cover the administrative, competition and infrastructure requirements of the MAs as well as the administrative, operational and special project demands of the RAs.

The Enhance Programmes ensure that the utilisation of the funds is more varied, and it provides the flexibility for the MAs and RAs to prioritise their areas of focus and development needs.



The Enhance Programmes also give the AFC the platform to build on the strong foundation laid by the AFC Development Programmes over the past years, further elevating the standards of football development in Asia to reach even greater heights in the coming years.

The ultimate goal of the Enhance Programmes is to nurture the concept of football development across the Continent and ensure significant progress among the MAs and RAs, to strengthen them, and eventually ensuring greater professionalism and competitiveness on and off the pitch not only in Asia, but also on the world's biggest stages.



Since the last Congress, the AFC continued to support its MAs through the AFC Financial Assistance Programme (AFAP) with each Beneficiary MA (BMA) receiving USD500,000 to meet their administrative, management and development needs. Also, for the first time ever, each Regional Association (RA) received USD250,000 through the

AFC Regional Association Fund (ARAF) to cover its staff overheads and other administrative and development expenses.

The Central Audit of the AFAP and other MA Development funds (AFC President's Infrastructure Initiative, AFC President's Technical Staff Initiative and AFC President's Development Initiative) were resumed in 2021 after a temporary suspension in 2020 owing to the pandemic. All central audits were conducted remotely by the AFC Central Auditors, where the BMAs provided all the necessary documents to the AFC through an online system which were then verified by the AFC Central Auditors with reports generated based on the documents provided.



The sheer volume of documents, amount of translation required, and several other issues led to complexities and challenges in the central audit process, but thanks to the excellent cooperation and coordination between the AFC, the BMAs and the AFC Central Auditors, the necessary objective was successfully achieved before the end of 2021.

DEVELOPMENT

AFC ENHANCE MEMBER ASSOCIATION PROGRAMME - USD500,000 PER MA

Beneficiary Member Associations (BMAs) for 2022

ASEAN	Central	East	South	West
Australia	Kyrgyz Republic	Chinese Taipei	Bangladesh	Bahrain
Brunei Darussalam	Tajikistan	Guam	Bhutan	Iraq
Cambodia	Turkmenistan	Hong Kong	India	Jordan
Indonesia	Uzbekistan	Macau	Maldives	Lebanon
Laos		Mongolia	Nepal	Oman
Malaysia		Northern Mariana Islands	Sri Lanka	Palestine
Myanmar				Yemen
Philippines				
Singapore				
Thailand				
Timor-Leste				
Vietnam				

AFC ENHANCE REGIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAMME - USD250,000 PER RA

Beneficiary Regional Associations (BRAs) for 2022

ASEAN Football Federation (AFF)	Central Asian Football Association (CAFA)	East Asian Football Federation (EAFF)	South Asian Football Federation (SAFF)	West Asian Football Federation (WAFF)
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AFC CENTRAL AUDITS FOR AFC FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (AFAP)

Remote Central Audits for the AFAP and Development Grants for the Financial Years 2019 and 2020 were conducted for the following BMAs

Member Associations	Financial Year 2019	Financial Year 2020
Afghanistan	Completed	Completed
Bahrain	Completed	Completed
Bangladesh	Completed	Completed
Bhutan	Completed	Completed
Brunei Darussalam	Completed	Completed
Cambodia	Completed	Completed
Chinese Taipei	Completed	Completed
DPR Korea	Completed	N/A
Guam	Completed	Completed
Hong Kong	Completed	Completed
India	Completed	Completed
Indonesia	Completed	Completed
Iraq	Completed	Completed
Islamic Republic of Iran	Completed	NA
Jordan	Completed	Completed
Kyrgyz Republic	Completed	Completed
Laos	Completed	Completed
Lebanon	Completed	Completed
Macau	Completed	Completed
Malaysia	Completed	Completed
Maldives	Completed	Completed
Mongolia	Completed	Completed
Myanmar	Completed	Completed
Nepal	Completed	Completed
Northern Mariana Islands	Completed	Completed

Member Associations	Financial Year 2019	Financial Year 2020
Oman	Completed	Completed
Palestine	Completed	Completed
Philippines	Completed	Completed
Singapore	Completed	Completed
Sri Lanka	Completed	Completed
Syria	Completed	N/A
Tajikistan	Completed	Completed
Thailand	Completed	Completed
Timor-Leste	Completed	Completed
Turkmenistan	Completed	Completed
Uzbekistan	Completed	Completed
Vietnam	Completed	Completed
Yemen	Completed	Completed

*** The Central Auditors have been appointed and will carry out the audits for the MAs and RAs for the Financial Year 2021 accordingly. The AFC is expected to receive the reports by June 30, 2022.*



ACADEMIC CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

In 2021, education programme initiatives were revamped with several new approaches, most prominently, through the establishment of the AFC Academic Centre of Excellence (ACE), an educational hub which delivers various football management and administrative programmes.

The first editions of the AFC Football Management Certificate (FMC) and the AFC Football Management Diploma (FMD) were successfully launched on October 25, 2021, and November 1, 2021, respectively, in partnership with the AFC’s educational partner,

the Football Business Academy (FBA).

These education programmes are targeted for all AFC MAs, RAs and other AFC stakeholders. The aim is to ensure that these education investments produce graduates who are equipped with the necessary and appropriate knowledge and skills and are able to assist their football federations and associations towards achieving their respective vision and mission. This underlines the AFC’s Mission to provide focused and dedicated services to maximise the potential of the MAs and RAs.

The FMC comprises nine core modules and one student business project designed to ensure graduates have the most up-to-date football management techniques and administration best practices. The core modules are:



The FMD comprises 12 core modules designed to ensure graduates have the most up-to-date football management techniques and administration best practices. The core modules are:



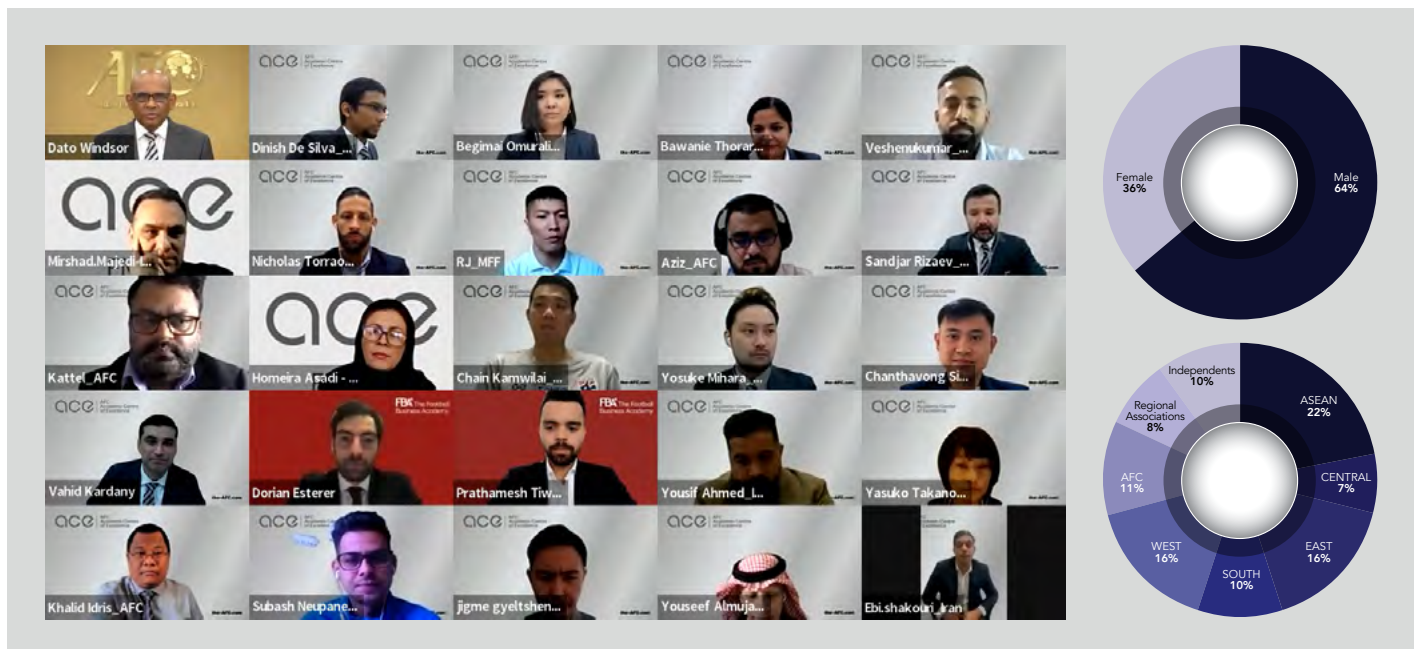
27 participants graduated from the first edition of the FMC on March 18, 2022, with 35 participants enrolling in the second edition of the FMC which

commenced on January 3, 2022. A total of 45 participants have been enrolled in the first and second editions of the FMD respectively.

THE AFC FOOTBALL MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE (FMC)



THE AFC FOOTBALL MANAGEMENT DIPLOMA (FMD)



AFC MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS GENERAL SECRETARIES' CONFERENCE 2022



The AFC's commitment to strengthening the capabilities of the Asian football family took centre stage at the AFC Member Associations (MAs) and Regional Associations (RAs) General Secretaries' Conference 2022, held in Riyadh, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from January 13 to 15, 2022, in conjunction with the Spanish Super Cup.

The three-day Conference, which engaged the senior leadership of the AFC MAs and RAs in a hybrid mode of delivery, was designed to enhance the capabilities of MAs and RAs, with important insights of the AFC's support and the ways in which to maximise the impact of the Confederation's programmes and assistance.

AFC General Secretary Datuk Seri Windsor John set the tone for the three-day conference with an opening presentation on the AFC's ambitions to elevate the standards of Asian football in the coming years, before the attention shifted towards achieving longer-term outcomes with a ground-breaking session on Creating the Learning Culture that develops the next generation of Asia's football leaders, which was led by Kleinmann Wang CEO, Anter Isaac.

Participants were also presented the opportunity to enhance their capabilities on the first day through the

Team Value Management and Talent Development session, which was conducted by Senior Partner & Managing Director at Double Pass, Koen Put.

The importance of developing a global perspective was the focus when Hicham El Amrani, the former General Secretary of the Confederation of African Football and CEO and Founder of HEA Sports Management & Consulting, took the stage with an in-depth presentation on the African-Asian Perspective.

The AFC Deputy General Secretary - Member Associations, Vahid Kardany took the spotlight on the second day with a presentation on the AFC's development programmes and landmark policies on good governance, the recently launched AFC ACE and the Confederation's continued commitment towards social responsibility. FIFA Council Member and Romanian Football Federation President Răzvan Burleanu's presentation on the UEFA Assist programme was also an informative session for all attendees.

Dorian Esterer, CEO of FBA - the AFC's academic partner - emphasised the importance of continuous learning before former UEFA Head of Asia - Europe Affairs, Alex Phillips, put Asia's ability to close the gap with European football under the microscope.

SPEAKERS



Datuk Seri Windsor John
AFC General Secretary



Mr. Anter Isaac
CEO, Kleinmann Wang



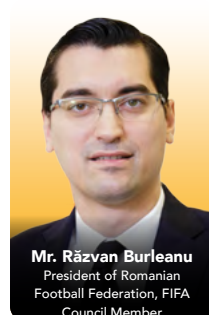
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Mr. Hicham El Amrani
CEO & Founder, HEA Sports
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AFC Deputy General Secretary
- Member Associations



Mr. Răzvan Burleanu
President of Romanian
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Mr. Dorian Esterer
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Academy



Mr. Alex Phillips
Advisor & Consultant



Mr. Ibrahim S. Alkassim
SAFF General Secretary



Mr. Jürgen Griesbeck
Co-founder, Common Goal



Mr. Geoff Wilson
Geoff Wilson Consultancy



Mr. Shin Man Gil
AFC Deputy General Secretary
- Competitions & Football

The National Football Vision of Saudi Arabia by Ibrahim S. Alkassim, General Secretary of the Saudi Arabian Football Federation, took emphasis on the final day, with Common Goal Co-founder Jürgen Griesbeck providing a shining example of football's ability to leave a positive and meaningful legacy across marginalised communities.

Participants also gained valuable insights on strengthening the marketing and branding of MAs and RAs provided by marketing consultant Geoff Wilson, the former Head of Marketing and Communications at the Irish Football Association,

before AFC Deputy General Secretary - Football, Shin Man Gil, delivered his presentation on the future of the AFC's competitions.

The General Secretaries were unanimous in hailing the impact of the Conference in addressing the day-to-day practical issues while examining the current and future challenges faced by MAs.

Participants also praised the strategic, long-term planning and good governance emphasis as well as the key ingredients highlighted to strengthen the MAs' and RAs' approach to football administration.





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SUCCESSFUL ASIAN TEAMS

TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT

COACH EDUCATION

AFC COACHING CONVENTION

Since the launch of the AFC Coaching Convention, 38 MAs have been endorsed, with the Mongolian Football Federation, the All Nepal Football Association and the Football Federation of Turkmenistan the latest additions to the roster after receiving their B Level memberships. The Kyrgyz Football Union was also successful in upgrading its membership of the Convention from the B to A Level.

Among the various evaluations either ongoing or to be conducted are: Bangladesh Football Federation, All India Football Federation, Football Association

of Indonesia, Kuwait Football Association, Football Association of Malaysia, Saudi Arabian Football Federation, and Football Association of Singapore, who have applied for upgrades to the Pro Level, while The Football Association of Thailand and Syrian Football Association have applied at the A Level. The Football Association of Brunei Darussalam, Iraqi Football Association and Tajikistan Football Federation have applied for upgrades to the A Level and Laos Football Federation, Northern Mariana Islands Football Association, Oman Football Association, and Football Federation of Sri Lanka at the B Level.

List of Endorsed MAs

PRO Level	A Level	B Level
Football Australia	Bahrain Football Association	Afghanistan Football Federation
Chinese Football Association	Bangladesh Football Federation	Football Association of Brunei Darussalam
Japan Football Association	Bhutan Football Federation	Football Federation of Cambodia
Jordan Football Association	The Hong Kong Football Association Ltd.	Chinese Taipei Football Association
Korea Football Association	All India Football Federation	DPR Korea Football Association
Qatar Football Association	Football Association of Indonesia	Iraqi Football Association
Uzbekistan Football Association	Football Federation Islamic Republic of Iran	Lebanese Football Association
	Kuwait Football Association	Macau Football Association
	The Kyrgyz Football Union	Football Association of Maldives
	Football Association of Malaysia	Mongolian Football Federation
	Philippine Football Federation	Myanmar Football Federation
	Saudi Arabian Football Federation	All Nepal Football Association
	United Arab Emirates Football Association	Palestine Football Association
	Vietnam Football Federation	Football Association of Singapore
		Tajikistan Football Federation
		Federacao Futebol De Timor-Leste
		Football Federation of Turkmenistan

AFC COACHING CONVENTION SPECIAL ONLINE SESSION

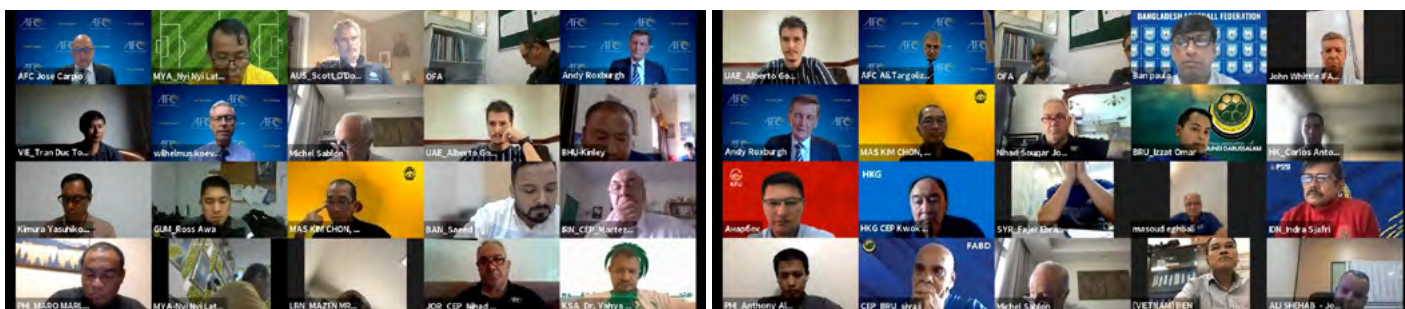
With the updated AFC Coaching Convention Regulations coming into effect on July 1, 2021, the AFC Coaching Convention Special Online Session was organised on August 24, 2021, to reiterate the AFC's determination to raise the standards of football in its MAs through progressive and reality-based coach education.

Over 100 coach education experts from 45 MAs attended the session, emphasising the significance of reality-based learning in coach education courses. This included match analysis as a tool in identifying various key moments in the game that can be translated into training sessions to develop better

players, improve the quality of teams, and ultimately raise the standards of football.

Other Coaching Convention matters such as the re-evaluation and upgrading of MA applications, licence renewal of coaches, appointment of coach educators, organisation of goalkeeping diploma courses, and the requirements of an AFC Pro Diploma course were also clarified during the session.

The Open Forum at the end of the session provided the opportunity to discuss special circumstances and challenges in the implementation of the AFC Coaching Convention in the respective MAs.



AFC ELITE CLUB COACHES FORUM

The sixth edition of the AFC Elite Club Coaches Forum was again organised virtually on August 30, 2021, due to the continued effects of the pandemic, with 19 coaches and guests participating in the high-profile event.

Former A.C. Milan and Real Madrid manager Fabio Capello and former Inter Milan and England coach Roy Hodgson were the guest speakers of

the star-studded line-up where the renowned tacticians shared their experience on leadership and management of elite coaches.

Aside from discussing the technical and tactical trends in the AFC Champions League 2020™, UEFA Champions League 2021 and Euro 2020, the Away Goals Rule and Actual Playing Time were also looked into during the Forum.

13TH AFC COACH EDUCATION PANEL MEETING

The 13th meeting of the AFC Coach Education Panel, responsible for coach education developments, including the AFC Coaching Convention and other related matters, was held virtually on September 7, 2021, with 15 Panel members present.

The Panel was updated on the number of MAs

approved as members of the AFC Coaching Convention and the key topics discussed during the meeting were the recently updated AFC Coaching Convention Regulations, the requirements of an AFC Pro Diploma course, coaching licences upgrading, convention renewal as well as tutor recognition and development.

AFC COACH EDUCATION SPECIAL ONLINE SESSION

Following the successful organisation of three Coach Education Online Sessions in the first half of 2021, the AFC organised the Coach Education Special Online Session on December 2, 2021, which was attended by more than 100 coach education specialists from 43 MAs.

The participants gained insights on the importance of a coach's ability to read the game, which is a fundamental skill to succeed in the profession.

This was further emphasised when UEFA Performance and Match Analyst, Tom Cooper, shared the main technical and tactical trends at Euro 2020 and gave insights on why European teams continue to perform at the highest level.



The session also tackled coach education matters such as the main topics that can be included in the AFC A and Pro Diploma courses. To cap the event, the participants took part in an engaging discussion on various topics related to modern football.

AFC EMOTIONS IN FOOTBALL SPECIAL ONLINE SESSION

On December 14, 2021, the AFC Emotions in Football Project was launched, focussing on the emotions of coaches and footballers and how it influences their performance on the pitch as well as their personal well-being.

The session, which was attended by 98 participants from 37 MAs highlighted the work of the AFC Emotions in Football Working Group, focusing on Grassroots and Elite Football. The two pilot MAs for the project, the JFA and the QFA, presented their activities to participants.

AFC SPECIALISED COACHING COURSES

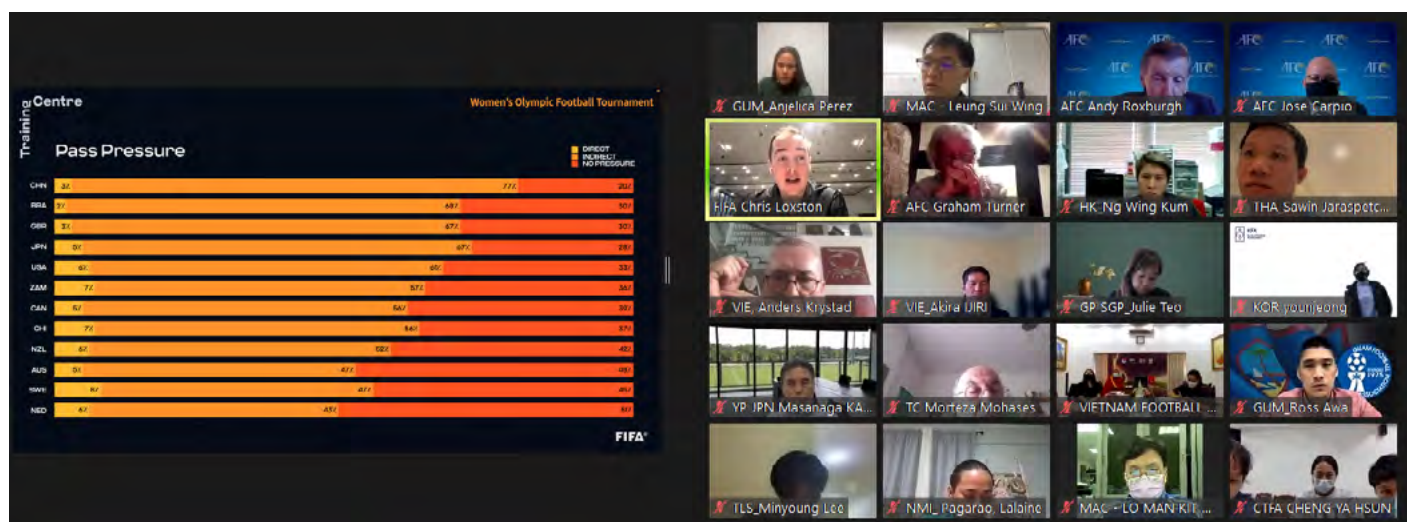
Organised in strict adherence to the local COVID-19 guidelines and protocols, fitness coaching and goalkeeping coaching courses were conducted in

several MAs from September 2021 to March 2022, as follows:

No.	Types of Course	Number of Courses	Number of Participants
1	AFC Fitness Level 1A	4	76
2	AFC Fitness Level 1B	1	12
3	AFC Fitness Level 2A	2	44
4	AFC Fitness Level 2B	1	13
5	AFC Goalkeeping Level 1	7	144
6	AFC Goalkeeping Level 2	8	165
7	AFC Goalkeeping Level 3	5	101

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

AFC WOMEN'S FOOTBALL SPECIAL ONLINE SESSION

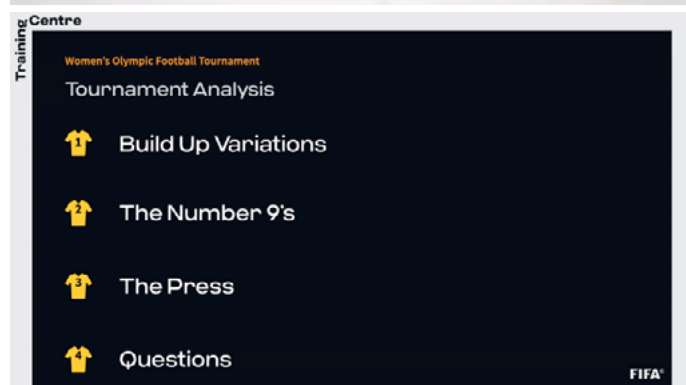


Following the three Online Sessions for the AFC MAs organised in the first half of 2021, which concentrated on Strategy, Marketing, Leagues and Programmes, the Special Session for the second half of 2021 focused on football quality and technical development with the title 'Better Women's Football - 2020 Tokyo Women's Olympic Football Tournament Review'.

