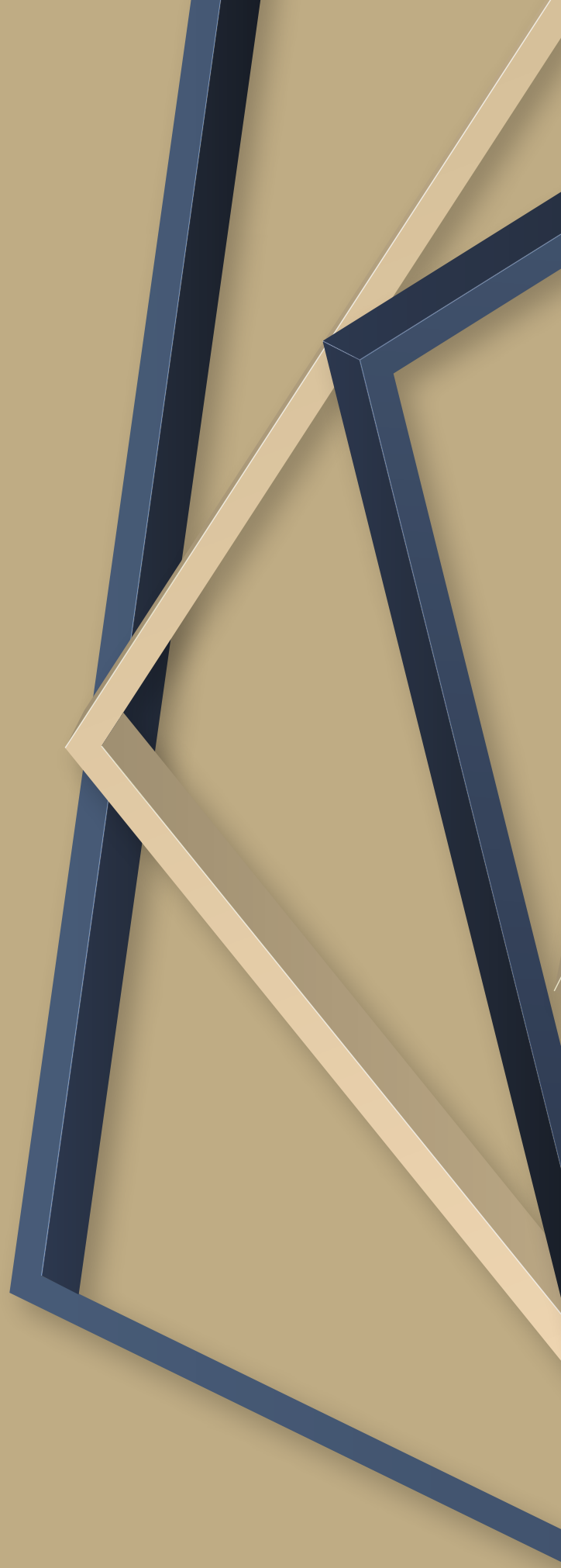


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# INTRODUCTION



A photograph of the AFC President, a man with grey hair and glasses, wearing a grey suit and a blue tie. He is sitting at a dark wooden desk in an office. Behind him, there are several framed pictures on a shelf, a Qatar flag, and an AFC flag. The text "FOREWORD BY THE AFC PRESIDENT" is overlaid in large white letters on the bottom half of the image.

# FOREWORD BY THE AFC PRESIDENT

It is my privilege to welcome you to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Congress in Manama, Bahrain, and to endorse the Activity Report of the Confederation, which underlines the remarkable progress of the Asian game.

And never before has the rise of Asian football been showcased with greater clarity and purpose than with the recent hosting of the FIFA World Cup 2022 by Qatar.

It was only the second time Asia hosted the world's biggest sporting event, and two decades after the FIFA World Cup Korea Republic/Japan 2002, the global showpiece was by every definition a resounding success for Asian and world football.

It was a crowning moment for the AFC and the Asian football family, and I know all of you join me in congratulating the Qatar Football Association (QFA) and the Qatar Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy for staging what will be remembered as the greatest-ever edition of the FIFA World Cup in recent history.

We must also praise the accomplishments of our players and teams as well as our match officials.

Our record six Asian teams – Australia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Korea Republic, host Qatar and Saudi Arabia – produced the Continent's best ever performance in the Group Stage with three sides – Australia, Japan and Korea Republic – reaching the Round of 16 for the first time and our

match officials were also appointed to the third-place playoff for the second consecutive edition.

In every way, our teams and match officials delivered not only the performance of a lifetime, but in doing so, also exemplified the AFC's commitment to fulfilling all of the promises we had set out to achieve through our Vision and Mission.

Qatar 2022 also demonstrated the warm Asian and Arab hospitality widely regarded across the world and we firmly believe that the AFC Asian Cup 2023™ will showcase once again the incredible strides we have made together.