The highly engaging session was attended by more than 80 participants from 43 MAs - all of whom are responsible for the development of women's football in their respective MAs - with Chris Loxston, FIFA Group Leader Football Performance Analysis & Insights, the main presenter.

Prior to the main presentation, participants were informed that the staging of the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™ from January 20 to February 6 followed by the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, also in India and the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 that will be jointly hosted by New Zealand and Australia, augured well for the development of women's football in Asia.

Loxston presented the key analysis and findings during the Tokyo Olympics Women's Football tournament which focused on three important aspects - the build-up variations during the



tournament, the role of the 'number nines' and their prominence, and the tactical review of the pressing strategy.

The Technical Talk session after the main presentation provoked a good discussion on women's football technical development.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

AFC ELITE YOUTH SCHEME

The Bangladesh Football Federation is the latest MA to join the scheme at the 1-Star Level, which brings the total number of endorsed MAs to 19.

The Japan Football Association, which was already endorsed at the 2-Star Level, was upgraded to the 3-Star Level after the JFA Girls' Academy Fukushima was conferred with the 3-Star Academy status. The Football Association of Malaysia, an endorsed member at the 2-Star Level, was successful in its bid to have the Johor Darul Ta'zim FC Academy under the scheme as a 2-Star Academy. Likewise, the Hong Kong Football Association Ltd, endorsed at the 1-Star Level, has the Lee Man FC Academy as the second academy to be granted the 1-Star Academy status under its umbrella.



List of Endorsed MAs

3-Star	2-Star	1-Star	Provisional
Japan Football Association	All India Football Federation	Bahrain Football Association	Mongolian Football Federation
Korea Football Association	Football Association of Malaysia	Bangladesh Football Federation	
Qatar Football Association	Tajikistan Football Federation	Bhutan Football Federation	
Vietnam Football Federation	Uzbekistan Football Association	The Hong Kong Football Association Ltd.	
		The Kyrgyz Football Union	
		Lebanese Football Association	
		Football Association of Maldives	
		Myanmar Football Federation	
		Football Association of Singapore	
		The Football Association of Thailand	

AFC YOUTH PANEL MEETING

The AFC Youth Panel, responsible for the AFC's elite youth football development activities including the AFC Elite Youth Scheme, had its 12th meeting virtually on September 14, 2021, with 12 members attending.

The highlights of the meeting included the presentation of 'Heading Guidelines for Youth Players', discussion on the relative age effect among Asia's national age-group teams, key areas to strengthen elite youth academies in Asia both for boys and girls, and updates on the AFC Elite Youth Scheme endorsements.



AFC ELITE YOUTH SPECIAL ONLINE SESSION

As part of the online series of technical sessions in 2021 to support the MAs in their youth development, the AFC Elite Youth Special Online session was organised on November 18, 2021, which focused on the development of the future stars of the game in Asia.

The 100 participants who attended the session

benefitted from the presentation from Eric Abrams, the Technical Director of the PVF Academy, Vietnam's elite 3-star academy under the AFC Elite Youth Scheme, who shared the academy's best practices and the day-to-day management of their in-depth programmes by their coaches, including the synergy among coaches and the various other departments in the academy.



GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL

AFC GRASSROOTS CHARTER



Despite the prolonged pandemic, the Grassroots Charter maintained a commendable degree of momentum through the online assessment of applications for renewal of endorsements, applications for upgrading to a higher level, and new endorsement applications.

The Macau Football Association successfully renewed its endorsement at the Bronze Level in compliance with the three-yearly renewal process of the Grassroots



Charter. The re-endorsement bid at the Gold Level by Football Australia is undergoing evaluation.

The Hong Kong Football Association Ltd., the Bhutan Football Federation, the Guam Football Association and the Football Association of Malaysia were successful in their applications to upgrade their endorsements from Bronze to Silver. Meanwhile, evaluation is underway for the upgrading of the Football Association of Singapore from Silver to Gold and the Football Association of Thailand from Bronze to Silver.

The Kyrgyz Football Union and the Football Federation of Sri Lanka were the latest additions to the list of endorsed MAs at the Bronze Level. Also in the pipeline are the applications of the Qatar Football Association at the Gold Level and the Oman Football Association at the Bronze Level.

List of Endorsed MAs

Gold Level	
Football Australia	Korea Football Association
Japan Football Association	

Silver Level	
Bhutan Football Federation	Football Association of Malaysia
Chinese Football Association	Philippine Football Federation
Guam Football Association	Football Association of Singapore
The Hong Kong Football Association Ltd.	Tajikistan Football Federation
Jordan Football Association	Uzbekistan Football Association

Bronze Level	
Afghanistan Football Federation	Football Association of Maldives
Bahrain Football Association	Mongolian Football Federation
Bangladesh Football Federation	Myanmar Football Federation
Football Association of Brunei Darussalam	All Nepal Football Association
Chinese Taipei Football Association	Northern Mariana Islands Football Association
All India Football Federation	Palestine Football Association
Football Association of Indonesia	Football Federation of Sri Lanka
Iraqi Football Association	Syrian Football Association
Kuwait Football Association	The Football Association of Thailand
The Kyrgyz Football Union	Federacao Futebol De Timor-Leste
Lao Football Federation	Football Federation of Turkmenistan
Lebanese Football Association	Vietnam Football Federation
Macau Football Association	

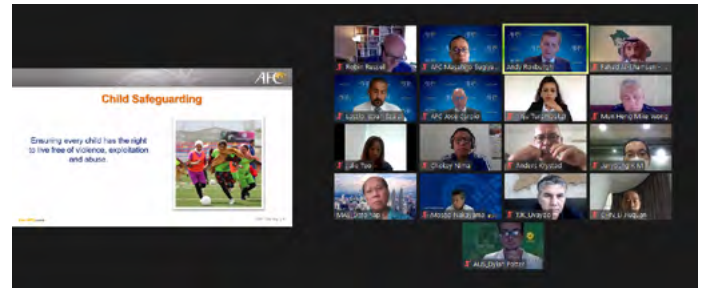


AFC GRASSROOTS PANEL MEETING

The 12th meeting of the AFC Grassroots Panel, a group of recognised experts in the field of grassroots development, was held virtually on September 9, 2021.

At the meeting, the 13 Panel members were updated on the AFC Grassroots Charter and grassroots development, including the importance of child safeguarding in the Charter to ensure that every child has the right to live free of violence, exploitation, and abuse.

Panel members discussed the AFC Grassroots Charter renewals, the online assessment to keep the evaluation process moving forward despite travel restrictions, the campaign to raise awareness on the maintenance and improvement of pitches to ensure that the playing areas and grassroots pitches in Asia are protected in light of the ongoing pandemic, and



the exemption of the years 2020 and 2021 in the three-year cycle of the Charter endorsement re-evaluation process due to the pandemic.

The Panel was also informed of the publication of the next edition of the AFC Grassroots Charter - Samples of Good Practice on the AFC website in 2022 as a reference for the MAs to implement quality grassroots programmes.

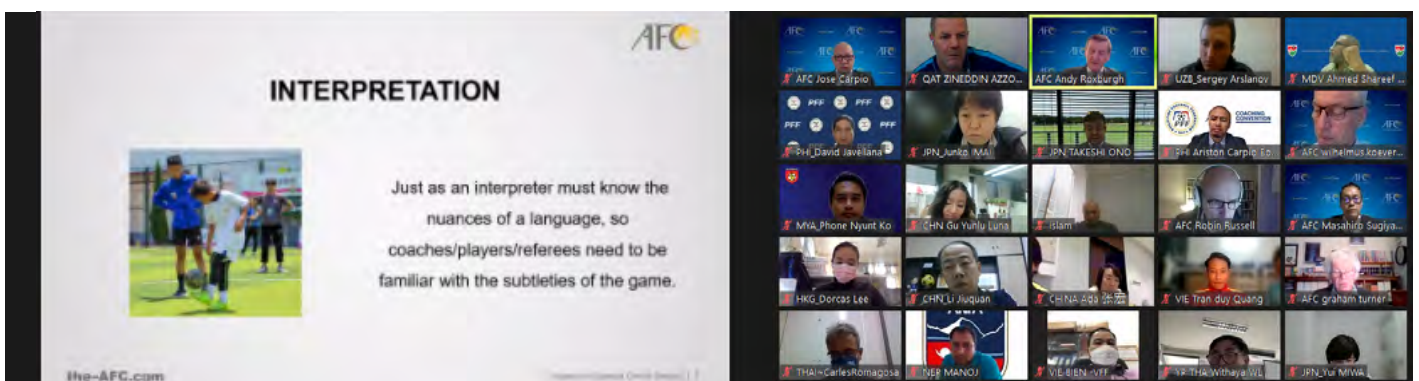
AFC GRASSROOTS SPECIAL ONLINE SESSION

To reconnect and stimulate discussion in football coaching at the grassroots level, a Grassroots Special Online session was held on December 9, 2021, with close to 100 Technical Directors, Coach Education Tutors and Heads of Grassroots Football from across 43 AFC MAs attending the virtual session.

The main speaker for the session was Japan Football Association (JFA) Deputy Technical Director, Takeshi Ono who presented JFA's way of cultivating the interest of grassroots football in the country, particularly in planning an agile game format based on different age groups.

Ono also highlighted the importance of JFA's collaboration with local football clubs and football associations to ensure that children continue to cultivate an active lifestyle, instil lifelong values and learn valuable lessons through the grassroots movement.

Through the constructive Q&A session that concluded the online event, the participants were able to gain key insights on the benefits of small-sided matches across the different age groups, the positive impact of futsal and 'free play' as well as the importance of cultivating intrinsic motivation as essential elements to support the tactical and technical development of children and youth players.



FUTSAL AND BEACH SOCCER

In line with the AFC's mission to manage and administer futsal and beach soccer development in Asia efficiently and effectively despite the overwhelming consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, the AFC continued to support its MAs by conducting virtual consultative meetings with them to provide technical assistance in creating short and long-term development plans.

AFC Futsal Development Online meetings were conducted with the following MAs from September 2021 to January 2022:

1. United Arab Emirates Football Association, November 2, 2021
2. Philippine Football Federation, November 17, 2021
3. Chinese Taipei Football Association, December 1, 2021
4. Football Australia, January 6, 2022
5. All India Football Federation, January 10, 2022

To keep the AFC Futsal & Beach Soccer coaching certificate courses abreast of the latest trends in these sports, online meetings for the AFC Futsal & Beach Soccer Instructors to update them on the teaching materials for all the Futsal & Beach Soccer Coaching Certificate Levels were conducted for the following groups:

1. AFC Futsal Fitness Instructors, September 6, 2021
2. AFC Futsal Goalkeeping Instructors, September 7, 2021
3. AFC Elite Futsal Instructors, September 8, 2021

Additionally, MAs were able to organise the AFC Futsal Coaching Courses, taking into consideration the strict COVID-19 guidelines of their local authorities, with several organising a combination of virtual and onsite sessions. The AFC Futsal Courses conducted from September 2021 to January 2022 were as follows:

No.	Course	Number of Courses
1	AFC Futsal Coaching Certificate Course - Level 1	25
2	AFC Futsal Coaching Certificate Course - Level 2	13
3	AFC Futsal Fitness Coaching Certificate Course - Level 1	2
4	AFC Futsal Goalkeeping Coaching Certificate Course - Level 1	1

PUBLICATIONS

The AFC Coaches Circle Issue 7, a newsletter to keep coaches in Asia up to date with technical news and developments, was published on the AFC website in

November 2021 while the AFC Champions League 2021™ Technical Report and Statistics was published in February 2022.



REFEREES

REFEREES AT THE AFC WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP INDIA 2022™



The biggest-ever cast of Asia's most talented and experienced women match officials was assigned to the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™, which was held from January 20 to February 6. With the expansion of the showpiece to 12 teams, a total of 42 match officials from 19 AFC Member Associations (MAs) were appointed to the competition.

The competition concluded with the Final match contested by China PR and Korea Republic in which an all-female team of match officials was appointed. Casey Reibelt from Australia took charge of the match alongside assistant referees Joanna Charaktis, also from Australia, and Heba Saadieh from Palestine. Australians Kate Jacewicz and Lara Lee were selected as the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) and Assistant VAR respectively.

The VAR system made its debut in the tournament from the Quarter-final Stage with seven video match officials appointed to the tournament. The system was used across two venues in Navi Mumbai and Pune.

In preparation for the competition, the match officials participated in three specialised VAR courses to ensure that the highest standards of refereeing were maintained. Beginning with a five-day online course in June 2021, the referees were introduced to various theoretical topics including the VAR protocol and Line of Intervention for goals, penalty area incidents and red cards.

This was subsequently followed by two on-site training camps held in the UAE, where the match officials had the opportunity to apply their

knowledge in simulator sessions and on the pitch, further testing their knowledge and their abilities in making real-time decisions.

An additional 16 AFC match officials were appointed to the AFC Women's Club Championship 2021 Pilot Tournament (West) in November, in which the VAR Light system was trialled. A total of 12 Women Match Officials were appointed across six matches, providing further match experience for AFC's Women Match Officials.

Training was also carried out throughout the AFC Women's Asian Cup™, with further practical training and VAR simulator sessions held to refresh the

match officials' expertise and to ensure they were suitably prepared for the matches.

To allow further opportunities and development of referees in the build-up to the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™, six women match officials were appointed to officiate in the men's AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™ Qualifiers in October and November 2021. Japan's Yoshimi Yamashita, Makoto Bozono and Naomi Teshirogi were appointed to the Group J match between Thailand and Mongolia while Assistant Referees Maiko Haigo (JPN), Kim Kyoung Min and Park Mi Suk (KOR) were also appointed to five other matches across the qualifying period.

VAR IN AFC COMPETITIONS

In addition to the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™, there were several AFC competitions featuring the VAR system in which additional Video Match Officials (VMOs) were appointed.

Between October and November 2021, the VAR system was implemented for the second straight season from the Quarter-final Stage of the AFC Champions League 2021™. For the Quarter-finals and Semi-finals, 22 Referees and 12 Assistant Referees were appointed in Jeonju, Korea Republic, for the East region and Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for the West. A further seven match officials were appointed to the final match in Riyadh

between Al Hilal SFC and FC Pohang Steelers.

Additionally, the VAR system was also used for the first time in the AFC Cup 2021™ Final in November with a refereeing team of eight match officials appointed to the match in Bahrain, including three VMOs.

Finally, with the VAR system implemented for the final round of the AFC Asian Qualifiers – Road to Qatar™, VMOs were appointed for a further 55 matches beginning in September 2021. A total of 330 match officials will have been appointed to the matches at the conclusion of the Qualifiers in March 2022 including 110 VMOs.



AFC MATCH OFFICIALS ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

A total of nine AFC Match Officials were appointed to the inaugural FIFA Arab Cup 2021, held in Doha, Qatar, from November 30 to December 18, 2021. The Islamic Republic of Iran's Alireza Faghani took charge of the Semi-final match between Tunisia

and Algeria, supported by Shaun Evans of Australia as an Assistant Video Assistant Referee (AVAR). The final match between Tunisia and Algeria featured two AFC Match Officials with Japan's Jun Mihara and Evans appointed as AVAR 2 and AVAR 3 respectively.

FIFA Arab Cup 2021		
Referees	Assistant Referees	VMOs
Alireza Faghani (IRN)	Mohammadreza Mansouri (IRN)	Shaun Evans (AUS)
Ryuji Sato (JPN)	Mohammadreza Abolfazli (IRN)	Hiroyuki Kimura (JPN)
	Osamu Nomura (JPN)	Abdulla Al Marri (QAT)
	Jun Mihara (JPN)	

Four AFC Match Officials were appointed to the FIFA Club World Cup 2021 which was held in the UAE from February 3 to 12, 2022. Australian Chris Beath and Assistant Referees, Anton Shchetinin and Ashley Beecham were appointed to the final match between Brazil's SE Palmeiras and Chelsea FC from England with UAE's Ammar Aljneibi appointed as a Support VAR. This was the second appointment to a FIFA international final in recent

times for Beath, who was also appointed for the Men's Gold Medal Match between Brazil and Spain at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics in which he officiated alongside Shchetinin.

The Australian trio also officiated the second round match between Al Ahly SC from Egypt and CF Monterrey from Mexico with Aljneibi appointed as Assistant VAR.

FIFA Club World Cup UAE 2021		
Referee	Assistant Referees	VMOs
Chris Beath (AUS)	Anton Shchetinin (AUS)	Ammar Aljneibi (UAE)
	Ashley Beecham (AUS)	

Three women Match Officials were selected to represent the AFC at the Algarve Cup 2022, an invitational competition hosted by the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF). The tournament was held from February 16 to 23, 2022. All three AFC match officials were appointed to the final match between Italy and Sweden, further highlighting the quality of AFC's match officials on the world stage.

Algarve Cup 2022	
Referee	Assistant Referees
Kim Yu-jeong (KOR)	Park Mi Suk (KOR)
	Ramina Tsoi (KGZ)

AFC REFEREE ACADEMY

The inaugural batch of referees in the AFC Referee Academy completed their final module in November 2021, concluding their four-year journey with the programme. After an extensive evaluation process by the AFC's leading refereeing technical experts, a total of 17 referees from Batch 2017 will graduate to the AFC Elite Panel. A further 11 referees will have the opportunity to join the AFC Elite Panel in the future, subject to further assessment.

The impact of the AFC Referee Academy is evident with a total of 22 participants from Batch 2017 having been nominated to join the FIFA International List

since being involved with the programme.

A new batch of referees kicked off their Academy journey in February, with Batch 4 becoming the latest group of participants to join the programme since its inauguration in 2017. A total of 50 referees from 28 MAs have been nominated to begin their journey with the AFC Referee Academy.

With the aim of producing more world-class match officials, participants will undergo a structured, holistic programme focused on technical knowledge and ability, fitness standards and English language skills.

AFC REFEREEING STAR PROGRAMME



Since its launch in March 2021, the AFC Refereeing STAR Programme has offered all 47 MAs the opportunity to apply for a range of unique courses being delivered online, enabling the AFC to enhance the delivery of its education programmes.

Upon completion of the first year of the programme, 12 MAs have benefitted from the initiative with the

STAR Programme coaches, including current and recently retired AFC Elite Match Officials, conducting a total of 16 sessions.

Since the launch of the AFC Refereeing STAR Programme, more than 400 Referees, Referee Assessors and Referee Instructors have benefitted from the sessions.



CHAMPIONS

2021



TOP LEVEL COMPETITIONS



INTRODUCTION



Delivering world-class competitions was at the heart of the AFC's focus since the last Congress, and thanks to the unity of its MAs, the AFC continued to demonstrate its steadfast commitment to emerge stronger from the devastating impact of the pandemic.

Nowhere was this more palpable than the remarkable rally to ensure an exceptional finale to 2021, whilst strengthening the formidable recovery momentum to deliver a historic 2022 for Asia's players, teams, MAs and the Continent's passionate fans.

Similar to the AFC Champions League 2020™, pandemic restrictions enforced throughout the Continent saw the AFC's competitions in 2021 held in a bio-medical bubble at centralised venues to limit the potential exposure to COVID-19 as the safety and wellbeing of all stakeholders remained the AFC's utmost priority.

With the pandemic forcing an unavoidable hiatus in 2020, the AFC Cup™ marked its eagerly anticipated return in 2021, and despite the various challenges

in the early stages, the robust restart blueprint well established by the AFC was in full motion as Bahrain's Muharraq Club clinched their second AFC Cup™ title after dispatching Uzbekistan's FC Nasaf 3-0 in an enthralling final.

Witnessed by nearly 10,000 passionate home supporters at the Sheikh Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Stadium, the safe delivery of the AFC Cup 2021™ served as a beacon of optimism across the Continent signalling that Asian football was well on its path to recovery.

Just less than two weeks later, Saudi Arabia's Al Hilal SFC claimed a record fourth AFC Champions League™ title after registering a 2-0 win over FC Pohang Steelers at the King Fahd International Stadium in Riyadh, much to the delight of the majority in the 50,171-strong crowd after the AFC had earlier approved full spectator attendance, in line with strict health and safety protocols.

Beyond the on-pitch success, the resulting outcome was testament to the sense of unity and solidarity

between the AFC and its Participating Clubs and the safe environment provided by the numerous Host MAs and the respective local authorities and medical professionals.

Similarly, building on the success of the return of national team football in May 2021, the same commitment to demonstrate Asian football's world-class organisational capabilities was once again underlined with the safe staging of the AFC Asian Qualifiers - Road to Qatar™, which saw the Islamic Republic of Iran, Korea Republic, Saudi Arabia and Japan clinch their places at the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

At the same time, women's football competitions were also at the forefront of the AFC's efforts, with the hosting of the AFC Women's Club Championship 2021 - Pilot Tournament taking centre stage in West Asia for the first time as host side Amman Club from Jordan clinched the title.

The attention of world football then shifted its focus to Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Pune for the expanded AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™, where China PR claimed a record-extending ninth title.

In a true celebration of women's football, Asia's flagship women's tournament also reiterated the rising standards of the Continent's emerging nations as the Philippines and Vietnam sealed their places at the FIFA Women's World Cup for the first time, and were joined by traditional powerhouses China PR, Japan, Korea Republic and co-host of the 2023 global women's showpiece, Australia.

But perhaps the greatest triumph of all was the resilience to rise above immense pressure and adversity amidst the global wave of the COVID-19



Omicron variant. Working in close partnership with the Local Organising Committee (LOC), the AFC, led by the biggest-ever women delegation, delivered the most engaging edition in history, paving the way for the Asian women's game to scale new heights of development in the years to come.

In every way, the singular focus since the last Congress has been to ensure the continued delivery of the AFC's competitions while keeping in mind the highest safety and health protocols and the appointment of 749 Match Officials and 387 AFC Delegates further underline the early signs of recovery of Asian football.

More importantly, it represents the collective strength and solidarity between the AFC, its MAs, Participating Clubs and teams and the numerous LOCs and centralised hosts to ensure Asian football continues to be in its best possible position to set new benchmarks and frontiers in 2022 and beyond.

Dates	Events	Mode
December 3, 2021	AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022 Team Workshop	Online
February 21-22, 2022	AFC Club Competitions Workshop	
February 23, 2022	AFC LGC & LMO Seminar 2022	
February 24, 2022	AFC Club Licensing Annual Seminar	
March 9, 2022	AFC Club Licensing Task Force Meeting	
March 9-10, 2022	AFC Security Officer Webinar 2022	

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

Club Licensing in Asia continued to build on the solid foundations established in the last decade and since the last Congress, the AFC's commitment towards strengthening the professional landscape of Asian football has grown from strength to strength.

In October 2021, the AFC Executive Committee approved the AFC Futsal Club Licensing Criteria, which was subsequently included as part of the annexure of the AFC Club Licensing Regulations (Edition 2021), representing a historic first for Asian futsal in a landmark move aimed at raising the standards of the clubs and leagues across the AFC's MAs.

Since then, the pilot implementation has been launched ahead of the AFC Futsal Club Championship 2023, with the entry requirements set to be made mandatory beginning from the 2024 edition.

At the same time, with the AFC Executive Committee confirming the strategic shift of the AFC Club Competitions to the Autumn-Spring seasons beginning from 2023-24, the Department has been working in partnership with the AFCs MAs to establish the new regulations and timeline of the Club Licensing Core Process, which was discussed in detail by the AFC Club Licensing Task Force at its third meeting held virtually in March 2022.

Additionally, both the AFC Club Competitions' season change, and the AFC Futsal Club Licensing Criteria took centre stage at the annual AFC Club Licensing Online Seminar, with the quality, compliance and enforcement of the regulations also taking focus as the Department continued to strengthen their engagement with the AFC MAs and Club Licensing Administrations across the Continent.

The Department was also instrumental in processing the applications for Asian clubs to participate in the 2021 AFC Club Competitions, which was subsequently approved by the AFC Entry Control Body.

Further underlining its commitment to enhance the financial capabilities of administrators across Asian club football, the Department also published the AFC Club Licensing Financial Handbook, which outlines the best practices in the operational and technical aspects of the AFC Club Licensing Regulations financial criteria.

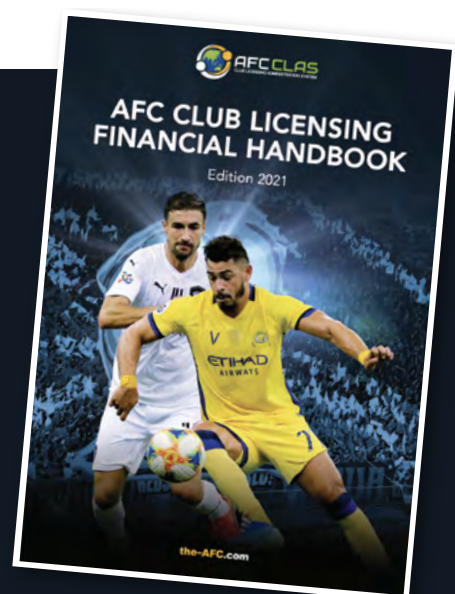
The Department was also represented at the UAE Pro League Club Licensing Workshop from November 17 to 19, 2021, as well as the Thai Women's Club Licensing Workshop on December 9, 2021.



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AFC ASIAN QUALIFIERS - ROAD TO QATAR™

Islamic Republic of Iran, Korea Republic, Saudi Arabia and Japan booked their berths in the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 following the conclusion of the AFC Asian Qualifiers - Road to Qatar™ in March. While IR Iran and Korea Republic booked their passage from Group A with three and two matches to spare respectively, Saudi Arabia and Japan confirmed their spots on Matchday Nine.

United Arab Emirates and Australia, meanwhile, advanced to the FIFA World Cup Qualifiers 2022 Asian Playoff, with the winners to compete against the fifth-placed South American side in the FIFA Intercontinental Playoff for a place at the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

GROUP A

IR Iran, seeking a third consecutive and sixth overall appearance at the FIFA World Cup, hit the ground running from Matchday One of the AFC Asian Qualifiers - Road to Qatar™ as Alireza Jahanbakhsh's 56th minute goal secured them a 1-0 win over Syria at the Azadi Stadium in Tehran.

The winning start was something that IR Iran went on to build as Team Melli defeated Iraq 3-0 and the UAE 1-0.

That set them up nicely for Korea Republic's Matchday Four visit with the East Asian side sitting two points behind IR Iran in the Group A standings.



Korea Republic had been held 0-0 by Iraq at the Seoul World Cup Stadium on Matchday One which was followed by 1-0 and 2-1 wins over Lebanon and Syria respectively.

In an absorbing contest at the Azadi Stadium, Son Heung-min gave Korea Republic a 48th minute lead but Alireza Jahanbakhsh ensured the points were shared.

The draw meant both sides remained very much in control of their respective qualifying campaigns and neither suffered any hiccups in their next three fixtures as both sealed their places in Qatar 2022 well in advance.

TOP LEVEL COMPETITIONS

IR Iran defeated Lebanon 2-1, Syria 3-0 and Iraq 1-0 to confirm their Qatar 2022 spot before the Matchday Eight tie against UAE, which Dragan Skocic's side won 1-0.

Korea Republic were equally impressive following their stalemate with IR Iran on Matchday Four as Paulo Bento's side defeated UAE 1-0, Iraq 3-0, Lebanon 1-0 and Syria 2-0 to confirm a 10th successive and 11th overall appearance at the FIFA World Cup.

Matchday Nine saw the two pacesetters squaring off in Seoul with Korea Republic cruising to a 2-0 win to lead Group A.

IR Iran, however, eventually finished top of the Group following a 2-0 win over Lebanon on the final matchday, after UAE defeated Korea Republic 1-0.

The win for UAE meant they sealed third spot in Group A to set up a playoff against Australia in June, with the winners to face the fifth placed side from the South American qualifiers.

IR Iran topped Group A with 25 points with Korea Republic two behind and UAE on 12 points.



GROUP B

Group B of the AFC Asian Qualifiers - Road to Qatar™ proved to be a tighter affair as Australia, Japan and Saudi Arabia - all of whom had represented Asia at the FIFA World Cup Russia 2018 cast their eyes on qualifying for Qatar 2022.

Japan suffered a hiccup on Matchday One when they were stunned 1-0 by Oman at home. Hajime Moriyasu's men bounced back to defeat China PR 1-0, but their campaign looked in danger of a premature end when they were defeated 1-0 by Saudi Arabia.

The win over Japan was Herve Renard's side's third consecutive victory in Group B, having defeated Vietnam 3-1 and Oman 1-0 as Saudi Arabia set the early pace.

Australia also started aggressively, with Graham Arnold's side defeating China PR 3-0, Vietnam 1-0 and Oman 3-1 in their first three matches.

The Socceroos, however, came undone in their next match as Japan roared when it mattered most to register a 2-1 win in Saitama and the East Asians did not look back from there as they went on a winning run which saw them defeat Vietnam 1-0, Oman 1-0, China PR 2-0, Saudi Arabia 2-0 and Australia 2-0.

The win over Australia in Sydney sealed Japan's seventh consecutive appearance at the FIFA World Cup Finals while defeat meant Australia were relegated to the playoffs for the second successive edition.

Saudi Arabia, meanwhile, followed up their Matchday Three win over Japan with a 3-2 victory over China PR and a crucial 0-0 draw with Australia in Sydney.

That was followed by 1-0 defeats of Vietnam and Oman, results which meant the 2-0 defeat to Japan on Matchday Eight wasn't to prove costly.

In fact, Saudi Arabia confirmed their place in the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 even before they kicked the ball on Matchday Nine after Japan defeated Australia 2-0 earlier in the day.

Top spot in Group B was sealed on the final matchday after Japan were held 1-1 by Vietnam, with Saudi Arabia defeating Australia 1-0 to finish on 23 points, one ahead of the East Asians while the Socceroos took third place on 15 points.

AFC ASIAN CUP CHINA 2023™ QUALIFIERS FINAL ROUND DRAW

The AFC Asian Cup China 2023™ official draw ceremony was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on February 24.

Group A hosts Kuwait, AFC Asian Cup™ champions in 1980, were drawn with Jordan, Indonesia and Nepal for company.

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C
JORDAN	PALESTINE	UZBEKISTAN (H)
KUWAIT (H)	PHILIPPINES	THAILAND
INDONESIA	YEMEN	MALDIVES
NEPAL	MONGOLIA (H)	SRI LANKA
GROUP D	GROUP E	GROUP F
INDIA (H)	BAHRAIN	KYRGYZ REP. (H)
HONGKONG	TURKMENISTAN	TAJIKISTAN
AFGHANISTAN	MALAYSIA (H)	MYANMAR
CAMBODIA	BANGLADESH	SINGAPORE

Mongolia, seeking to qualify for the AFC Asian Cup™ for the first time, will host Palestine, the Philippines and Yemen in Group B.

Group C hosts Uzbekistan, who have qualified for every edition of the AFC Asian Cup™ since 1996, were drawn with Thailand, Maldives and Sri Lanka.

India, the Group D hosts, will have Hong Kong, Afghanistan and Cambodia to contend with in their bid to qualify for a second successive AFC Asian Cup™.

Group E hosts Malaysia, seeking to qualify for Asia's premier national team competition for the first time since co-hosting the Continental showpiece in 2007, will have to navigate past Bahrain, Turkmenistan and Bangladesh.

Kyrgyz Republic, who created history by qualifying for their inaugural AFC Asian Cup™ in 2019, will host Group F opponents Tajikistan, Myanmar and Singapore.

AFC U23 ASIAN CUP UZBEKISTAN 2022™ DRAW

The official draw ceremony for the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™ was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on February 17.

Hosts Uzbekistan, the 2018 champions, were drawn with Islamic Republic of Iran, Qatar and newcomers Turkmenistan in Group A.

Australia, third in the 2020 edition, were drawn in Group B with Jordan, Iraq and Kuwait while Japan, the 2016 champions, were placed in Group D with 2020 runners-up Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and debutants Tajikistan.

Korea Republic, the 2020 champions, were drawn in Group C with the ASEAN trio of Thailand, 2018 runners-up Vietnam and Malaysia.



The AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™ will be held in the cities of Tashkent and Karshi, with 32 matches to be played from June 1 to 19.

AFC WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP INDIA 2022™



The AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™ saw an expanded cast of 12 Asian teams vying for honours from January 20 to February 6, with the top five finishers joining 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup co-hosts Australia at the global Finals.

In the lead up to the tournament, a series of promotional activities and campaigns were introduced to emphasise the undeniable rise and growing standards of Asia's flagship women's national teams' competition, which included the launch of the first-ever AFC Women's Asian Cup™ - History Book.

As one of the oldest women's tournaments in world football, the History Book chronicled the early years and development of the women's game in Asia and further underlined the AFC's efforts to commemorate women's football over four decades and the solid foundations laid to inspire the next generation of rising stars.

Played across three venues at the D.Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai, the Mumbai Football Arena and Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex in Pune, the showpiece celebrated women's football across the Continent and provided a platform for the current and future stars to shine.

A stellar field of international icons like Sam Kerr of Australia, who finished second in the 2021 FIFA Best Awards, Saki Kumagai of Japan and Ji So-yun of Korea Republic played alongside emerging talents such as Riko Ueki and China PR's Zhang Linyan in India 2022.

China PR produced a magnificent fightback to defeat Korea Republic 3-2 in an epic final, lifting the AFC Women's Asian Cup™ for a record-extending ninth time.

The Philippines produced one of the stories of the tournament by progressing to the FIFA Women's

World Cup for the first time after they advanced to the Semi-finals to gain automatic qualification.

It was a landmark campaign for Vietnam as well, who confirmed their berth at Australia/New Zealand 2023 after securing consecutive victories in the playoffs against Thailand (2-0) and Chinese Taipei (2-1).

While Australia would have been disappointed with their showing at India 2022, star striker Kerr yet again underlined her status as one of the world's best players by emerging as the tournament's top scorer with seven goals, surpassing Tim Cahill to become Australia's all-time record goalscorer on 56.

The story of the tournament, however, had to be eventual champions China PR.

Shui Qingxia's side began their campaign with a 4-0 win over Chinese Taipei before going on to beat newcomers Islamic Republic of Iran 7-0 on Matchday Two to seal top spot in Group A.

Group A was reduced to three teams following India's unfortunate withdrawal after their Matchday One draw with IR Iran due to a COVID-19 outbreak in their squad.

Chinese Taipei bounced back in their final game to seal second place after defeating IR Iran 5-0.

Australia kicked off their campaign in stunning fashion with a 18-0 win over an Indonesian side making their first AFC Women's Asian Cup™ appearance in 13 years. The Matildas put four past the Philippines on Matchday Two before sealing pole position in Group B with a 2-1 victory over Thailand.



The Philippines started their campaign with an impressive 1-0 victory over Thailand and bounced back from their 4-0 defeat against Australia to score six unanswered goals against Indonesia to finish second and seal their place in the Knockout Stage.

Thailand's only win was a 4-0 victory against Indonesia and it proved enough to seal their spot in the Quarter-finals as one of the best third-placed teams.

Defending champions Japan flexed their muscles in their Group C opener, winning 5-0 against Myanmar before finding the net three times against Vietnam.

Korea Republic were equally impressive, registering a 3-0 win against Vietnam and cruising to a 2-0 victory over Myanmar to set up a showdown against Japan in their final group game.

Japan and Korea Republic drew 1-1 to finish level on seven points, with Japan on top having a better goal difference, while Vietnam finished third to advance to the Quarter-finals as one of the two best third-placed teams.

China PR showed their resilience in the Quarter-finals as Wang Shuang, Wang Shanshan and Tang Jiali all found the net to seal victory against Vietnam, who took an early lead through Nguyen Thi Tuyet Dung.

Australia's bid to win their second AFC Women's Asian Cup™ came to an end following their stunning defeat to Korea Republic, with Ji So-yun's long-range effort sealing the East Asians passage into the Semi-finals.



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Two-time defending champions Japan showed their intent in the Quarter-finals when they hit seven goals past Thailand, who were affected by a COVID-19 outbreak in their squad.

The Philippines went the distance against Chinese Taipei to win 4-3 on penalties after a 1-1 extra-time draw, booking their place in the Semi-finals as well as the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.

The Semi-final clash between reigning champions Japan and China PR was a fixture worthy of a final.

Japan dominated proceedings and took the lead just before the half hour mark through Riko Ueki's strike. Wu Chengshu, however, equalised for China PR a minute into the restart as the match went into extra time.

Japan seemed to have the upper hand when Ueki's glancing header put the Nadeshiko in front in the first period of extra-time. However, China PR showed their resilience with skipper Wang Shanshan scoring a minute before the end to force a penalty shootout.

Goalkeeper Yu Zhu was the star of the show, saving two spot kicks as China PR edged Japan 4-3 on penalties to seal their place in the Final.

Korea Republic, meanwhile, cruised to a 2-0 win over the Philippines with goals from Cho So-hyun and Son Hwa-yeon taking them into their first AFC Women's Asian Cup™ Final.

That set the stage for an enticing final with Korea Republic dominating proceedings with goals from Choe Yu-ri and Ji So-yun separating the sides going into the break.

China PR, however, were not to be denied as they produced a stunning fightback with Tang Jiali's 68th minute penalty sparking the spirited comeback.

Boosted by the goal, China PR began to dictate play and drew level four minutes later after some poor defending by Korea Republic. Tang Jiali did well to beat two defenders before sending a delightful cross into the six-yard-box for an unmarked Zhang Linyan to nod home the equaliser.

Korea Republic could have then won it at the death, but goalkeeper Zhou Yu pulled off a one-handed save before defender Wang Xiaoxue blocked Son Hwa-yeon's effort.

Having escaped, China PR broke Korea Republic's hearts in added time with substitute Xiao Yuyi stunningly finishing off Wang Shanshan's pass as a hugely unexpected but gratefully accepted record-extending ninth title was won.

More joy was to follow as skipper Wang Shanshan was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player while Zhou Yu picked up the Best Goalkeeper Award, with both having played integral roles in China PR's return to the top of Asian football.



AFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2021™



The 40th edition of Asia's premier club competition came to a conclusion in the Saudi capital of Riyadh on November 23, 2021 with the Continent's two most successful clubs – Al Hilal SFC and Pohang Steelers – locking horns for a fourth club Continental title.

Over 50,000 fans, a record for the AFC Champions League 2021™, which was played mostly behind closed doors, erupted with joy at the King Fahd International Stadium as Al Hilal defeated Pohang Steelers 2-0 to lift the trophy for the second time in three years, while the Korea Republic side's return to the final for the first time since 2009 ended in heartbreak.

The importance of a strong start and squad depth were both perfectly demonstrated by Al Hilal as youngster Nasser Al Dawsari, filling in at left-back for the injured Yasser Al Shahrani, pushed on to take possession of a loose ball in midfield and fired a powerful strike from 35 yards into the back of the net after only 16 seconds, recording the fastest

goal scored in the history of the AFC Champions League™ Finals.

Pohang Steelers thought they were back in the game when Shin Jin-ho beat goalkeeper Abdullah Al Maiouf with a half-volleyed effort from the edge of the area, only for the midfielder to see his hopes of winning the AFC Champions League™ for two consecutive years vanish as the ball bounced off the crossbar.

In a similar fashion to his goal in the Semi-finals against Al Nassr, Moussa Marega moved in space behind the opposition's left-back and was fed by Bafetimbi Gomis, before outmuscling his opponent and slotting in the second goal of the night to mark his debut season at Al Hilal with the club Continental title.

Al Hilal's second AFC Champions League™ triumph in three years was all the more remarkable considering the difficult journey they had to endure in the Group Stage, with the Saudi side only advancing to the Round of 16 as one of the three best second-placed sides from the West Zone.

TOP LEVEL COMPETITIONS

AFC Champions League™ newcomers Istiklol from Tajikistan created waves in the opening phase, defeating Al Hilal to top Group A.

Group B was topped by Sharjah, the champions of the United Arab Emirates, while Iranian side Tractor FC advanced from the group as one of the best second-placed teams.

Tehran-based Esteghlal won Group C in Jeddah while Al Nassr, Semi-finalists in 2020, booked their place in the last 16 from Group D. Group E was claimed by 2020 finalists Persepolis of IR Iran, with UAE's Al Wahda also advancing.

Pohang Steelers, too, booked their place in the Round of 16 as one of the three best second-placed teams from the East Zone.

Korea Republic's Ulsan Hyundai FC, the AFC Champions League 2020™ winners, finished first in Group F ahead of Thailand's BG Pathum United while Nagoya Grampus and Pohang Steelers took first and second places respectively in Group G.

Two-time champions Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors continued their stellar form in the competition to win Group H in front of Japan's Gamba Osaka.



J1 League champions Kawasaki Frontale claimed Group I ahead of Daegu FC while Group J was won by Cerezo Osaka.

The Round of 16 ties proved to be nail-biting affairs with both the East and West Zones witnessing high quality encounters.

Defending champions Ulsan Hyundai faced-off against J1 League champions Kawasaki Frontale and Hong Myung-bo's side eventually prevailed via a penalty shoot-out.

Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors also needed penalties to see off BG Pathum United after the teams shared a 1-1 draw while Pohang Steelers squeezed past Cerezo Osaka, with Lee Seung-mo's goal ensuring three clubs from Korea Republic advanced to the Quarter-finals.

Daegu FC were denied the opportunity to make it a K League clean sweep when a hat-trick by new signing Jakub Swierczok earned Nagoya Grampus a 4-2 win in their Round of 16 meeting.

The West Zone Round of 16 action was also hotly contested with four of the five Group winners crashing out.

IR Iran's Persepolis were the only Group Stage winners to advance to the Quarter-finals after a late Mehdi Torabi goal took them past Istiklol in Dushanbe.

The only penalty shootout of the West Zone Knockout Stage settled the all-UAE encounter between Sharjah and Al Wahda. Omar Khribin and Bernard exchanged second-half-goals before goalkeeper Mohammed Al Shamsi saved the decisive penalty to send Al Wahda into the Quarter-finals for the first time since 2007.

Saudi Arabian sides Al Hilal and Al Nassr progressed to the next stage after overcoming Iranian opponents Esteghlal and Tractor 2-0 and 1-0 respectively.

The West Zone Quarter-finals saw two dominant displays by Al Hilal and Al Nassr, who set up a thrilling derby in the Semi-finals after the 2019 champions brushed aside Persepolis FC 3-0 and Al Nassr stormed to a 5-1 win against Al Wahda.

Nagoya Grampus were the only non-Korea Republic side in the East Zone Quarter-finals but there was to be no magical run for them as they fell 3-0 to Pohang Steelers with Lim Sang-hyub netting twice and Lee Seung-mo scoring once as the three-time Asian champions advanced to the Semi-finals.

There they would meet compatriots and reigning champions Ulsan Hyundai, who emerged triumphant from their clash with great rivals Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors FC, with Lee Dong-gyeong's extra-time goal sealing a 3-2 win.

With teams from the same country making the East and West Zone Semi-finals, the stage was set for bumper ties with Al Hilal edging cross-town rivals Al Nassr 2-1 in a tense encounter to book their place in the AFC Champions League™ Final for the second time in three years.

The Ulsan Hyundai-Pohang Steelers last four tie was equally nerve-wracking, with Alex Grant's 89th minute header cancelling out Yun Il-lok's opener for Ulsan Hyundai to take the game into extra-time and then penalties.

Pohang Steelers emerged victorious in the shootout as Dave Bulthuis' miss in the opening round of penalties proved decisive.