Coincidentally, it was in Qatar that we announced those bold ambitions through our Vision and Mission precisely six years ago, and today we are reaping the rewards that have been made possible by the unprecedented show of unity and solidarity of the AFC's Member Associations (MAs) and Regional Associations (RAs).

It is through this same collective sense of purpose and steadfast commitment that enabled the AFC to complete all our competitions in 2022 in another clear and definitive sign of Asian football's full recovery.

And perhaps the most compelling display of this recovery was the glorious scenes from the AFC Cup 2022™ Final, where close to 30,000 passionate supporters inside the National Stadium Bukit Jalil in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and a multitude of fans across the world witnessed a captivating battle between two first time finalists.

While we commend the success of Al Seeb Club in becoming the first Omani side to lift the title, there is no denying that the true spirit of the competition in providing an unrivalled stage for our developing MAs was indeed our crowning achievement.

Delivering for our MAs and RAs remains at the core of everything that we do. Top level competitions are just one of the many ways of strengthening the foundations for the beautiful game to thrive but there is also an impetus to support our MAs and RAs in reaching the highest administrative and governance standards.

Anchored by this determination, I am heartened to note that the AFC introduced four new development programmes for our MAs and RAs since the start of the pandemic and now we have consolidated the process under the umbrella of the AFC Enhance Programme Regulations.

Regardless of their stage of development - whether they be Aspiring, Developing, or Inspiring – it is the AFC’s aim to raise the standards across all our Members and this breakthrough will enable our MAs and RAs to unlock their undeniable potential.

From technical to refereeing development, I can confidently attest to the fact that our commitment to our MAs and RAs has only grown stronger by the day, propelled by our dream to see Asian football established as one of the best in the world.

And, as with all journeys, it is often wise to reflect on the progress we have made together even as we chart a successful future for the Asian game.

As we approach the conclusion of the 2019 to 2023 term, I must also take a moment to thank my esteemed AFC Executive Committee colleagues, particularly those who will not be seeking reelection at this Congress, for their wise counsel, and exceptional leadership over these past four years.

History will reflect with distinction your incredible contributions to elevate the Asian game, and it is a history from which we draw immense pride and inspiration.

I must also convey our heartfelt appreciation to all our Standing Committees, Judicial Bodies and Task Force members for their selfless pursuit of prioritising the interests and advancement of the Confederation and our Members above all else.

And of course, to all our Members - as a Congress, you have played the all-embracing role of upholding our values of good governance, professionalism, unity and solidarity to ensure that the AFC stands proud as a model leader among Confederations.

The embodiment of these values, which have been demonstrated so consistently time and again throughout the last four years, has paved the way for us to emerge stronger than ever from the world’s most defining crisis in modern history.

And, it is through these entrenched and enshrined values that we look to usher in a new era of unparalleled success for Asian football.

Even as we reflect on the greatest spectacle ever witnessed in the men’s game in Qatar 2022, the focus will remain firmly on Asia as we look to celebrate the rise of women’s football when Australia co-hosts the FIFA Women’s World Cup in July.

Just months prior, Indonesia would have hosted the FIFA U20 World Cup 2023 – the first FIFA tournament to be staged by the nation where the passion for football is ever so palpable that few places in the world can match.

At the same time, the momentum will also shift to the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™, and we have every faith that the QFA and the Qatari Government will stage a true celebration unlike any other edition in the tournament’s proud history.

We look to 2023 with greater hope than ever before because we have all seen first-hand the endless possibilities when a united Asian football family rallies together.

So much has been achieved in recent years - all of which serve as a glowing tribute to our MAs and RAs. Let’s continue to build on our great achievements as we seek to deliver a better and brighter future for Asian football.



**HE Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa**  
 AFC President

# REPORT BY THE AFC GENERAL SECRETARY

I am pleased to present to the 33<sup>rd</sup> AFC Congress the Confederation's Activity Report, highlighting the steadfast efforts of the Administration in achieving new milestones as we seek to strengthen the growth and development of our MAs and RAs.

The full recovery of the AFC's competitions continued to be the primary focus and I am heartened to note that we can now look forward towards building a brighter and better future for Asian football.

It is an exciting future anchored in the confidence of having delivered more than 10 competitions in 2022 during a period that marked the return of several eagerly anticipated tournaments.

Shortly after the last Congress, we successfully organised the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™ and, at the same time, concluded the final round of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ qualifiers across six centralised venues as Asia's top 24 sides sealed their places at the Continental showpiece.

After four years, we also marked the return of the AFC Futsal Asian Cup™ in Kuwait, and for the first time in history, the AFC Women's Club Championship was held across two regions, further underlining our commitment to grow the women's game in view of the expected launch of the AFC Women's Champions League in 2024.

The AFC Champions League 2022™ finalist in the East was confirmed, and for the first time in two years, we successfully staged the AFC Cup™ in its full format, reinforcing the AFC's steady road to normalcy.

Similarly, the AFC also organised the qualifiers of the AFC U20 and U17 Asian Cups, which were both held across 10 venues and, on behalf of the Administration, I would like to convey our gratitude to all our centralised host MAs, our participating teams and clubs and match officials for their unwavering support.