That set the stage for a Final between two of the Continent's most successful teams, but it was to be Al Hilal who would celebrate winning Asia's top club honour for a fourth time as goals by Nasser Al Dawsari and Moussa Marega sent their fans in Riyadh's King Fahd International Stadium into raptures.

Al Hilal winger Salem Al Dawsari was named the AFC Champions League 2021™ Most Valuable Player while Al Duhail's Michael Olunga was crowned the top scorer after finishing with a tournament-best of nine goals.

AFC WOMEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - PILOT TOURNAMENT



The AFC Women's Club Championship - Pilot Tournament set another milestone when the Jordan Football Association (JFA) hosted the 2021 (West) edition.

Amman Club, FC Bunyodkor from Uzbekistan, Islamic Republic of Iran's Shahr-dari Sirjan and Gokulam Kerala FC from India played in a round-robin league format over three match days - November 7, 10 and 13 at the Aqaba Development Corporate Stadium.

The action kicked off with Shahr-dari Sirjan edging Uzbekistan's FC Bunyodkor 2-1 while Amman Club produced a stirring second half fight back to defeat Sree Gokulam Kerala 2-1 on Matchday One.

Shahr-dari Sirjan continued their rich vein of form on Matchday Two, defeating Sree Gokulam Kerala FC 1-0 while FC Bunyodkor bounced back from their opening day defeat to secure a 1-0 win over Amman Club.

Their two successive wins placed Shahr-dari Sirjan in a comfortable position going into their final match

against Amman Club while India's Gokulam Kerala played for pride against FC Bunyodkor.

The Indian side produced their best performance of the tournament as goals by Elshaddai Acheampong, Manisha and Karen Stefanny Paez secured them a 3-1 win, with Umida Zoirova reducing the deficit.

That set the stage for a thrilling decider for the title with five-time Jordan Women's Football League Amman Club needing victory to pip Shahr-dari Sirjan to the title.

The pressure began to tell on Shahr-dari Sirjan, who were missing Zahra Alizadeh through injury, and they conceded a penalty just before the half-time whistle after Fahimeh Arzani's foul on Shahnaz Jebreen inside the six-yard-box, with Maysa Jbarah coolly finding the back of the net.

Amman sealed the victory when Jebreen finished off a fine team move with a curling effort past a diving Shahr-dari Sirjan goalkeeper Arefeh in the 84th minute. Afsaneh Chatrenoor's penalty conversion in stoppage time proved a consolation for the Iranians.



AFC CUP 2021™

The AFC Cup™ returned with a bang in 2021 following the cancellation of the 2020 edition due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although the ASEAN Zone of the 2021 edition could not be held due to the pandemic, there was no shortage of excitement as Bahrain's Muharraq Club emerged the eventual champions with an impressive 3-0 win over Uzbekistan's FC Nasaf in the Final on November 5.

It was a deserved climax to a tournament that is ever growing in competitiveness and despite the numerous challenges thrown up by the pandemic, the Participating Teams gave the AFC Cup 2021™ their best.

In a first for the tournament, the 2021 edition saw the Central Zone expanded to two groups, further elevating the stature of the AFC Cup™.

The Group Stage was held in centralised venues but didn't lack for excitement as teams welcomed the return of the AFC Cup™.

Lebanon's Al Ahed, the 2019 champions, advanced to the West Zonal Semi-finals as Group A winners with Muharraq Club topping Group B and Kuwait SC impressing in Group C.

Jordan's Al Salt advanced to the Semi-finals as the best second-placed team from the three groups to set up a face-off with Kuwait SC while Muharraq Club would face Al Ahed.

The South Zone's Group D saw India's ATK Mohun Bagan taking top spot to seal a place in the Inter-Zone Semi-Final while FC Ahal of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan's FC Nasaf advanced to the Central Zonal Final from Groups E and F.

Hong Kong's Lee Man, meanwhile, advanced to the Inter-Zone Semi-final with a perfect record of three wins in the East Zone's Group J.



TOP LEVEL COMPETITIONS

The West Zonal Semi-finals turned out to be one-sided affairs with 2008 champions Muharraq Club ending Al Ahd's reign with a 3-0 win.

Three-time winners Kuwait SC were equally impressive against Al Salt, registering a 2-0 triumph.

Muharraq Club, however, were unstoppable in the West Zonal Final as goals by Mahmoud Al Mardi and Flavio Carioca saw them cruise past Kuwait SC to book their place in the AFC Cup Final 2021™.

The Central Zonal Final, meanwhile, was a thriller as 2011 champions FC Nasaf edged FC Ahal 3-2 to set up an Inter-Zone Semi-final against ATK Mohun Bagan.

Nasaf were in awesome form in the Inter-Zone Semi-final as ATK Mohun Bagan were dispatched 6-0 but the Uzbekistan side faced tougher resistance from Lee Man in the Inter-Zone Final.

With the ASEAN Zone cancelled, the Hong Kong side had advanced to the Inter-Zone Final without having to play in the Semi-finals and looked to be headed out after Nasaf took a 2-0 first-half lead.

Lee Man, however, fought back valiantly to force extra-time but Andrija Kaluđerović broke their hearts, scoring in the 105th minute for FC Nasaf to triumph 3-2.



That set the stage for a Final between two former champions with Muharraq Club, backed by their fans at the Sheikh Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Stadium, starting the decider on the front foot.

Just three minutes into the game, Jordanian import Mahmoud Al Mardi produced a stunning curled strike from outside the area and nearer the flank, which caught FC Nasaf goalkeeper Umidjon Ergashev off-guard and far from his line to put Muharraq in the lead.

Muharraq Club then soaked up FC Nasaf's pressure for the remainder of the first half and, very much against the run of play, Hussein Jameel found space on the right flank less than two minutes after coming on as a substitute, receiving a beautifully-weighted pass from Noor Al Rawabdeh and picking him out as he ran free on goal before slotting in to add his side's second goal of the night, making it 2-0 with a quarter of an hour to go.

Brazilian forward Flavio Cheveresan wrapped things up with 10 minutes left on the clock. After receiving the ball from Jameel, he dribbled through into the area before chipping Ergashev to go three goals to the good.

Muharraq Club forward Abdulwahab Al Malood enjoyed double glory when he was named the AFC Cup 2021™ Most Valuable Player while FC Nasaf forward Khusain Norchaev won the top scorer award after finishing the campaign with seven goals.

AFC U23 ASIAN CUP UZBEKISTAN 2022™ QUALIFIERS



In the final week of October 2021, 38 teams drawn into 11 groups gathered across the Continent to compete in the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™ Finals. The group winners, along with four best second-placed teams joined hosts Uzbekistan after three thrilling matchdays.

Three-team Group K kicked off the qualifying action first with Cambodia taking Hong Kong down 4-2, but 2016 champions Japan were the clear favourites as the young Samurai Blue cruised past both teams with 4-0 wins to confirm their fifth appearance in the Finals.

Group A featured three West Asian teams - Qatar, Syria and Yemen, who were joined by Sri Lanka. The Qataris kept an undefeated record in three matches, only dropping points against Syria when they came back from an own goal to salvage a draw to finish top of the standings. Syria had started off their campaign brightly with a 5-0 win over Sri Lanka, but subsequent draws to their regional rivals saw them lose out on vital points and miss out on a place in the Finals.

Islamic Republic of Iran, meanwhile, signalled their clear intentions to lift their first title after recording

a fantastic run to win Group B, where they won all three matches against Tajikistan, Lebanon and Nepal. Tajikistan were impressive in their matches against Lebanon and Nepal as well, which earned them a spot in the Finals as the fourth best second-placed team.

Iraq were among the few teams that had a perfect qualifying campaign. The young Lions of Mesopotamia breezed past Maldives and Bahrain in Group C with seven goals scored and none conceded. Bahrain, who were hoping to make successive appearances in the Finals, were heartbroken after finishing behind Tajikistan due to disciplinary points.

Saudi Arabia were favourites to win Group D, having never missed a single edition since 2013, but it was Kuwait that came out on top after three gruelling matches. Kuwait beat Bangladesh before coming back from a goal down to defeat the young Green Falcons 2-1 to seal their first appearance since 2013. Saudi Arabia, however, still qualified for their fifth Finals as the second best second-placed team.

United Arab Emirates, India, Kyrgyz Republic and Oman faced intense competition in Group E. There was still not a clear-cut winner by Matchday Two

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with every team tied on three points, setting up for an exciting final matchday. It was the UAE that prevailed as group winners after their 2-0 win over Oman, coupled with India playing out to a goalless draw with Kyrgyz Republic.

A penalty shootout was required for the India-Kyrgyz Republic tie after both sides finished with identical statistics. The young Blue Tigers emerged the 4-2 winners to take second place, but it was still not enough to send them to their maiden Finals.

Jordan continued their qualifying streak after winning Group F with a 1-0 win over Turkmenistan before playing to a 1-1 draw with Palestine. Turkmenistan bounced back from their opening day defeat with an emphatic 3-1 win against Palestine to finish as group runners-up, which was enough to see them through to their first-ever AFC U23 Asian Cup™ Finals as one of the best second-placed teams.

Australia, who finished third in the previous edition, were eager to return to the Continental tournament, and flexed their muscles against Indonesia in successive matches to win Group G.

Reigning champions Korea Republic will return to defend their title after their impressive performance in Group G, winning all three matches with 14



goals to their name and only conceding one. It was a Southeast Asian affair with the Philippines, Singapore and Timor-Leste battling it out for second place. The Young Lions eventually finished runners-up with four points, ahead of Timor-Leste on a two-goal difference while the Philippines ended their campaign bottom of the table.

Vietnam will return to their fourth AFC U23 Asian Cup™ Finals after two 1-0 wins against Chinese Taipei and Myanmar in Group I. Myanmar, who were aiming to make their first appearance since 2013, was able to bag second place in the group with a win over Chinese Taipei, but didn't score enough goals to place them among the best four runners-up teams.

Malaysia are set for their second AFC U23 Asian Cup™ Finals after an impressive qualifying Group J campaign. The Harimau Muda beat Laos 1-0 in their opener before taking down Mongolia to set up a crucial tie against Thailand.

The young War Elephants, meanwhile, were held by Mongolia 1-1, but were back in contention after cruising past Laos 3-0. However, a goalless draw with Malaysia meant they finished as group runners-up on five points, which saw them through to the Finals as the best runners-up team in the Qualifiers.



AFC ASIAN CUP CHINA 2023™ PLAYOFF



Having had to concede to fierce competition in the Preliminary Joint Qualification for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 and AFC Asian Cup 2023™, four teams - Cambodia, Chinese Taipei, Guam and Indonesia - battled it out in the playoff round to keep their China 2023 hopes alive.

Guam were drawn against Cambodia while Indonesia faced Chinese Taipei in the two-legged ties, with the winners to join 22 other teams in the Final Round of the Qualifiers, where 11 places are available for China 2023.

Cambodia took a 1-0 lead in the first leg with Chan Vathanaka scoring in the 26th minute but Guam fought back in the return meeting when Devan Mendiola's first half strike saw them draw level on aggregate.

Cambodia, however, were more potent in the second half as goals by Sos Suhana and Keo Sokpheng saw them win 2-1 on the night and 3-1 on aggregate.

The Indonesia-Chinese Taipei first leg tie was an action-packed affair with the Garuda scoring early



in each half to take a 2-0 lead, but Chinese Taipei gave themselves hope by pulling a goal back just before the final whistle.

The return leg, however, was a one-sided affair as goals from Egy Mulana, Ricky Kamubuaya and Witan Sulaeman saw Indonesia win 3-0 on the night and 5-1 on aggregate to advance to the AFC Asian Cup 2023™ Qualifiers Final Round

ASIAN TEAMS AT THE FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP UAE 2021

Al Hilal SFC of Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates' Al Jazira were Asia's representatives at the FIFA Club World Cup UAE 2021 with both sides producing commendable performances.

Held in February 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, UAE champions Al Jazira kicked off the tournament in emphatic fashion, scoring a 4-1 victory against Tahitian side AS Pirae.

Their win meant an enticing clash against Al Hilal, the AFC Champions League 2021™ winners, with the triumphant side to face European champions Chelsea in the Semi-finals.

Al Jazira, however, had to concede to Al Hilal's superiority as the reigning Asian champions cruised to a 6-1 win after falling behind to Abdoulay Diaby's 14th minute goal.

Odion Ighalo drew Al Hilal level in the 36th minute and Matheus Pereira put the Saudi side ahead just before the half-time break.

Central midfielder Mohammed Kanno widened Al Hilal's advantage just before the hour mark while Salem Al Dawsari added the fourth in the 77th minute.

Moussa Marega's effort and an Andre Carrillo penalty in added time sealed the win and a showdown with Chelsea in the Semi-finals.

The last four tie against the English side proved to be an absorbing affair as Al Hilal had to defend deep in the opening minutes as Chelsea came at them in droves.

Al Hilal's brave resistance was finally broken just after the half-hour mark as Romelu Lukaku capitalised on Yasser Al Shahrani's mistake to put Chelsea ahead.

Al Hilal, however, fought back and Marega had a great chance to equalise in the second half but the Malian failed to put the chance away as eventual champions Chelsea held on for the win.

Defeat meant Al Hilal would meet Al Ahly in the



playoff for third place and the Saudi Arabian champions endured a torrid first 45 minutes against the Egyptian side.

Defender Yasser Ibrahim nodded home Al Ahly's opener just eight minutes into the match and Al Hilal then saw playmaker Pereira red-carded for a late and high tackle on Amr El Soulia.

Al Ahly capitalised on their numerical advantage almost immediately and left-back Ali Maaloul was the Egyptian side's creative outlet, teeing up skipper Mohamed Hany who drilled an effort from outside the box that was parried by Al Hilal goalkeeper Mohammed Al Owais, but only as far as Ibrahim who headed in for the second time in the game after 17 minutes.

Things went from bad to worse for Al Hilal who lost another man in the 28th minute when central midfielder Kanno received his marching orders after kicking an opponent off the ball.

Five minutes before the end of an action-packed opening period, Ahmed Abdulkader deepened Al Hilal's troubles after embarking on a solo run and finishing from a narrow angle past Al Owais.

Central midfielder El Soulia got in on the act just after the hour mark, rifling a shot from 30 yards out into the bottom corner of the Saudi net for 4-0.

The result meant Al Hilal finished fourth for the second time in as many FIFA Club World Cup appearances after Qatar 2019.

ASIAN TEAMS AT THE FIFA ARAB CUP 2021

Asia was well represented at the FIFA Arab Cup 2021 as hosts Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, United Arab Emirates and Syria were joined by Bahrain, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman and Palestine, who advanced from the Qualifiers.

Held from November 18 to December 18, matches were played in six stadiums that will be used for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

Qatar were the standout side in Group A as the reigning AFC Asian Cup™ champions defeated Bahrain 1-0, Oman 2-1 and Iraq 3-0 respectively to book their place in the Quarter-finals. Oman advanced as runners-up following a 1-1 draw with Iraq and a 3-0 defeat of Bahrain.

United Arab Emirates qualified as Group B runners-up, finishing second behind Tunisia.

UAE opened their campaign with a 2-1 win over regional rivals Syria. A 1-0 defeat to Mauritania on Matchday Two placed their Knockout Stage hopes in jeopardy but UAE bounced back to beat Tunisia 1-0 to book their place in the Knockout Stage.



Jordan were the only Asian side of three to advance from Group C, finishing second behind Morocco.

They kicked off their campaign with a stunning 1-0 win over Saudi Arabia but had to concede to Morocco's superiority on Matchday Two as the African side cruised to a 4-0 win.

Jordan, however, were back at their best against Palestine as a 5-1 win took them into the Quarter-finals.

Lebanon, the only Asian side in Group D, failed to advance to the Quarter-finals as Egypt and Algeria finished first and second respectively.

The Quarter-finals saw Oman being edged 2-1 by Tunisia while Egypt ended Jordan's campaign with a 3-1 win in extra-time.

Qatar were in a class of their own in the all-Asian quarter-final against UAE as Felix Sanchez's side cruised to a 5-0 win to set up a Semi-final showdown against Algeria - who defeated Morocco 5-3 on penalties after their last eight tie ended 2-2.

Djamel Benlamri gave Algeria the lead in the 59th minute but Qatar pulled themselves back into the tie through Mohammed Muntari's equaliser in the seventh minute of added time.

Qatar, however, were denied a place in the final right at the very end as Mohammed Belaili scored Algeria's winner in the 17th minute of added time.

That consigned Qatar to the Third-Place Playoff against Egypt, who were defeated 1-0 by Tunisia in the Semi-final.

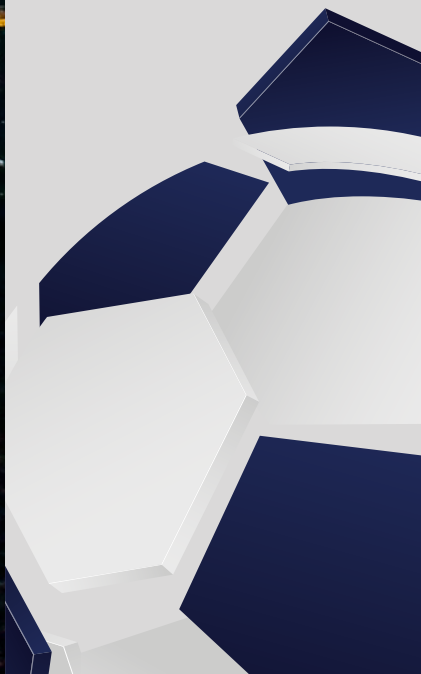
After 120 minutes failed to produce a goal to separate the two sides, Qatar triumphed 5-4 on penalties for a bronze medal finish.

Algeria, meanwhile, lifted the FIFA Arab Cup trophy with a 2-0 win over Tunisia, with both goals coming in extra-time.





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A year into the new 2021-2024 commercial cycle, the AFC has continued to solidify the spirit of partnership and collaboration with its commercial partners, Football Marketing Asia (FMA) and Dentsu Inc. since the last Congress.

Working together to create the best commercial outcomes for the delivery of competitions and the interest of stakeholders alike, there has been a formation of new initiatives and an inspiring execution of existing ones through enhanced experiences.

On the sponsorship front, despite the continued effects of the pandemic that have created a volatile, uncertain, and ultimately retreating market, there remains a continued interest in AFC partnerships from leading global and local brands.

This reflects the AFC's strong brand equity and commercial viability, which has been underlined by the two partnerships that have been announced in Vietnam - Hung Thinh Land and Phindeli Coffee, - for the first time in the AFC's history, amongst the many others that have already been reported across the region.

In relation to the almost completed AFC Asian Qualifiers - Road to Qatar™, innovative sponsorship rights such as the implementation of virtual LED boards and virtual goal-side mats were delivered for the first time and generated a positive response from partners. Robust digital engagement initiatives were also executed by partners to mitigate some of the challenges posed by limited on-ground activation opportunities due to the strict COVID-19 protocols. The mix of new and modernised sponsorship rights contributed to an increase in the average deal value (115% increase, pre vs. post pandemic) despite a challenging sponsorship landscape.

The focus now shifts to maximising commercial opportunities around the AFC Asian Cup China 2023™. A worldwide Request For Proposal (RFP) exercise was launched in relation to the appointment of a master licensee for the Merchandising and Licensing programme. The outcome is poised to provide more end-user touchpoints to help increase the AFC's brand equity and garner additional revenue.

In addition, the AFC is further adapting its commercial programme with innovative rights



and diverse sponsorship tiers that offer increased localisation to optimise commercial opportunities, while establishing a Corporate Hospitality strategy to maximise stadium revenue generation.

In line with optimising its commercial value, and in order to achieve sustainable growth, the AFC and its stakeholders will continue to deliver more fan focussed interactions. A valuable focal point has been to expand the AFC's digital footprint by establishing an overarching Customer Relation Management (CRM) strategy to enhance the AFC's data capture, analytics, and engagement opportunities.

Through the CRM initiative, the AFC aims to achieve and deliver data-driven insights that evaluate its audience growth, engagement, and commercial strategies. Further, the CRM initiative will enable the AFC to help define, manage, and execute omnichannel marketing via email, social media, mobile, text, and advertising platforms.

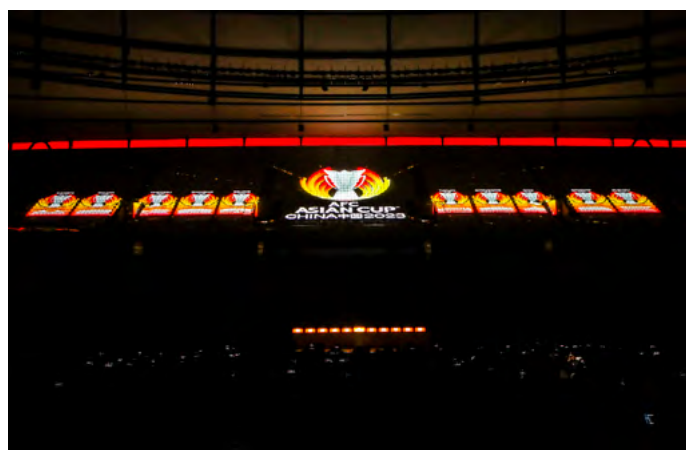
The new commercial cycle has also seen the AFC conclude broadcast deals worldwide across almost all AFC and non-AFC territories. In the few territories where broadcast deals have not been struck, the AFC has utilised the AFC YouTube channel to make live match content available to fans for free. There exists a good balance of traditional linear broadcast coverage via Free-to-Air (FTA) platforms, established pay television channels and also more recent market entrants that include broadcasting Direct-to-Consumer (D2C) via Over-the-Top (OTT) and/or digital technologies. The AFC's strategy

has been to secure deals across multiple media platforms. Recent experience has shown that FTA and Pay TV remains dominant and delivers the most viewership in many markets. However, the AFC has remained alert to trends in media markets where advertising spend and passionate fans of Asian football are pivoting towards digital platforms.

Initiatives to maximise commercial value of the AFC's competitions have been introduced, including providing broadcasters with a suite of additional services to raise the AFC's standard of delivery to an international level. This is highlighted firstly by the introduction of new content before each live match, such as pre-match footage, promo material, trailers, matchday one training sessions and press conference coverage. There is also enhanced live match coverage with English commentary, rebranded competitions, and standardised host broadcast production. In addition, broadcasters are now offered centrally edited content during a live match; in-match clips and post-match; interviews, press conferences and three-minute post-match clips; and highlights with English voice-overs.

A structured approach in content distribution has also been introduced to further maximise commercial value by providing exclusivity of live matches and in-match clips to broadcast partners.

With an increased focus on post-match clips, highlights and delayed match footage as well as taking user behaviour into consideration, especially the younger demographic, the AFC has provisioned for delayed match content to be made available to Member Associations, Clubs, broadcasters, and sponsors, subject to certain programming holdbacks and territory embargoes.



OPTIMISED COMMERCIAL VALUE

While the AFC also makes delayed content available through its own channels and encourages its stakeholders to transmit the same for the promotion of respective competitions, it acknowledges the value that the content holds towards its broadcast partners and remains mindful of the balance to be struck, so as not to undermine its commercial programme.

Amongst the various aspects of sponsorship and media rights that have been at the forefront of optimising the AFC's commercial value, the brand elements associated with the AFC's Competitions have been no less crucial in further enhancing the AFC product and the opportunities that have come with it.



Launched six months prior to Asia's most prestigious women's National Team football competition, the AFC and the Local Organising Committee for the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022™ revealed the tournament logo on July 20, 2021.

Creating an unmistakable connection between Asian football fans and the competition, the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™ logo was adapted from the original logomark featuring the tournament's distinctive trophy as the centrepiece, which was introduced at the last edition in Jordan 2018.

The concept of the swirl surrounding the trophy was inspired by the national flags and colours of playing kits in Asia, the three iconic host stadiums in India, celebrating cultural diversity and the unwavering support and enthusiasm of fans for their National Teams.

The premium finishing pays tribute to India 2022, which delivers the highest level of women's football





in the Continent while providing an unrivalled stage as the qualifying tournament for the FIFA Women's World Cup.

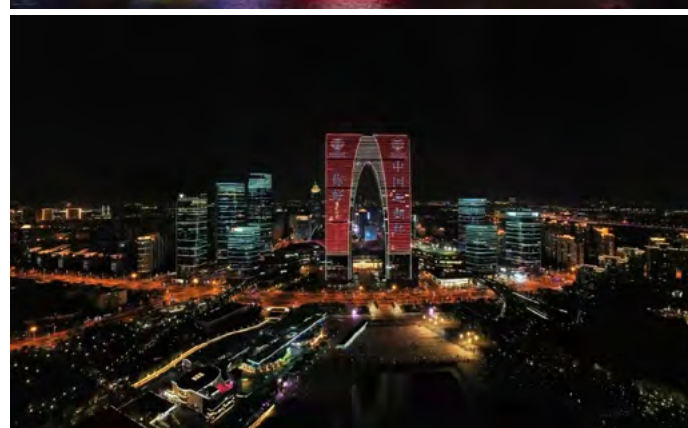
The 2022 edition once again blazed a new trail in the development of the women's game in Asia as an expanded 12 teams competed for Continental supremacy – four more than the last four editions – and featured a newly-introduced Quarter-final stage for the first time in Asian women's football history.



For the AFC Asian Cup China 2023™, the AFC and the Local Organising Committee revealed the logo in an official ceremony on October 22, 2021, which was held in conjunction with the opening ceremony of the competition's first completed stadium – the Shanghai Pudong Football Stadium – one of 10 to be used for the tournament.

The logo was exhibited via a dazzling and immersive display that showcased the vibrant new logo through projection mapping and augmented reality and was projected on selected iconic buildings across Shanghai's skyline.

The AFC Asian Cup China 2023™ logo was launched by the Vice Minister of the General Administration of Sports of China and Executive Chairman of the LOC and FIFA Council member, H.E. Du Zhaocai, together with main leaders from the 10 host cities, who also revealed the host city logos in the first on-ground milestone event of the tournament.





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GOOD GOVERNANCE



INTERNAL AUDIT

The Department continued to carry out its responsibilities as an independent and objective assurance function in enabling the AFC to achieve its objectives by bringing a systematic and disciplined approach in evaluating and improving the design and effectiveness of the Confederation’s governance, risk management and internal controls. The primary role of the Department has been to assist the AFC in protecting its assets and reputation as well as to support operational sustainability.

The Department reports functionally to the AFC Audit and Compliance Committee (“ACC”) and administratively to the AFC General Secretary. The Department’s authority, responsibilities and scope of work are defined in the Department’s Charter, which has been approved by the ACC. The Charter is aligned with the standards and principles outlined in the International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF) issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA).

The Department is independent from the operational activities of the AFC, and does not hold management authority or responsibility over the operations it covers in its scope of works.

The Department reviews the AFC’s activities based on an audit plan approved by the ACC. The audit plan is developed based on the risk profiles of the respective AFC Divisions and Departments identified in accordance with the AFC Risk Management Framework and feedback from Senior Management.

Audit reports, including the audit recommendations, Management responses and action plans for improvement and/or rectification are presented and tabled to the ACC during the Committee meetings. The status of the implementation is subsequently monitored by the ACC to ensure the timeliness of delivery. If deemed necessary, Management representatives will be required to attend the ACC meeting(s) to provide clarification and propose action plans on the significant audit findings.

Since the last Congress, the Committee has met twice online, with the agenda mainly focused on



the re-appointment of the AFC’s external auditors (i.e., Ernst & Young PLT), audit plan and audit report for the financial year which ended on December 31, 2021, as well as the results of internal audit works.

The audit areas performed and completed during the period between November 27, 2021, and March 31, 2022, are as follows:

- AFC U23 Championship Thailand 2020™
- Stadium Safety and Security
- Match Monitoring System
- Media Monitoring System
- Follow up: AFC President’s Infrastructure Initiative: Infrastructure Fund
- Follow up: AFC Development Fund: Tajikistan Football Federation
- Follow up: Human Resource Management

The resulting reports of the audits undertaken, incorporating audit recommendations and management’s responses were presented at the quarterly Committee meetings for their deliberation and issued to the Management of the respective operating functions concerned to implement the appropriate remedial actions to improve the relevant systems and procedures within the agreed timelines. The implementation of the agreed recommendations have been followed up accordingly.

In addition, the Department also participated in all tender meetings for the procurement and disposal of fixed assets to ensure that due processes were observed and in compliance with the approved Policies and Procedures.

PROCUREMENT



The pandemic continues to create a major impact on football and other activities worldwide and the ever-evolving situation has presented several challenges to the AFC and its suppliers. Since the last Congress, the Department has continued to monitor the AFC's risks whilst extending its support to the relevant stakeholders and suppliers.

A total of 248 Purchase Orders, as well as 10 Tenders were issued from July to December 2021 – which include the Event Management Service Provider for the 31st AFC Congress 2021 and the AFC Annual Awards 2022, Logistics Services for the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™, Central Audit Services for the AFC Financial Assistance Programme and the AFC Regional Association Fund, Express Courier Services, Transportation Services and Virtual Draw Ceremonies for the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™ and the AFC Asian Cup China 2023™ Qualifiers Final Round.

The Department will continue to play a critical role in providing the best services to all stakeholders. The Procurement Policy, once updated, will provide guidance and tools to better support the AFC's operations. The Department remains committed



towards sharing the industry's best practices and proposing new approaches, while employing the flexibility needed to adapt to the AFC's evolving requirements, and reforms are poised to continue with greater effort to improve overall efficiency, quality and delivery.

MEMBER ASSOCIATION GOVERNANCE

MA Congresses attended by the MA Division

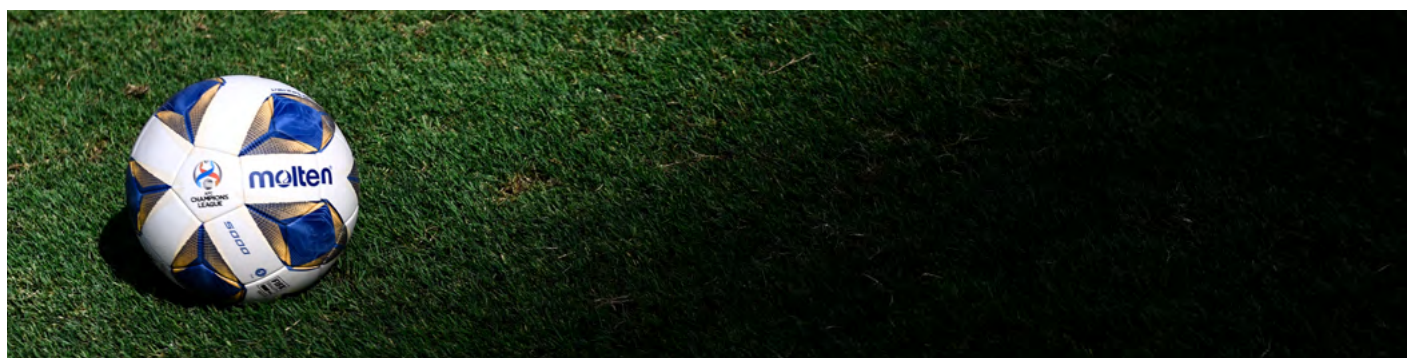
Member Association	Date	Venue
Timor-Leste	February 26, 2022	Dili
Cambodia	March 5, 2022	Phnom Penh

Online/hybrid MA Congresses observed by the MA Division

Zones	Member Association	Date	Venue
ASEAN	Australia	November 23, 2021	Sydney (Online)
	Thailand	November 24, 2021	Bangkok (Online)
	Philippines	November 27, 2021	Manila (Online)
	Myanmar	December 30, 2021	Yangon (Online)
	Vietnam	January 9, 2022	Hanoi
	Laos	February 26, 2022	Vientiane (Online)
CENTRAL	Uzbekistan	December 25, 2021	Tashkent
EAST	Japan	October 9, 2021	Online
	Guam	October 20, 2021	Guam
	Northern Mariana Islands	October 29, 2021	Saipan
	Macau	December 18, 2021	Macau
	Japan	December 26, 2021	Online
	China PR	January 9, 2022	Chengdu (Online)
	Korea Republic	January 26, 2022	Online
	Japan	January 29, 2022	Online
	Chinese Taipei	March 26, 2022	Taipei
	Japan	March 27, 2022	Online
	Hong Kong	March 30, 2022	Online
SOUTH	Bangladesh	October 30, 2021	Dhaka
	Sri Lanka	December 30, 2021	Online
	India	February 5, 2022	Online
	Nepal	March 29, 2022	Kathmandu
WEST	Lebanon	February 15, 2022	Beirut
	Kuwait	February 24, 2022	Kuwait
	Syria	March 16, 2022	Damascus
	Oman	March 19, 2022	Muscat

Ongoing MA Statutes revision

Zones	Member Association	Status	Remarks
ASEAN	Cambodia	Ongoing	Draft review completed
	Laos	Ongoing	Draft review completed
	Malaysia	Ongoing	Draft review completed
	Myanmar	Ongoing	Draft review completed
	Philippines	Ongoing	Draft review completed
	Singapore	Ongoing	Draft review completed
	Thailand	Ongoing	Draft review completed
	Vietnam	Ongoing	Draft review completed
CENTRAL	Tajikistan	Ongoing	Draft review completed
	Turkmenistan	Ongoing	Draft review completed
EAST	Chinese Taipei	Ongoing	
	Hong Kong	Ongoing	
	Macau	Ongoing	
	Mongolia	Ongoing	
	Japan	Ongoing	Initial review started between FIFA-AFC
	Korea Republic	Ongoing	Initial review started between FIFA-AFC
SOUTH	Bangladesh	Ongoing	
	Sri Lanka	Ongoing	
WEST	Jordan	Ongoing	
	Lebanon	Ongoing	
	Palestine	Ongoing	



REGIONAL ASSOCIATION GOVERNANCE

RA Congresses/meetings observed by the MA Division

Zones	Regional Association	Date	Venue
ASEAN	ASEAN Football Federation Congress	October 30, 2021	Online
CENTRAL	6th Central Asian Football Association Congress	December 16, 2021	Online
EAST	10th East Asian Football Federation Congress	April 1, 2022	Doha, Qatar
SOUTH	South Asian Football Federation Executive Committee Meeting	December 6, 2021	Online
	South Asian Football Federation Extraordinary Congress	January 7, 2022	Online
	South Asian Football Federation Executive Committee Meeting	February 21, 2022	Online

Completed and ongoing RA Statutes Revision

Zone	Regional Association	Status	Remarks
ASEAN	ASEAN Football Federation	Completed	Adopted at the AFF Congress on October 30, 2021
SOUTH	South Asian Football Federation	Completed	Completed in December 2020. Adopted and amended at the SAFF Extraordinary Congress on January 7, 2022

Completed and ongoing RA Strategy Support Programmes

Zones	Regional Association	Status
CENTRAL	Central Asian Football Association	Ongoing
SOUTH	South Asian Football Federation	Ongoing
WEST	West Asian Football Federation	Ongoing



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INTEGRITY



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ACTIVE SHARING OF EXPERTISE ON INTEGRITY

The Integrity Unit is widely recognised as an industry leader on the subject of football integrity and is regularly invited to share its experience and best practices at international events and in integrity-related publications.

In this regard, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) recently recognised the Unit's contribution towards providing its expert insights, which was published in the UNODC Global Report on Corruption in Sport.

IN-DEPTH MONITORING OF FOOTBALL INTEGRITY IN ASIA

The Unit continues to closely oversee the integrity of football in Asia through the comprehensive monitoring of the betting patterns of all matches

and competitions organised by the AFC and its MAs and it works closely with FIFA's Integrity team and the AFC's integrity partner Sportradar in this regard.



RESPONSE TOWARDS INTEGRITY CASES

In line with the AFC's zero tolerance policy, the Unit has maintained its commitment to investigate allegations of integrity breaches in Asian football. To facilitate the investigation process, the Unit works in close collaboration with national and international law enforcement agencies as well as Sportradar's Intelligence & Investigation Services.

INTEGRITY OF FOOTBALL IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In view of the continuing integrity risks to football due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Unit has undertaken proactive measures to ensure the protection of the game in Asia. This includes the provision of integrity risk assessments to identify potential targets of match manipulation syndicates who seek to take advantage of the economic uncertainties caused by COVID-19.

SUPPORT FOR MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

The Unit has also been actively involved in the integrity capacity building of the AFC MAs, which includes continuous support in respect of investigations and the implementation of other

integrity measures and the Unit is ever ready to provide advice and guidance on integrity matters to Integrity Officers.

SPORTS LEGAL SERVICES, DISCIPLINARY & GOVERNANCE

Operating within the broader AFC Legal Department, the Sports Legal Services, Disciplinary & Governance Unit handles matters across the regulatory and disciplinary legal functions (including acting as the secretariat for the AFC's judicial bodies).

In the period since the 31st AFC Congress, the Unit has continued to support the AFC Disciplinary & Ethics Committee's handling of disciplinary cases,

including matters relating to anti-doping and forgery.

In early 2022, valuable support was also provided to the AFC Entry Control Body, which was active in several cases relating to the entry of clubs into the AFC's club competitions.

In January 2022, the Unit provided on-site legal support at the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022TM.



CORPORATE, COMMERCIAL & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Corporate, Commercial and Intellectual Property Unit oversees the formalisation of legal agreements and documentation for the AFC (including contract negotiations and drafting).

In addition to providing legal support to the AFC Administration on day-to-day business affairs, the

Unit has, since the period of the 31st Congress, played an active role in supporting the Asian Cup Office in finalising operational policies for the upcoming AFC Asian Cup China 2023TM, as well as attending to legal formalities relating to the bidding process for the AFC Asian Cup 2027TM (including participating in bid inspections of each Bidding Member Association).

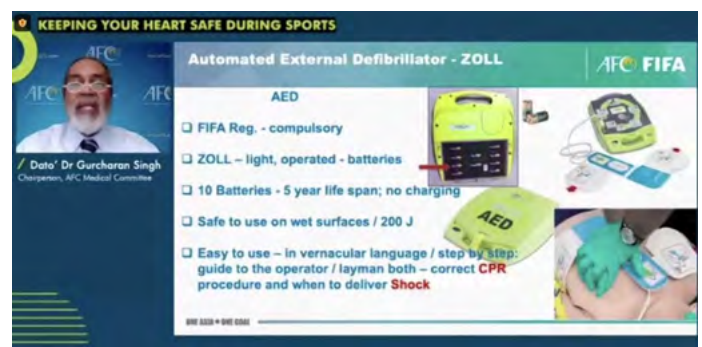
MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING

SAFETY ON-PITCH: WEBINAR ON SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

In November 2021, the AFC collaborated with the ZOLL Medical Corporation in organising an informative webinar on Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), which was attended by approximately 800 participants from MAs, their affiliated clubs and other sports organisations. The webinar, themed 'Keep Your Heart Safe during Sports', focused on the current protocol and guidelines for the prevention

and management of SCA on the pitch or at any sports activities.

Key speakers included the AFC Medical Committee Chairperson, Dato' Dr. Gurcharan Singh, and FIFA Medical Officer, Dr. Jens Kleinefeld, who saved Danish footballer Christian Eriksen's life from SCA at the Euro 2020.



AFC WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP INDIA 2022™

The AFC and the Local Medical Organising Committee (LOC) diligently prepared the medical infrastructure and services during the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™ held from January 20 to February 6.

With the emergence of the new COVID-19 variant Omicron amidst the general uncertainty of the pandemic, the AFC and the All India Football Federation (AIFF) established a biomedical bubble concept during the competition to create a protective environment for all participants and other stakeholders.

Additionally, diagnostic screening for COVID-19 was undertaken throughout the competition. A total of 14,206 PCR Tests were conducted.

In line with the AFC's continuous fight against doping to ensure fair play, doping control was carried out in 13 matches at the competition involving 52 players.



Two players per team in each of the 17 matches were randomly drawn for testing.

COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES AND HEALTH PROTOCOLS AT THE AFC COMPETITIONS

The AFC continues to collaborate with national and international health authorities in ensuring the highest health and safety standards across all its competitions. This has been instrumental and vital to the organisation of matches.

Building on the successful delivery of the AFC Club Competitions and the AFC Asian Qualifiers Road to Qatar in 2021, the AFC continues to further enhance the safety measures for all AFC competitions in 2022 based on the recommendations of the AFC Expert COVID-19 Advisory Group. Hence, the preventive measures, medical protocols and guidelines in place to ensure the safety and health of the participating teams and all stakeholders continue to operate at the highest level.

Strict enforcement and screenings, using the gold standard RT-PCR testing at short and regular intervals for all participants, has limited the spread of



COVID-19 at the AFC's tournaments. It is encouraging to note that from September 2021 to date, a total of 33,723 COVID-19 tests were conducted on players, officials, and support staff at the AFC's competitions. The total number of positive cases recorded was only 717 or 2.1%.

COMPLIANCE

With due diligence and financial governance verifications well established among the AFC MAs and RAs since 2020, the Compliance Department continues to play the 'gatekeeper' role by conducting financial governance checks and ensuring funds under the development grants such as the AFC Financial Assistance Programme, FIFA Forward 2.0, AFC President's Infrastructure and Development Initiatives and the AFC Regional Association Fund are utilised for the purposes outlined and aligned with the stipulated policies and regulations.

With both the AFC ENHANCE Member Association Programme Regulations and Policy and the AFC ENHANCE Regional Association Programme Regulations and Policy in place from 2021-2024, the Department continues to support these programmes by rendering its due diligence and verifications for financial governance in particular through substantiating and enforcing the MAs' Central Audits and Statutory Audits in the funds disbursement stage, whilst simplifying the processes

to ensure greater efficiency and better coordination with the MAs.

The management of payments to sanctioned countries remained challenging in 2021 especially due to the travel restrictions caused by the pandemic.

The Department continued to support and advise other AFC functions such as Competitions, Commercial, Social Responsibility and MA Development in their various payments and dealings with sanctioned countries by upholding the best practices and ensuring compliance with the international sanctions and imposed laws.

The Department also continues to provide its expertise and support to the Finance and Internal Audit Departments in the areas of risks management, which include periodical assessments reported via the Risks Register system to the Audit and Compliance Committee and at the same time, improve and enhance the risk owners' controls and risk mitigation policies, procedures and processes.





FOOTBALL FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



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The AFC's ambitions to maximise the power and passion of the beautiful game to provide much needed support to vulnerable communities across the Continent through the AFC Dream Asia Foundation (ADAF) was further strengthened at the 3rd AFC Social Responsibility Committee meeting on December 13, 2021.

In his opening address at the meeting conducted virtually, Chairperson Zaw Zaw reiterated his gratitude to the AFC, its MAs and RAs for their unity, dedication and leadership in assisting and empowering communities in need, particularly during these challenging times.

Outlining the AFC's desire to enhance its social responsibility programmes across Asia, the Committee examined the existing funding allocation framework of the AFC Champions League 2022™ Competition Regulations and the AFC Asian Cup Organising Association Agreement.

Under the current regulations, the Champion and runner-up of the AFC Champions League 2022™ are required to allocate 5% of their prize monies to the AFC Dream Asia Foundation to fund social responsibility activities proposed by the clubs.

Similarly, under the AFC Asian Cup Organising Association Agreement, the hosts of Asia's flagship national teams' competition are required to provide the AFC with 10% of ticket sales revenue for the purposes of funding the AFC's Corporate Social Responsibility programmes.



As part of efforts to ensure a fair distribution of funds to the AFC MAs and RAs and to facilitate greater foresight in planning, the Committee approved the recommendation to withhold 5% of the prize money from these respective 'AFC Competitions' and have these funds transferred to the AFC Dream Asia Foundation to expand the reach and impact of the AFC's social responsibility efforts.

The proposal was approved by the AFC Competitions Committee and the AFC Executive Committee has ratified the decision to withhold 5% of the prize money for the AFC Champions League™, AFC Cup™ and the AFC Women's Asian Cup™. The approval to withhold 5% of the prize money from the Asian Cup is pending ratification.

The Committee was also informed of the recently appointed AFC Dream Asia Foundation Founding Trustees, and members expressed their confidence in the capabilities of the distinguished Trustees to elevate the delivery of programmes under the Foundation.

Members were also pleased to note the impressive strides made in the area of protecting the wellbeing of children and youth through the launch of the first-ever AFC Child Safeguarding Policy.

Meanwhile, the collaborative social responsibility efforts and ongoing partnerships between the AFC and the Local Organising Committees for both the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia/New Zealand 2023 and the AFC Asian Cup China 2023™ were also introduced.

The Committee underlined its support towards leveraging on the world-class competitions to deliver more meaningful programmes that will leave a lasting legacy in the identified territories.

A full activity report covering the period since the previous meeting as well as those planned in the pipeline was also presented to the members, who were unanimous in their praise of the depth and breadth of the profound programmes that continue to create positive and purposeful outcomes across the Continent.

AFC DREAM ASIA FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The AFC Executive Committee, at its eighth meeting on November 21, 2021, approved the appointment of the AFC Dream Asia Foundation (ADAF) Board of Trustees, or Founding Trustees, upon the proposal of the AFC President who is also the patron of the ADAF.

The Board of Trustees comprises a Chairperson and two members. The Chairperson, HRH Prince Abdulaziz Bin Turki Al Faisal, the Minister of Sports of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and members Mr Timothy Fok Tsun Ting, President of The Hong Kong Football Association Ltd and Major General Khiev Sameth, President of the ASEAN Football Federation, make up the Board of Trustees.

The ADAF was established with the aim of aiding communities across Asia through the implementation of social responsibility initiatives in line with the ADAF's three main pillars of:

- i. Child Safeguarding
- ii. Education
- iii. Social Inclusion



Chairperson

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Minister of Sports, Ministry of Sports, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Member

Mr. Timothy Fok Tsun Ting

President of The Hong Kong Football Association Ltd. (HKFA)



Member

Major General Khiev Sameth

President, ASEAN Football Federation (AFF)

AFC ESTABLISHES LANDMARK CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The AFC's commitment towards fulfilling its duty of care and protection of the rights of children and young people as well as ensuring that football and all its related activities are carried out in a safe, positive and encouraging environment marked a significant milestone with the launch of the first-ever AFC Child Safeguarding Policy on January 12, 2022.

Designed to elevate the safeguarding standards across the Continent, the breakthrough policy reinforces the AFC's ambitions to safeguard children and young people within the AFC's MAs and RAs as well as the larger Asian football ecosystem by creating and maintaining the safest possible conditions for any child or youth through the development and implementation of a robust safeguarding framework.

In addition to emphasising the AFC's statement of intent and outlining the safeguarding expectations and roles and responsibilities of all staff and stakeholders of the AFC, the policy also reiterated the AFC's support of the protection of minors throughout all types of

football and related activities and the concerted efforts to promote the protection of such rights.

With the policy in place, the AFC will continue to work with its MAs and RAs to assist them in developing and implementing their own policy framework in line with the best practices distinctively defined in the AFC Child Safeguarding Policy.

Following its launch, the AFC's safeguarding team will also be continuously working with the relevant AFC departments to access, monitor and strengthen internal processes towards reducing the risks of harm to children across the AFC's programmes and activities.

The policy will further provide the foundation for the AFC along with its MAs and RAs to advance and uphold the highest standards of safeguarding and to create a safe, enjoyable and inclusive environment for children and young people to grow and develop lifelong values through football.

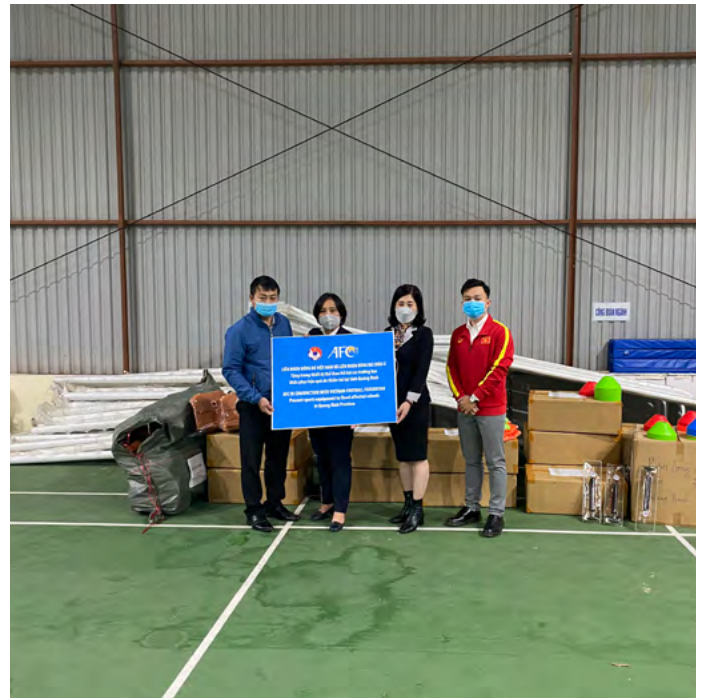
AFC CONTRIBUTION BRINGS JOY, HELPS RESTART FOOTBALL IN FLOOD-AFFECTED CENTRAL VIETNAM PROVINCES

Thousands of football-loving students had a reason to smile after the Vietnam Football Federation (VFF) in November 2021 helped restart the sport in five provinces heavily impacted by severe flooding and landslides.

Supported by the ADAF, the VFF purchased football equipment that included goals, nets, bibs, and markers for 100 schools in Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Quang Tri, Thua Thien Hue, and Quang Nam. These provinces in Central Vietnam had experienced prolonged and heavy rainfall since October 2020, causing numerous casualties and widespread damage.

The VFF had turned to the AFC for emergency relief funding in the hopes of supporting the affected schools, re-establishing football activities and bringing some semblance of normality to students.

The VFF representatives presented the equipment to provincial officials from the Education and Training Department.



COMPLETION OF THE INDIAN BLIND FOOTBALL CENTRE IN NEW DELHI, INDIA



The ADAF continued its work with the Blind Relief Association Delhi and the Indian Blind Sports Association to complete the development of the Indian Blind Football Centre in New Delhi, India.

Despite the major hurdles faced due to the imposed lockdown and the protocols enforced by the COVID-19 pandemic, all pending work which includes the laying of artificial turf, installation of side kickboards and goal posts were successfully completed in October 2021.

The centre will now be able to host any blind football activities along with tournaments for people with differing abilities.

GROUNDBREAKING SAFF REGIONAL SAFEGUARDING SEMINAR

The South Asian Football Federation (SAFF), in collaboration with the AFC, organised its first-ever Regional Safeguarding Seminar in November 2021 which welcomed safeguarding officers from the South Zone to share their vision and strategy to safeguard the wellbeing of children in football.

Themed ‘Safeguarding 360’, the two-day seminar was designed and dedicated to cultivating greater awareness in safeguarding in football while highlighting the progress of safeguarding projects in MAs and providing them with a platform to exchange views on regional safeguarding approaches.

Hosted by the Football Association of Maldives (FAM), the seminar was attended by AFC Deputy



General Secretary Vahid Kardany alongside the FAM President Bassam Adeel Jaleel, the SAFF General Secretary Anwarul Huq and the FAM General Secretary Hussain Jawaz.

Gloria Viseras, FIFA Senior Event Safeguarding, and Marie-Laure Leminuer, FIFA’s Head of Safeguarding Training and Capacity Building Manager, attended the seminar to create regional momentum ahead of the FIFA U-17 Women’s World Cup in India that will adopt Competitions Safeguarding.

More experienced speakers from the Commonwealth, the City Football Group, the Advocating the Rights of Children Foundations Maldives, and Keep Children Safe also shared their global approach to local safeguarding in professional football organisations and the establishment of a safeguarding policy.

At the meeting, safeguarding managers from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka exchanged ideas, insights and challenges faced in their countries and discussed ways to create a safe environment in football.

Participants also agreed on the key priorities for the ‘SAFF Regional Safeguarding Strategy’, a tailor-made regional framework of safeguarding actions to be implemented in the next four years.

CAFA SUCCESSFULLY ORGANISES FIRST CHILD SAFEGUARDING WEBINAR

The Central Asian Football Association (CAFA) organised its first Child Safeguarding webinar in August 2021 to foster greater collaboration among MAs in the Central Zone to promote the importance of safeguarding in football.

Supported by the AFC, the Central Zone MAs joined the webinar which was led by an AFC Safeguarding Specialist who presented the definition of child safeguarding and the importance of education to protect children’s interest and wellbeing.

The workshop also focused on implementing effective preventive and response mechanisms to

ensure a safer environment in the sport.

The Afghanistan Football Federation joined the workshop to share their child safeguarding initiatives including their policy which was drafted in partnership with the British Council.

Additionally, the workshop was also a platform for CAFA and the MAs to discuss and share the best practices in safeguarding as well as the challenges faced.

CAFA will organise more activities in their efforts to help and guide more MAs in the Central Zone to draft and implement safeguarding policies.



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AFC WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP™ INDIA 2022

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AFC WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP™ INDIA 2022

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SERVICES



COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Department was at the forefront of producing engaging content towards the business-end of 2021 and early 2022 as history was made at the AFC Champions League 2021™ and the AFC Women’s Asian Cup India 2022™.

The AFC Champions League 2021™ campaign culminated in a thrilling grand finale on November 23 with Saudi giants Al Hilal winning the title for a record fourth time, contributing to an increase in traffic on the AFC’s website and digital channels.



Two months later, the attention of the global football family shifted to the AFC Women’s Asian Cup India 2022™ where China PR edged Korea Republic to win an unprecedented ninth title.

With the AFC’s competitions making a gradual return, the AFC’s social media platforms in English, Arabic, Farsi and other engagement tools in China PR, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, Korea Republic and Central Asia also performed well.

AFC DIGITAL PLATFORMS

The AFC’s digital channels are Asia’s leading content provider that continuously provide Asia’s passionate fans with a steady supply of the latest news and content related to Asian football.

The AFC Women’s Asian Cup India 2022™ set a new record for the best-ever women’s football coverage on the AFC’s digital platforms as the AFC reached more fans than before by delivering content in Arabic, Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Farsi and Indonesian in addition to the coverage in English.

As compared to the last edition of the AFC Women’s Asian Cup™ in 2018, the AFC’s social media channels grew by a staggering increase of 5,324%, receiving more than 270 million impressions, 17 million

engagements and 74 million video views.

Additionally, there was an increase of 141% on the-AFC.com with more than 390,000 users visiting the website and generating more than 3.1 million page views over the duration of the campaign.

The continuation of the AFC Champions League 2021™ from the Knockout Stage also contributed to an increase in traffic on the English and Arabic websites, receiving more than 2.3 million page views. Fan engagement on Instagram, YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, Weibo, Douyin and Toutiao in various languages resulted in a phenomenal growth of 3.6 billion impressions with more than 337 million video views for the AFC Champions League 2021™.

IT'S MY GAME

The AFC's It's My Game campaign recognises and celebrates the ever-expanding contributions of women in Asian football, highlighting the success stories of individuals who have dedicated their time and expertise towards the development of the sport at all levels.

In the build-up to the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™, the AFC shared several inspiring stories,

including that of IR Iran's head coach Maryam Irandoost, who guided her country's national team to their first-ever Group Stage appearance in the showpiece.

Since its launch, the AFC's It's My Game campaign has reached more than 2.46 million people across the AFC's digital channels.



FACILITIES

The Department has been working towards creating a safe working environment for AFC staff members by ensuring that the AFC House premises continues to undergo frequent cleaning, sanitisation and disinfecting exercises, while incorporating other stringent COVID-19 preventive measures.

The upgrading of the Water-Cooled Package (Air Conditioning System) for one of the Administration Blocks is expected to be completed by March 24, 2022.

The Department is also working towards bringing the project to a successful close and is coordinating with the relevant stakeholders to ensure the timely issuance of the Certificate of Practical Completion.

At the same time, the Department remains committed towards constantly looking for innovative ways to upgrade the facilities within the premises and carrying out regular maintenance work to significantly improve and create a better working environment for all AFC staff members.

EVENT MANAGEMENT & EVENT SERVICES

Against the backdrop of the pandemic, the Event Management and Event Services Departments continued to play a significant role in ensuring the AFC events and activities were staged to the highest organisational standards and provided the best hospitality.

Since the last Congress, the Departments led the organisation of five official draw ceremonies in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, which included the AFC Champions League 2021™ Knockout Stage Draw on September 17, 2021, the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™ Finals Draw on October 28, 2021, the AFC Champions League™ and AFC Cup 2022™ Group Stage Draws on January 17, 2022, as well as the AFC Asian Cup China 2023™ Qualifiers Final Round Draw on February 24, 2022.

Additionally, the Departments also coordinated with the Uzbekistan Football Association to deliver the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™ Final Round Draw in the host nation on February 17, 2022.

Capturing the attention of a worldwide footballing audience, the draws conducted in Kuala Lumpur were held in a vibrant, custom-designed virtual full-scale 3D format, which has grown synonymous with the AFC's competition draws since the start of the pandemic, paving the way for more engaging and immersive experiences for participating teams as well as passionate supporters of Asian football who tuned in on the AFC's digital channels.

As the 'public face' of the AFC, the Departments were also instrumental in ensuring world-class hospitality for all participating teams as well as the larger AFC delegation for the AFC Cup 2021™ Final held in Manama, Bahrain as well as the AFC Champions League 2021™ Final in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

From managing all the logistical requirements to working in close partnership alongside the authorities in the respective host nations, the AFC's renowned organisational capabilities were ever-present across numerous essential operational areas such as accommodation, stadium requirements, the protocols for delegates and the movement of teams



and officials as well as the seamless execution of the awards presentation ceremonies.

Similarly, the meticulous attention to detail was palpable during the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™, where the focus was on ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all stakeholders by working in close coordination with the local health authorities to manage the secure implementation of the bio-medical bubble across all venues in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Pune.

Off the pitch, the 31st AFC Congress 2021 was one of the biggest and most high-profile events on the AFC's calendar. For the second successive year, the Congress was held virtually and a dedicated, user-friendly and customised platform was designed and established for the AFC MA delegates and RA representatives as well as esteemed guests.

Incorporating all the essential features required to facilitate the active participation of all delegates, the seamless verification process, effective real-time updates and improved efficiency drew praise from the AFC's members and guests alike.

Likewise, a conducive, convenient and comfortable setting was created for all members during the 8th AFC Executive Committee meeting on November 21, 2021, at the Ritz Carlton in Manama, Bahrain, which marked the second time the meeting was conducted in a hybrid format comprising both virtual and physical attendees.

Another noteworthy event was the AFC MAs and RAs General Secretaries' Conference 2022 held in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from January 13 to 15, 2022. Similarly, the event was held in a hybrid format with a total of 39 MA and RA Presidents, General Secretaries and Deputy General Secretaries as well as nine speakers and four representatives from the Football Business Academy attending physically while 18 General Secretaries and Deputy General Secretaries attended virtually.

Working behind the scenes, the coordination was executed flawlessly; from the dazzling luminous football structures to the exquisitely-branded collaterals and the state-of-the-art technology utilised to ensure a smooth organisation for the benefit of all participants.

In addition, a series of online sessions under the purview of the AFC Technical Division as well as the

Referees and Professional Football Departments were also conducted successfully. Some of the landmark online initiatives included Technical Panel, development online and Football Project Working Group meetings, Referee Academy modules, the Referees' Recruitment and Selection process and the annual Club Licensing Seminar.

Additionally, the Hotel Procurement process for the AFC Asian Cup China 2023™ marked its latest milestone on December 8, 2021, with 81 hotels shortlisted from the initial Expression of Interest list of 185 across the 10 host cities in China PR.

Due to the travel challenges caused by the pandemic, the physical inspections have been rescheduled to be held between March and May 2022, while the appointment of the hotels for the AFC's flagship men's tournament is on target to conclude by June 2022.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Department continued to place the safety, health and wellbeing of all AFC staff members at the forefront of its efforts amidst

the COVID-19 pandemic by ensuring the number of staff members at the AFC House was kept to a minimum.

PANDEMIC RELATED ACTIVITIES

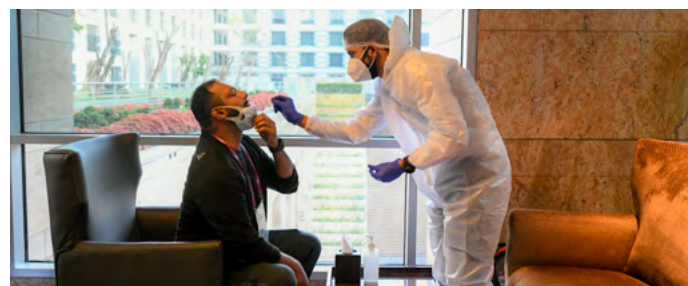
Responding to one of the biggest disruptions to impact the workplace, the Department implemented several preventive measures as precautionary steps to safeguard the safety and wellbeing of AFC staff members and their families. The AFC actively supported the national vaccination efforts with *100% of staff members receiving both doses of the vaccine. Since the beginning of 2022, staff members

were provided with RTK self-test kits for regular use. Staff members were also updated on the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and pandemic-related guidelines as and when issued by the Malaysian authorities and the AFC.

**Except one staff on long term leave*

EMPLOYMENT VISAS AND TRAVEL APPROVAL

As the pandemic continued to impose uncertainties, travel restrictions were tightened and continued to impact the AFC's ability to deliver its competitions. The Department worked closely with the Competitions and Football Events Division as well as the Travel Department and staff members to facilitate overseas travels which were strictly regulated by the Malaysian Immigration. During this period, the Department was constantly



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communicating and coordinating with the Immigration and Sports authorities to ensure staff members were able to travel for overseas business assignments and return safely within the timelines. Staff members' travel to the office was also restricted but with persistent efforts and the SOPs in place, a limited number of staff members were allowed to return to work with a rotational work schedule now being implemented.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

From a larger human capital development perspective, the focus to engage, attract, source and deliver high quality talents for the AFC continued to gain momentum. It has been a continuous journey of ensuring good communication and interaction with key stakeholders, controls for sustainable operations and delivering positive experiences for

HR TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT

Exploiting technology-improvement opportunities for better service efficiency and excellence, the Department actively contributed to the preliminary discussions with HR vendors for the ERP Project, which is expected to go live in the last quarter of 2022. New channels of recruitment were sourced, a careers page on the AFC website established and advertisements via specific targeted websites helped provide a broader recruitment platform and added value in optimising the sourcing process with greater outreach to professionals across the globe.

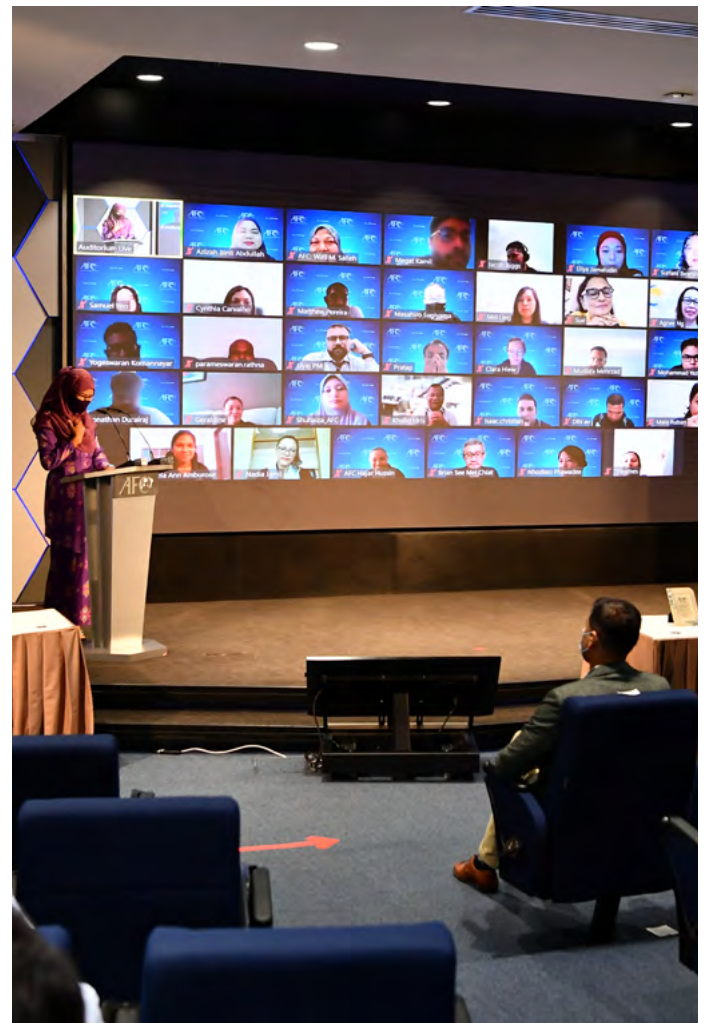
STAFF ENGAGEMENT

With the pandemic creating restrictions on large gatherings, no internal physical functions were organised to ensure the safety of all staff members. Regular news updates were disseminated and the Department managed to conduct interviews and meetings virtually. The Department also hosted a retirement farewell of a long-serving staff member in a hybrid format with the AFC GS and Senior Management in attendance.

Moving forward, the Department aims to explore more opportunities to leverage technology to organise more hybrid format forums to enhance efficiency and achieve optimum benefits for staff members and the AFC.

Additionally, the Department was also in regular contact with the AFC staff members who were unable to return to Malaysia due to lockdowns in their respective countries and worked closely with the relevant authorities to ensure their safe return to Malaysia. Among other benefits accorded were the flexibility of carrying annual leave forward to facilitate the return to home countries, where possible, while extending the option to work from home.

all. The AFC, as with most organisations, has had to address the financial impact to business and implemented a wage freeze in support of the overall cost-savings efforts whilst ensuring all benefits remained the same during the crisis. Additionally, a Human Resource (HR) Consultant was engaged to review C-suite job descriptions and KPI objectives.



INNOVATION TECHNOLOGY & TRANSFORMATION (ITT)

REFEREE APPOINTMENT LETTER FOR COURSES IN AFCAS

Since the last Congress, the ITT Department has added the referees' appointment letter module into the AFC Administration System (AFCAS) to allow

the Referees Department to auto-generate the appointment letters for participants and instructors, enabling a more seamless process.

AFC PARTNER PLATFORM (KIT)

The AFC Partner Platform (KIT) has been designed as the centralised system for the collaboration between the AFC and its commercial partner FMA on matters such as commercial, competitions,

decisions, information sharing, to name but a few. In addition, it also serves to enhance data security as part of the IT Security initiatives underway.

AFC TEAM EQUIPMENT SUBMISSION PLATFORM

The development of the Team Equipment Submission Platform in AFCAS has been completed and currently under the user acceptance test (UAT) stage. When fully operational, it will allow MAs to submit the necessary information, which include the

jersey colours, manufacturer details, dimensions, actual photo attachment files, etc. The approval processes have been implemented into the system as well as the email notification function to ensure the relevant stakeholders are up to date.

AFC SCOREBOARD

The Department successfully implemented the AFC Scoreboard System, which was utilised for the AFC Champions League 2021™ Final in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

AFC CLUB RANKING

The new calculation mechanism for the AFC's club competitions in 2022, which was approved by the AFC Competitions Committee has been successfully integrated into the AFCAS system and is also synchronised with the AFC's official website.



AFC LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (LMS) ABSORB PLATFORM

The Department assisted the Member Association Division with their requirements and plans to establish a digital platform for the AFC Academic Centre of Excellence using a LMS platform. This

is another fine example of how the Department continues to collaborate with other functions within the AFC to improve and identify new business solutions.

ATLAS API

The ATLAS API, which was released in December 2020 continues to integrate with the AFC's official website's fixtures and standings page. With the

launch of the new AFC website since the last Congress, the implementation includes the new club ranking mechanism and standings table.

THE REVAMPED AFC WEBSITE

The Department assisted the Communications Department with the launch of the AFC's revamped website. A major contribution of the Department

was to ensure the secure and seamless integration of the new website with AFCAS via the ATLAS API that was designed and built by ITT.

HOTEL PROCUREMENT AND TENDER PROCESS FOR THE AFC ASIAN CUP CHINA 2023™

The Department also implemented the online system to capture the requirements and questionnaire for all bidding hotels during the accommodation tender process for the AFC Asian

Cup China 2023™. This enabled the Procurement and Event Services Departments to narrow down the selection of hotels for the AFC Asian Cup China 2023™.

AFC VENUE DELEGATE (VD)

With the new reporting module introduced into AFCAS, venue delegates are now able to submit

all relevant reports for the AFC's centralised tournaments.

IT SECURITY

A separate Security Awareness solution has been appointed by the Department to introduce the user awareness programme and training for all AFC staff members. This training is targeted to

take place in 2022 and will be a prerequisite prior to the launch of other security measures that will be implemented throughout the year.

IT DATA CENTRE IMPROVEMENT

In order to improve the IT infrastructure, mainly in the AFC's server room, the Department also worked with the Facilities Department to implement several improvement initiatives. In the first phase, the relocation and arrangement of equipment and racks have been planned and completed accordingly.

To ensure the safety of the server, more monitoring sensors and fire and smoke detectors will be installed and integrated into the Building Management System in the second phase.

ITT STAFF UPSKILLING TRAINING (CCNA, PMP, SIAM, COMPTIA)

As part of efforts to enhance the capabilities of the Department, staff members have been nominated to participate in training programmes across various areas such as project management, network

management and security. The commitment to excellence and continuous improvement will pave the way for the Department to undertake more effective and innovative initiatives in 2022.

AFCAS DISCOVERY PHASE

The Department also took the initiative to conduct an AFCAS Discovery Phase which will help improve the system. The objectives for this are to assist users in identifying the requirements and determine the current AFCAS user experience, and to establish

short-term approaches to expedite the system integration of 2.0 with 3.0. At the same time, the process also facilitates a high-level technical design approach of AFCAS 3.0 and refines the project recommendations for the design phase.

ERP SYSTEM

The Vendor Evaluation, Vendor Commercial and shortlisting of Principal Vendors were concluded in January 2022 and the Letter of Awards has been

issued. The AFC is finalising the Agreement and Scope of Works with the relevant vendors.

LOGISTICS

The AFC staged six competitions in 2021, increasing from the two tournaments organised in 2020 due to the pandemic, which subsequently resulted in an increase of 112% in shipping expenses.

Since the last Congress, the Department has continued to manage the warehousing and distribution of official match balls, ball boy uniforms, and match-day bibs for the AFC Champions League™, AFC Cup™, AFC Asian Qualifiers – Road to Qatar™ and other competitions.

Two express courier companies were appointed through an open tender exercise to manage the outgoing shipments to the host MAs of the relevant centralised tournaments.

The Department was also involved in the logistics operations for the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™, working in close partnership with the Asian Cup Office, the Local Organising Committee and a third-party logistics company.

In preparation for the AFC Asian Cup China 2023™, the Department is planning large-scale logistics operations. A third-party logistics company will be appointed through an open tender exercise to manage the overall logistics of air or sea freight services to and from China PR and warehousing as well as land trucking services within the host country.



TRAVEL

The travel and visa arrangements for the appointed match officials, staff members and other stakeholders involved in the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™ and the arrangements for the AFC MAs and RAs General Secretaries' Conference 2022 in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia were well managed despite the challenges posed by flight limitations and other travel protocols put in place by various countries due to the pandemic.

The task required thorough planning and coordination to provide travel itineraries for the officials which coincided with their respective appointment dates within the set budget limits.







STATISTICS

SOCIAL MEDIA



5,930,946 FOLLOWERS

6.6% year-on-year increase across all four Facebook accounts combined - @theafc.com, @AFCCup, @theafccl, @AFCAsianCup



2,086,112 SUBSCRIBERS

23.8% year-on-year increase of both The AFC Hub and AFC Asian Cup™ YouTube accounts combined



5,826,589 FOLLOWERS

11.7% year-on-year increase on both AFC Asian Cup™ and AFC Champions League accounts combined



2,014,309 FOLLOWERS

21.6% year-on-year increase across @theafc.com, @afcasiacup, @afccup, @theafccl in various targeted languages



5,064,399 FOLLOWERS

245.4% year-on-year increase across @theafchub, @afcasiacup & @theafchub_ir accounts



33,202 FOLLOWERS

19.6% year-on-year increase

Video views

727,288,909 VIEWS

(Facebook, YouTube, Weibo, Twitter and Instagram combined)

the-AFC.com stats:
Users: 9,812,234 | Page views: 29,944,825

**FOLLOWERS ON AFC'S DIGITAL PLATFORMS
INCREASED BY 344% SINCE APRIL 2016**

2016

4,801,156
FOLLOWERS

2017

6,304,312
FOLLOWERS

2018

9,583,216
FOLLOWERS

2019

13,793,052
FOLLOWERS

2020

14,991,506
FOLLOWERS

2021

21,318,094
FOLLOWERS

34

MILLION VIEWS
2016

On Facebook, YouTube
and Weibo combined

238

MILLION VIEWS
2018

On Facebook, YouTube
and Weibo combined

214

MILLION VIEWS
2017

On Facebook, YouTube
and Weibo combined

344.3

MILLION VIEWS
2019

On Facebook, YouTube
and Weibo combined

175.8

MILLION VIEWS
2020

On Facebook, YouTube
and Weibo combined

727.3

MILLION VIEWS
2021

On Facebook, YouTube, Weibo,
Twitter and Instagram combined

TOURNAMENT RESULTS



GROUP STAGE

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	10	8	1	1	15	4	11	25
KOREA REPUBLIC	10	7	2	1	13	3	10	23
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	10	3	3	4	7	7	0	12
IRAQ	10	1	6	3	6	12	-6	9
SYRIA	10	1	3	6	9	16	-7	6
LEBANON	10	1	3	6	5	13	-8	6

SCORE		
KOREA REPUBLIC	0-0 (0-0)	IRAQ
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	1-0 (0-0)	SYRIA
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0-0 (0-0)	LEBANON
SYRIA	1-1 (0-1)	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
KOREA REPUBLIC	1-0 (0-0)	LEBANON
IRAQ	0-3 (0-1)	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
IRAQ	0-0 (0-0)	LEBANON
KOREA REPUBLIC	2-1 (0-0)	SYRIA
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0-1 (0-0)	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	1-1 (0-0)	KOREA REPUBLIC
SYRIA	2-3 (1-2)	LEBANON
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	2-2 (1-0)	IRAQ
LEBANON	1-2 (1-0)	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
IRAQ	1-1 (0-0)	SYRIA
KOREA REPUBLIC	1-0 (1-0)	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
LEBANON	0-1 (0-0)	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
SYRIA	0-3 (0-2)	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
IRAQ	0-3 (0-1)	KOREA REPUBLIC
LEBANON	0-1 (0-1)	KOREA REPUBLIC
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	1-0 (0-0)	IRAQ
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	2-0 (1-0)	SYRIA
LEBANON	1-1 (1-1)	IRAQ
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	1-0 (1-0)	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
SYRIA	0-2 (0-0)	KOREA REPUBLIC
LEBANON	0-3 (0-3)	SYRIA
IRAQ	1-0 (0-0)	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
KOREA REPUBLIC	2-0 (1-0)	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	2-0 (1-0)	LEBANON
SYRIA	1-1 (1-1)	IRAQ
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	1-0 (0-0)	KOREA REPUBLIC

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
SAUDI ARABIA	10	7	2	1	12	6	6	23
JAPAN	10	7	1	2	12	4	8	22
AUSTRALIA	10	4	3	3	15	9	6	15
OMAN	10	4	2	4	11	10	1	14
CHINA P.R.	10	1	3	6	9	19	-10	6
VIETNAM	10	1	1	8	8	19	-11	4

SCORE		
JAPAN	0-1 (0-0)	OMAN
AUSTRALIA	3-0 (2-0)	CHINA P.R.
SAUDI ARABIA	3-1 (0-1)	VIETNAM
CHINA P.R.	0-1 (0-1)	JAPAN
VIETNAM	0-1 (0-1)	AUSTRALIA
OMAN	0-1 (0-1)	SAUDI ARABIA
SAUDI ARABIA	1-0 (0-0)	JAPAN
CHINA P.R.	3-2 (0-0)	VIETNAM
AUSTRALIA	3-1 (1-1)	OMAN
JAPAN	2-1 (1-0)	AUSTRALIA
OMAN	3-1 (1-1)	VIETNAM
SAUDI ARABIA	3-2 (2-0)	CHINA P.R.
CHINA P.R.	1-1 (1-0)	OMAN
VIETNAM	0-1 (0-1)	JAPAN
AUSTRALIA	0-0 (0-0)	SAUDI ARABIA
CHINA P.R.	1-1 (0-1)	AUSTRALIA
VIETNAM	0-1 (0-1)	SAUDI ARABIA
OMAN	0-1 (0-0)	JAPAN
JAPAN	2-0 (1-0)	CHINA P.R.
AUSTRALIA	4-0 (2-0)	VIETNAM
SAUDI ARABIA	1-0 (0-0)	OMAN
VIETNAM	3-1 (2-0)	CHINA P.R.
JAPAN	2-0 (1-0)	SAUDI ARABIA
OMAN	2-2 (0-1)	AUSTRALIA
VIETNAM	0-1 (0-0)	OMAN
CHINA P.R.	1-1 (0-1)	SAUDI ARABIA
AUSTRALIA	0-2 (0-0)	JAPAN
JAPAN	1-1 (0-1)	VIETNAM
OMAN	2-0 (1-0)	CHINA P.R.
SAUDI ARABIA	1-0 (0-0)	AUSTRALIA



GROUP STAGE

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
CHINA P.R.	2	2	0	0	11	0	11	6
CHINESE TAIPEI	2	1	0	1	5	4	1	3
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	2	0	0	2	0	12	-12	0

SCORE	
CHINA P.R.	4-0 (2-0) CHINESE TAIPEI
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	0-7 (0-2) CHINA P.R.
CHINESE TAIPEI	5-0 (3-0) ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
AUSTRALIA	3	3	0	0	24	1	23	9
PHILIPPINES	3	2	0	1	7	4	3	6
THAILAND	3	1	0	2	5	3	2	3
INDONESIA	3	0	0	3	0	28	-28	0

SCORE	
AUSTRALIA	18-0 (9-0) INDONESIA
THAILAND	0-1 (0-0) PHILIPPINES
PHILIPPINES	0-4 (0-0) AUSTRALIA
INDONESIA	0-4 (0-2) THAILAND
AUSTRALIA	2-1 (1-0) THAILAND
PHILIPPINES	6-0 (2-0) INDONESIA

GROUP C	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
JAPAN	3	2	1	0	9	1	8	7
KOREA REPUBLIC	3	2	1	0	6	1	5	7
VIETNAM	3	0	1	2	2	8	-6	1
MYANMAR	3	0	1	2	2	9	-7	1

SCORE	
JAPAN	5-0 (1-0) MYANMAR
KOREA REPUBLIC	3-0 (2-0) VIETNAM
MYANMAR	0-2 (0-0) KOREA REPUBLIC
VIETNAM	0-3 (0-1) JAPAN
JAPAN	1-1 (1-0) KOREA REPUBLIC
VIETNAM	2-2 (1-1) MYANMAR

QUARTER-FINALS

SCORE	
AUSTRALIA	0-1 (0-0) KOREA REPUBLIC
JAPAN	7-0 (2-0) THAILAND
CHINA P.R.	3-1 (1-1) VIETNAM
CHINESE TAIPEI	1-1 a.e.t. (1-1, 0-0) 3-4 PSO PHILIPPINES
AUSTRALIA	2-1 (1-0) THAILAND
PHILIPPINES	6-0 (2-0) INDONESIA

PLAYOFF 1

SCORE	
THAILAND	0-2 (0-2) VIETNAM

SEMI-FINALS

SCORE	
KOREA REPUBLIC	2-0 (2-0) PHILIPPINES
CHINA P.R.	2-2 a.e.t. (1-1, 0-1) 4-3 PSO JAPAN

PLAYOFF 2

SCORE	
CHINESE TAIPEI	3-0 (1-0) THAILAND

PLAYOFF 2

SCORE	
VIETNAM	2-1 (1-0) CHINESE TAIPEI

FINAL

SCORE	
CHINA P.R.	3-2 (0-2) KOREA REPUBLIC





PLAY-OFF STAGE

WEST		
AL GHARAF (QAT)	0-1 a.e.t. (0-0,0-0)	AGMK FC (UZB)
AL WAHDA FSCC (UAE)	2-1 (0-0)	AL ZAWRAA (IRQ)
AL WEHDA FC (KSA)	1-1 a.e.t. (1-1, 1-0) 2-3 PSO	AIR FORCE CLUB (IRQ)
FOOLAD KHOUZESTAN FC (IRN)	4-0 (1-0)	AL AIN FC (UAE)

EAST		
SHANGHAI PORT FC (CHN)	0-1 (0-1)	KAYA FC-ILOILO (PHI)



GROUP STAGE

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
FC ISTIKLOL (TJK) *	6	3	1	2	10	8	2	10
AL HILAL SFC (KSA) *	6	3	1	2	11	9	2	10
SHABAB AL AHLI DUBAI (UAE) *	6	2	1	3	6	6	0	7
AGMK FC (UZB) *	6	2	1	3	9	13	-4	7

SCORE		
AL HILAL SFC (KSA)	2-2 (2-1)	AGMK FC (UZB)
FC ISTIKLOL (TJK)	0-0 (0-0)	SHABAB AL AHLI DUBAI (UAE)
AGMK FC (UZB)	2-3 (0-1)	FC ISTIKLOL (TJK)
SHABAB AL AHLI DUBAI (UAE)	0-2 (0-2)	AL HILAL SFC (KSA)
AGMK FC (UZB)	2-1 (0-1)	SHABAB AL AHLI DUBAI (UAE)
AL HILAL SFC (KSA)	3-1 (1-1)	FC ISTIKLOL (TJK)
SHABAB AL AHLI DUBAI (UAE)	3-1 (3-1)	AGMK FC (UZB)
FC ISTIKLOL (TJK)	4-1 (2-1)	AL HILAL SFC (KSA)
AGMK FC (UZB)	0-3 (0-1)	AL HILAL SFC (KSA)
SHABAB AL AHLI DUBAI (UAE)	0-1 (0-0)	FC ISTIKLOL (TJK)
AL HILAL SFC (KSA)	0-2 (0-0)	SHABAB AL AHLI DUBAI (UAE)
FC ISTIKLOL (TJK)	1-2 (0-0)	AGMK FC (UZB)

* The standing table is based on points, goal difference and number of goals of the teams tied

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
SHARJAH (UAE)	6	3	2	1	9	6	3	11
TRACTOR FC (IRN)	6	2	4	0	6	3	3	10
PAKHTAKOR (UZB)	6	1	4	1	6	8	-2	7
AIR FORCE CLUB (IRQ)	6	0	2	4	2	6	-4	2

SCORE		
PAKHTAKOR (UZB)	3-3 (0-0)	TRACTOR FC (IRN)
SHARJAH (UAE)	1-0 (0-0)	AIR FORCE CLUB (IRQ)
AIR FORCE CLUB (IRQ)	0-0 (0-0)	PAKHTAKOR (UZB)
TRACTOR FC (IRN)	0-0 (0-0)	SHARJAH (UAE)
AIR FORCE CLUB (IRQ)	0-0 (0-0)	TRACTOR FC (IRN)
SHARJAH (UAE)	4-1 (2-1)	PAKHTAKOR (UZB)
TRACTOR FC (IRN)	1-0 (1-0)	AIR FORCE CLUB (IRQ)
PAKHTAKOR (UZB)	1-1 (0-0)	SHARJAH (UAE)
TRACTOR FC (IRN)	0-0 (0-0)	PAKHTAKOR (UZB)
AIR FORCE CLUB (IRQ)	2-3 (1-2)	SHARJAH (UAE)
PAKHTAKOR (UZB)	1-0 (0-0)	AIR FORCE CLUB (IRQ)
SHARJAH (UAE)	0-2 (0-1)	TRACTOR FC (IRN)



GROUP STAGE

GROUP C	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
ESTEGHLAL FC (IRN)	6	3	2	1	14	8	6	11
AL DUHAIL SC (QAT)	6	2	3	1	11	9	2	9
AL AHLI SAUDI FC (KSA)	6	2	3	1	9	8	1	9
AL SHORTA (IRQ)	6	1	0	5	3	12	-9	3

SCORE	
AL DUHAIL SC (QAT)	2-0 (1-0) AL SHORTA (IRQ)
ESTEGHLAL FC (IRN)	5-2 (1-1) AL AHLI SAUDI FC (KSA)
AL AHLI SAUDI FC (KSA)	1-1 (0-0) AL DUHAIL SC (QAT)
AL SHORTA (IRQ)	0-3 (0-1) ESTEGHLAL FC (IRN)
AL DUHAIL SC (QAT)	4-3 (3-2) ESTEGHLAL FC (IRN)
AL SHORTA (IRQ)	0-3 (0-2) AL AHLI SAUDI FC (KSA)
AL AHLI SAUDI FC (KSA)	2-1 (1-1) AL SHORTA (IRQ)
ESTEGHLAL FC (IRN)	2-2 (1-1) AL DUHAIL SC (QAT)
AL SHORTA (IRQ)	2-1 (1-0) AL DUHAIL SC (QAT)
AL AHLI SAUDI FC (KSA)	0-0 (0-0) ESTEGHLAL FC (IRN)
ESTEGHLAL FC (IRN)	1-0 (1-0) AL SHORTA (IRQ)
AL DUHAIL SC (QAT)	1-1 (0-0) AL AHLI SAUDI FC (KSA)

GROUP E	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
PERSEPOLIS FC (IRN)	6	5	0	1	14	5	9	15
AL WAHDA FSCC (UAE)	6	4	1	1	7	3	4	13
FC GOA (IND)	6	0	3	3	2	9	-7	3
AL RAYYAN SC (QAT)	6	0	2	4	6	12	-6	2

SCORE	
PERSEPOLIS FC (IRN)	1-0 (1-0) AL WAHDA FSCC (UAE)
FC GOA (IND)	0-0 (0-0) AL RAYYAN SC (QAT)
AL WAHDA FSCC (UAE)	0-0 (0-0) FC GOA (IND)
AL RAYYAN SC (QAT)	1-3 (1-0) PERSEPOLIS FC (IRN)
AL WAHDA FSCC (UAE)	3-2 (0-1) AL RAYYAN SC (QAT)
PERSEPOLIS FC (IRN)	2-1 (2-1) FC GOA (IND)
AL RAYYAN SC (QAT)	0-1 (0-0) AL WAHDA FSCC (UAE)
FC GOA (IND)	0-4 (0-2) PERSEPOLIS FC (IRN)
AL WAHDA FSCC (UAE)	1-0 (1-0) PERSEPOLIS FC (IRN)
AL RAYYAN SC (QAT)	1-1 (0-1) FC GOA (IND)
PERSEPOLIS FC (IRN)	4-2 (2-0) AL RAYYAN SC (QAT)
FC GOA (IND)	0-2 (0-0) AL WAHDA FSCC (UAE)

GROUP D	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
AL NASSR (KSA)	6	3	2	1	9	5	4	11
AL SADD SC (QAT)	6	3	1	2	9	7	2	10
AL WEHDAT (JOR)	6	2	1	3	4	7	-3	7
FOOLAD KHOUZESTAN FC (IRN)	6	1	2	3	3	6	-3	5

SCORE	
AL SADD SC (QAT)	1-1 (0-0) FOOLAD KHOUZESTAN FC (IRN)
AL WEHDAT (JOR)	0-0 (0-0) AL NASSR (KSA)
FOOLAD KHOUZESTAN FC (IRN)	1-0 (1-0) AL WEHDAT (JOR)
AL NASSR (KSA)	3-1 (1-0) AL SADD SC (QAT)
FOOLAD KHOUZESTAN FC (IRN)	1-1 (0-0) AL NASSR (KSA)
AL SADD SC (QAT)	3-1 (3-0) AL WEHDAT (JOR)
AL NASSR (KSA)	2-0 (0-0) FOOLAD KHOUZESTAN FC (IRN)
AL WEHDAT (JOR)	0-2 (0-1) AL SADD SC (QAT)
FOOLAD KHOUZESTAN FC (IRN)	0-1 (0-0) AL SADD SC (QAT)
AL NASSR (KSA)	1-2 (0-1) AL WEHDAT (JOR)
AL SADD SC (QAT)	1-2 (0-1) AL NASSR (KSA)
AL WEHDAT (JOR)	1-0 (1-0) FOOLAD KHOUZESTAN FC (IRN)

GROUP F	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
ULSAN HYUNDAI FC (KOR)	6	6	0	0	13	1	12	18
BG PATHUM UNITED (THA)	6	4	0	2	10	6	4	12
VIETTEL FC (VIE)	6	2	0	4	7	9	-2	6
KAYA FC-ILOILO (PHI)	6	0	0	6	2	16	-14	0

SCORE	
BG PATHUM UNITED (THA)	4-1 (2-0) KAYA FC-ILOILO (PHI)
VIETTEL FC (VIE)	0-1 (0-0) ULSAN HYUNDAI FC (KOR)
ULSAN HYUNDAI FC (KOR)	2-0 (2-0) BG PATHUM UNITED (THA)
KAYA FC-ILOILO (PHI)	0-5 (0-2) VIETTEL FC (VIE)
KAYA FC-ILOILO (PHI)	0-3 (0-2) ULSAN HYUNDAI FC (KOR)
BG PATHUM UNITED (THA)	2-0 (1-0) VIETTEL FC (VIE)
ULSAN HYUNDAI FC (KOR)	2-1 (1-0) KAYA FC-ILOILO (PHI)
VIETTEL FC (VIE)	1-3 (1-0) BG PATHUM UNITED (THA)
KAYA FC-ILOILO (PHI)	0-1 (0-0) BG PATHUM UNITED (THA)
ULSAN HYUNDAI FC (KOR)	3-0 (0-0) VIETTEL FC (VIE)
VIETTEL FC (VIE)	1-0 (0-0) KAYA FC-ILOILO (PHI)
BG PATHUM UNITED (THA)	0-2 (0-1) ULSAN HYUNDAI FC (KOR)

STATISTICS

GROUP STAGE

GROUP G	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
NAGOYA GRAMPUS (JPN)	6	5	1	0	14	2	12	16
FC POHANG STEELERS (KOR)	6	3	2	1	9	5	4	11
JOHOR DARUL TA'ZIM (MAS)	6	1	1	4	3	9	-6	4
RATCHABURI FC (THA)	6	0	2	4	0	10	-10	2

SCORE		
FC POHANG STEELERS (KOR)	2-0 (1-0)	RATCHABURI FC (THA)
JOHOR DARUL TA'ZIM (MAS)	0-1 (0-0)	NAGOYA GRAMPUS (JPN)
NAGOYA GRAMPUS (JPN)	3-0 (1-0)	FC POHANG STEELERS (KOR)
RATCHABURI FC (THA)	0-1 (0-0)	JOHOR DARUL TA'ZIM (MAS)
RATCHABURI FC (THA)	0-4 (0-3)	NAGOYA GRAMPUS (JPN)
FC POHANG STEELERS (KOR)	4-1 (2-1)	JOHOR DARUL TA'ZIM (MAS)
JOHOR DARUL TA'ZIM (MAS)	0-2 (0-2)	FC POHANG STEELERS (KOR)
NAGOYA GRAMPUS (JPN)	3-0 (0-0)	RATCHABURI FC (THA)
RATCHABURI FC (THA)	0-0 (0-0)	FC POHANG STEELERS (KOR)
NAGOYA GRAMPUS (JPN)	2-1 (2-1)	JOHOR DARUL TA'ZIM (MAS)
FC POHANG STEELERS (KOR)	1-1 (0-0)	NAGOYA GRAMPUS (JPN)
JOHOR DARUL TA'ZIM (MAS)	0-0 (0-0)	RATCHABURI FC (THA)

GROUP H	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)	6	5	1	0	22	5	17	16
GAMBA OSAKA (JPN)	6	2	3	1	15	7	8	9
CHIANGRAI UNITED (THA)	6	2	2	2	8	7	1	8
TAMPINES ROVERS (SGP)	6	0	0	6	1	27	-26	0

SCORE		
TAMPINES ROVERS (SGP)	0-2 (0-1)	GAMBA OSAKA (JPN)
JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)	2-1 (1-0)	CHIANGRAI UNITED (THA)
CHIANGRAI UNITED (THA)	1-0 (0-0)	TAMPINES ROVERS (SGP)
GAMBA OSAKA (JPN)	2-2 (2-2)	JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)
JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)	9-0 (4-0)	TAMPINES ROVERS (SGP)
CHIANGRAI UNITED (THA)	1-1 (0-0)	GAMBA OSAKA (JPN)
TAMPINES ROVERS (SGP)	0-4 (0-1)	JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)
GAMBA OSAKA (JPN)	1-1 (0-1)	CHIANGRAI UNITED (THA)
GAMBA OSAKA (JPN)	8-1 (3-1)	TAMPINES ROVERS (SGP)
CHIANGRAI UNITED (THA)	1-3 (0-3)	JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)
JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)	2-1 (1-0)	GAMBA OSAKA (JPN)
TAMPINES ROVERS (SGP)	0-3 (0-0)	CHIANGRAI UNITED (THA)

GROUP I	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
KAWASAKI FRONTALE (JPN)	6	6	0	0	27	3	24	18
DAEGU FC (KOR)	6	4	0	2	22	6	16	12
UNITED CITY FC (PHI)	6	1	1	4	4	24	-20	4
BEIJING FC (CHN)	6	0	1	5	3	23	-20	1

SCORE		
UNITED CITY FC (PHI)	1-1 (1-0)	BEIJING FC (CHN)
KAWASAKI FRONTALE (JPN)	3-2 (1-1)	DAEGU FC (KOR)
DAEGU FC (KOR)	7-0 (3-0)	UNITED CITY FC (PHI)
BEIJING FC (CHN)	0-7 (0-3)	KAWASAKI FRONTALE (JPN)
DAEGU FC (KOR)	5-0 (2-0)	BEIJING FC (CHN)
KAWASAKI FRONTALE (JPN)	8-0 (2-0)	UNITED CITY FC (PHI)
BEIJING FC (CHN)	0-3 (0-1)	DAEGU FC (KOR)
UNITED CITY FC (PHI)	0-2 (0-1)	KAWASAKI FRONTALE (JPN)
BEIJING FC (CHN)	2-3 (2-0)	UNITED CITY FC (PHI)
DAEGU FC (KOR)	1-3 (1-1)	KAWASAKI FRONTALE (JPN)
KAWASAKI FRONTALE (JPN)	4-0 (2-0)	BEIJING FC (CHN)
UNITED CITY FC (PHI)	0-4 (0-1)	DAEGU FC (KOR)

GROUP J	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
CEREZO OSAKA (JPN)	6	4	2	0	13	2	11	14
KITCHEE SC (HKG)	6	3	2	1	6	3	3	11
PORT FC (THA)	6	2	2	2	10	8	2	8
GUANGZHOU FC (CHN)	6	0	0	6	1	17	-16	0

SCORE		
GUANGZHOU FC (CHN)	0-2 (0-1)	CEREZO OSAKA (JPN)
KITCHEE SC (HKG)	2-0 (1-0)	PORT FC (THA)
PORT FC (THA)	3-0 (1-0)	GUANGZHOU FC (CHN)
CEREZO OSAKA (JPN)	2-1 (0-1)	KITCHEE SC (HKG)
CEREZO OSAKA (JPN)	1-1 (0-1)	PORT FC (THA)
GUANGZHOU FC (CHN)	0-1 (0-1)	KITCHEE SC (HKG)
PORT FC (THA)	0-3 (0-2)	CEREZO OSAKA (JPN)
KITCHEE SC (HKG)	1-0 (0-0)	GUANGZHOU FC (CHN)
CEREZO OSAKA (JPN)	5-0 (1-0)	GUANGZHOU FC (CHN)
PORT FC (THA)	1-1 (1-1)	KITCHEE SC (HKG)
KITCHEE SC (HKG)	0-0 (0-0)	CEREZO OSAKA (JPN)
GUANGZHOU FC (CHN)	1-5 (0-1)	PORT FC (THA)

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WEST		
ESTEGHLAL FC (IRN)	0-2 (0-1)	AL HILAL SFC (KSA)
AL NASSR (KSA)	1-0 (1-0)	TRACTOR FC (IRN)
FC ISTIKLOL (TJK)	0-1 (0-0)	PERSEPOLIS FC (IRN)
SHARJAH (UAE)	1-1 a.e.t. (1-1, 0-0) 4-5 PSO	AL WAHDA FSCC (UAE)

EAST		
NAGOYA GRAMPUS (JPN)	4-2 (1-2)	DAEGU FC (KOR)
ULSAN HYUNDAI FC (KOR)	0-0 a.e.t. (0-0, 0-0) 3-2 PSO	KAWASAKI FRONTALE (JPN)
JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)	1-1 a.e.t. (1-1, 1-0) 4-2 PSO	BG PATHUM UNITED (THA)
CEREZO OSAKA (JPN)	0-1 (0-1)	FC POHANG STEELERS (KOR)

QUARTER-FINALS

SCORE		
AL WAHDA FSCC (UAE)	1-5 (0-1)	AL NASSR (KSA)
PERSEPOLIS FC (IRN)	0-3 (0-1)	AL HILAL SFC (KSA)
FC POHANG STEELERS (KOR)	3-0 (0-0)	NAGOYA GRAMPUS (JPN)
JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)	2-3 a.e.t. (2-2, 1-2)	ULSAN HYUNDAI FC (KOR)

SEMI-FINALS

SCORE		
AL NASSR (KSA)	1-2 (0-1)	AL HILAL SFC (KSA)
ULSAN HYUNDAI FC (KOR)	1-1 a.e.t. (1-1, 0-0) 4-5 PSO	FC POHANG STEELERS (KOR)

FINALS

SCORE		
AL HILAL SFC (KSA)	2-0 (1-0)	FC POHANG STEELERS (KOR)



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GROUP STAGE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
AMMAN CLUB (JOR) *	3	2	0	1	4	3	1	6
SHAHRDARI SIRJAN (IRN) *	3	2	0	1	4	3	1	6
GOKULAM KERALA FC (IND) *	3	1	0	2	4	4	0	3
FC BUNYODKOR (UZB) *	3	1	0	2	3	5	-2	3

SCORE		
FC BUNYODKOR (UZB)	1-2 (0-1)	SHAHRDARI SIRJAN (IRN)
GOKULAM KERALA FC (IND)	1-2 (1-0)	AMMAN CLUB (JOR)
SHAHRDARI SIRJAN (IRN)	1-0 (0-0)	GOKULAM KERALA FC (IND)
AMMAN CLUB (JOR)	0-1 (0-0)	FC BUNYODKOR (UZB)
FC BUNYODKOR (UZB)	1-3 (0-1)	GOKULAM KERALA FC (IND)
AMMAN CLUB (JOR)	2-1 (1-0)	SHAHRDARI SIRJAN (IRN)

* The standing table is based on points, goal difference and number of goals of the teams tied



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PRELIMINARY STAGE

SCORE		
CLUB EAGLES (MDV)	2-0 (1-0)	THIMPHU CITY FC (BHU)
TRIBHUVAN ARMY FC (NEP)	5-1 (2-1)	SL POLICE SC (SRI)
JSW BENGALURU FC (IND)	5-0 (0-0)	TRIBHUVAN ARMY FC (NEP)

PLAYOFFS

SCORE		
JSW BENGALURU FC (IND)	1-0 (1-0)	CLUB EAGLES (MDV)

GROUP STAGE

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
AL AHED FC (LBN)	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
AL WAHDA (SYR)	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
AL HIDD CLUB (BHR)	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1

SCORE		
AL WAHDA (SYR)	0-0 (0-0)	AL AHED FC (LBN)
AL HIDD CLUB (BHR)	1-1 (0-1)	AL WAHDA (SYR)
AL AHED FC (LBN)	2-1 (1-0)	AL HIDD CLUB (BHR)

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
MUHARRAQ CLUB (BHR) *	3	2	0	1	6	4	2	6
AL SALT (JOR) *	3	2	0	1	7	2	5	6
AL ANSAR (LBN) *	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3
BALATA CENTER (PLE) *	3	1	0	2	3	9	-6	3

SCORE		
AL SALT (JOR)	0-1 (0-1)	MUHARRAQ CLUB (BHR)
BALATA CENTER (PLE)	0-2 (0-0)	AL ANSAR (LBN)
MUHARRAQ CLUB (BHR)	2-3 (1-1)	BALATA CENTER (PLE)
AL ANSAR (LBN)	1-2 (1-1)	AL SALT (JOR)
AL ANSAR (LBN)	1-3 (1-2)	MUHARRAQ CLUB (BHR)
AL SALT (JOR)	5-0 (3-0)	BALATA CENTER (PLE)

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GROUP C	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
KUWAIT SC (KUW)	3	2	1	0	8	4	4	7
AL FAISALY (JOR)	3	2	0	1	3	1	2	6
TISHREEN (SYR)	3	1	1	1	8	5	3	4
AL AMA'ARI CENTER (PLE)	3	0	0	3	2	11	-9	0

SCORE		
TISHREEN (SYR)	3-3 (1-1)	KUWAIT SC (KUW)
AL AMA'ARI CENTER (PLE)	0-2 (0-1)	AL FAISALY (JOR)
KUWAIT SC (KUW)	4-1 (0-1)	AL AMA'ARI CENTER (PLE)
AL FAISALY (JOR)	1-0 (0-0)	TISHREEN (SYR)
AL FAISALY (JOR)	0-1 (0-0)	KUWAIT SC (KUW)
TISHREEN (SYR)	5-1 (2-0)	AL AMA'ARI CENTER (PLE)

GROUP D	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
ATK MOHUN BAGAN FC (IND)	3	2	1	0	6	2	4	7
BASHUNDHARA KINGS (BAN)	3	1	2	0	3	1	2	5
JSW BENGALURU FC (IND)	3	1	1	1	6	4	2	4
MAZIYA SPORTS & RECREATION (MDV)	3	0	0	3	3	11	-8	0

SCORE		
ATK MOHUN BAGAN FC (IND)	2-0 (1-0)	JSW BENGALURU FC (IND)
BASHUNDHARA KINGS (BAN)	2-0 (2-0)	MAZIYA SPORTS & RECREATION (MDV)
JSW BENGALURU FC (IND)	0-0 (0-0)	BASHUNDHARA KINGS (BAN)
MAZIYA SPORTS & RECREATION (MDV)	1-3 (1-0)	ATK MOHUN BAGAN FC (IND)
ATK MOHUN BAGAN FC (IND)	1-1 (0-1)	BASHUNDHARA KINGS (BAN)
MAZIYA SPORTS & RECREATION (MDV)	2-6 (0-3)	JSW BENGALURU FC (IND)

GROUP E	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
AHAL FC (TKM)	2	2	0	0	5	1	4	6
FC DORDOI (KGZ)	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	3
FC RAVSHAN (TJK)	2	0	0	2	1	6	-5	0

SCORE		
AHAL FC (TKM)	3-1 (2-0)	FC RAVSHAN (TJK)
FC DORDOI (KGZ)	0-2 (0-1)	AHAL FC (TKM)
FC RAVSHAN (TJK)	0-3 (0-2)	FC DORDOI (KGZ)

STATISTICS

GROUP STAGE

GROUP F	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
FC NASAF (UZB)	3	3	0	0	9	0	9	9
ALTYN ASYR FC (TKM)	3	1	1	1	7	8	-1	4
FC KHUJAND (TJK)	3	1	1	1	4	5	-1	4
FC ALAY (KGZ)	3	0	0	3	4	11	-7	0

SCORE	
FC NASAF (UZB) 4-0 (0-0)	FC ALAY (KGZ)
ALTYN ASYR FC (TKM) 2-2 (2-2)	FC KHUJAND (TJK)
FC ALAY (KGZ) 4-5 (1-3)	ALTYN ASYR FC (TKM)
FC KHUJAND (TJK) 0-3 (0-3)	FC NASAF (UZB)
FC NASAF (UZB) 2-0 (2-0)	ALTYN ASYR FC (TKM)
FC KHUJAND (TJK) 2-0 (1-0)	FC ALAY (KGZ)



GROUP J	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
LEE MAN (HKG)	3	3	0	0	10	2	8	9
EASTERN LONG LIONS (HKG)	3	2	0	1	2	1	1	6
TAINAN CITY FC (TPE)	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3
ATHLETIC 220 FC (MNG)	3	0	0	3	1	9	-8	0

SCORE	
TAINAN CITY FC (TPE) 3-0 (1-0)	ATHLETIC 220 FC (MNG)
EASTERN LONG LIONS (HKG) 0-1 (0-1)	LEE MAN (HKG)
ATHLETIC 220 FC (MNG) 0-1 (0-0)	EASTERN LONG LIONS (HKG)
LEE MAN (HKG) 4-1 (3-0)	TAINAN CITY FC (TPE)
EASTERN LONG LIONS (HKG) 1-0 (0-0)	TAINAN CITY FC (TPE)
ATHLETIC 220 FC (MNG) 1-5 (0-2)	LEE MAN (HKG)

ZONAL SEMI-FINALS

SCORE	
MUHARRAQ CLUB (BHR) 3-0 (0-0)	AL AHED FC (LBN)
KUWAIT SC (KUW) 2-0 (2-0)	AL SALT (JOR)

ZONAL FINAL - CENTRAL ZONE

SCORE	
FC NASAF (UZB) 3-2 (2-0)	AHAL FC (TKM)

ZONAL FINAL - WEST ZONE

SCORE	
MUHARRAQ CLUB (BHR) 2-0 (2-0)	KUWAIT SC (KUW)

INTER-ZONE SEMI-FINALS

SCORE	
FC NASAF (UZB) 6-0 (5-0)	ATK MOHUN BAGAN FC (IND)

INTER-ZONE FINAL

SCORE	
FC NASAF (UZB) 3-2 a.e.t. (2-2, 2-0)	LEE MAN (HKG)

FINAL

SCORE	
MUHARRAQ CLUB (BHR) 3-0 (1-0)	FC NASAF (UZB)





QUALIFIERS

GROUP STAGE

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
QATAR	3	2	1	0	9	1	8	7
SYRIA	3	1	2	0	6	1	5	5
YEMEN	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4
SRI LANKA	3	0	0	3	0	13	-13	0

SCORE	
QATAR	3-0 (2-0) YEMEN
SYRIA	5-0 (3-0) SRI LANKA
SRI LANKA	0-5 (0-2) QATAR
YEMEN	0-0 (0-0) SYRIA
SYRIA	1-1 (1-1) QATAR
YEMEN	3-0 (1-0) SRI LANKA

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	3	3	0	0	9	2	7	9
TAJIKISTAN	3	2	0	1	9	3	6	6
LEBANON	3	1	0	2	4	3	1	3
NEPAL	3	0	0	3	0	14	-14	0

SCORE	
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	4-0 (0-0) NEPAL
TAJIKISTAN	1-0 (0-0) LEBANON
LEBANON	0-2 (0-1) ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
NEPAL	0-6 (0-3) TAJIKISTAN
LEBANON	4-0 (1-0) NEPAL
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	3-2 (3-2) TAJIKISTAN

GROUP C	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
IRAQ	2	2	0	0	7	0	7	6
BAHRAIN	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
MALDIVES	2	0	0	2	0	7	-7	0

SCORE	
IRAQ	4-0 (2-0) MALDIVES
MALDIVES	0-3 (0-1) BAHRAIN
IRAQ	3-0 (2-0) BAHRAIN

GROUP D	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
UZBEKISTAN	3	2	1	0	13	3	10	7
KUWAIT	3	2	0	1	4	6	-2	6
SAUDI ARABIA	3	1	1	1	6	4	2	4
BANGLADESH	3	0	0	3	0	10	-10	0

SCORE	
SAUDI ARABIA	2-2 (1-1) UZBEKISTAN
BANGLADESH	0-1 (0-1) KUWAIT
UZBEKISTAN	6-0 (4-0) BANGLADESH
KUWAIT	2-1 (0-1) SAUDI ARABIA
SAUDI ARABIA	3-0 (2-0) BANGLADESH
KUWAIT	1-5 (0-2) UZBEKISTAN

GROUP E	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	3	2	0	1	4	2	2	6
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	4
INDIA	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	4
OMAN	3	1	0	2	2	4	-2	3

SCORE	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	1-2 (1-0) KYRGYZ REPUBLIC
OMAN	1-2 (0-2) INDIA
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	0-1 (0-0) OMAN
INDIA	0-1 (0-0) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	2-0 (1-0) OMAN
INDIA	0-0 a.e.t. (0-0, 0-0) 4-2 PSO KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

GROUP F	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
JORDAN	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
TURKMENISTAN	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	3
PALESTINE	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1

SCORE	
TURKMENISTAN	0-1 (0-0) JORDAN
PALESTINE	1-3 (0-1) TURKMENISTAN
JORDAN	1-1 (0-0) PALESTINE

STATISTICS

GROUP STAGE

GROUP G	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
AUSTRALIA	2	2	0	0	4	2	2	6
INDONESIA	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0

SCORE		
INDONESIA	2-3 (0-0)	AUSTRALIA
AUSTRALIA	1-0 (1-0)	INDONESIA



GROUP H	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
KOREA REPUBLIC	3	3	0	0	14	1	13	9
SINGAPORE	3	1	1	1	4	7	-3	4
TIMOR-LESTE	3	1	1	1	3	8	-5	4
PHILIPPINES	3	0	0	3	0	5	-5	0

SCORE		
KOREA REPUBLIC	3-0 (0-0)	PHILIPPINES
SINGAPORE	2-2 (1-2)	TIMOR-LESTE
TIMOR-LESTE	0-6 (0-3)	KOREA REPUBLIC
PHILIPPINES	0-1 (0-0)	SINGAPORE
TIMOR-LESTE	1-0 (0-0)	PHILIPPINES
KOREA REPUBLIC	5-1 (4-0)	SINGAPORE

GROUP I	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
VIETNAM	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	6
MYANMAR	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	3
CHINESE TAIPEI	2	0	0	2	0	2	-2	0

SCORE		
CHINESE TAIPEI	0-1 (0-0)	VIETNAM
MYANMAR	1-0 (0-0)	CHINESE TAIPEI
VIETNAM	1-0 (0-0)	MYANMAR

GROUP J	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
MALAYSIA	3	2	1	0	2	0	2	7
THAILAND	3	1	2	0	4	1	3	5
LAOS	3	1	0	2	3	6	-3	3
MONGOLIA	3	0	1	2	3	5	-2	1

SCORE		
THAILAND	1-1 (1-0)	MONGOLIA
MALAYSIA	1-0 (0-0)	LAOS
MONGOLIA	0-1 (0-1)	MALAYSIA
LAOS	0-3 (0-1)	THAILAND
THAILAND	0-0 (0-0)	MALAYSIA
LAOS	3-2 (1-2)	MONGOLIA

GROUP K	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
JAPAN	2	2	0	0	8	0	8	6
CAMBODIA	2	1	0	1	4	6	-2	3
HONG KONG	2	0	0	2	2	8	-6	0

SCORE		
CAMBODIA	4-2 (1-0)	HONG KONG
JAPAN	4-0 (2-0)	CAMBODIA
HONG KONG	0-4 (0-1)	JAPAN





QUALIFIERS



PLAYOFF

SCORE		
INDONESIA	2-1 (1-0)	CHINESE TAIPEI
GUAM	0-1 (0-1)	CAMBODIA
CHINESE TAIPEI	0-3 (0-1)	INDONESIA
CAMBODIA	2-1 (0-1)	GUAM







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