Off-the-pitch, the AFC's ambitions to support and develop its MAs and RAs, as stated in the AFC's



Vision and Mission, have never been greater, and this report illustrates the concerted drive of the Administration in fulfilling our bold aspirations.

More than 20 courses in the Technical areas of Coach Education, Elite Youth, Women's Football, Futsal and Grassroots were organised in 2022 while the AFC MAs have also benefitted from more than 30 Referees' training events, seminars and workshops.

Asian referees – both men and women – have continued to grace the world's biggest stages with more AFC referees overseeing the finals of FIFA tournaments and this was further exemplified with the appointment of the largest-ever AFC cast of match officials to the recently concluded FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

In terms of technical development, the AFC Grassroots Charter, the AFC Elite Youth Scheme, and the AFC Coaching Convention continue to create a lasting and sustainable impact on our

MA's, with many of them renewing or upgrading their membership in the three key technical pillars.

Similarly, since the launch of the AFC Enhance Member Association Advantage Programme and the AFC Enhance Member Association Extra-Time Programme in May 2022, the Administration has been working in close partnership with the MA's to ensure they capitalise on the opportunities to chart their success in this post-pandemic era.

And as part of efforts to strengthen the capabilities of the larger Asian football ecosystem, the initiatives under the AFC Academic Centre of Excellence – the Football Management Certificate and Diploma programmes continue to play a pivotal role in shaping the professional landscape of the Asian game.

And it is through this same singular purpose that we launched the AFC Social Responsibility Strategy 2023-2027. Underpinned by the values of 'Excellence, Unity, Inspire and Protect', the strategy is modelled after the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to ensure that our MA's and RA's deliver programmes that are aligned with global best practices.

Above all, it reinforces the Administration's dedication to uphold the principles of good governance and professionalism as we strive to leverage on the power of the beautiful game to create a positive impact among the most vulnerable communities in Asia.

I am confident that you will agree that the following pages demonstrate an underlying theme: the Administration's resolute commitment to bring to life the ambitions set out in the AFC's Vision and Mission.

Serving as our guiding light, I am pleased that we managed to deliver world-class competitions, strengthened our MA's and RA's, provided top level support for our match and technical officials, and championed football for social development.

And we accomplished all this through our collective efforts to emerge stronger from the most challenging of circumstances. None of this would have been possible without the contributions of our MA's and RA's, so on behalf of the Administration, I would like to thank all of you for your firm display of unity and commitment.

We have shown that by working together we are all contributing to a successful future for Asian football, and it is a future which holds great promise and opportunity.

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Preparations are well underway to stage the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™, and from what we have witnessed during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, the upcoming edition of Asia's crown jewel promises to engage and enthuse millions of passionate fans across the Continent and beyond.

Next month, medical practitioners will also gather in Doha, Qatar, for the highly acclaimed 7<sup>th</sup> AFC Medical Conference before the attention shifts to the AFC U20 Asian Cup™, the AFC U17 Asian Cup™ and the AFC Beach Soccer Asian Cup™ – all of which will mark their timely return after four years.

We will also implement key strategic reforms to the AFC club competitions, with both the AFC Champions League™ and AFC Cup™ transitioning to Autumn-Spring seasons this August.

With the enhanced levels of professionalism in administration and excellence in operations, I can assure you that we have the crucial elements in place to create the best possible conditions for Asian football to thrive.



**Datuk Seri Windsor John**  
AFC General Secretary



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LAOS



PALESTINE



PHILIPPINES



UZBEKISTAN

# MEMBER ASSOCIATION DEVELOPMENT



## INTRODUCTION

The year 2022 saw Asia and the world slowly but steadily return to normalcy following the pandemic. Football too made a swift return with MAs and RAs resuming their activities both on and off the pitch.

Upon the successful implementation of the AFC Enhance Programme, the next step to assist the MAs was to elevate their level of technical development and provide a boost in other areas they deemed an immediate priority.

An in-depth analyses of the financial situation of the MAs was undertaken to determine their financial standing as this was necessary taking into consideration the loss of income faced by most of the MAs during the pandemic.

After a careful review, and with the aim of providing assistance for technical development and supporting other

immediate development needs of the MAs, the AFC launched two new programmes in May 2022:

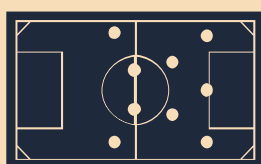
1. AFC Enhance Member Association Advantage Programme
2. AFC Enhance Member Association Extra-Time Programme

The AFC Enhance Member Association Advantage Programme is an annual fund provided to the MAs to hire qualified coaches, technical experts and support technical development programmes. The funding for the programme for each Beneficiary Member Association is up to a maximum of USD150,000 per year with the following categorisation:



I. SALARY SUBSIDIES OF THE COACHING STAFF OF THE MEN'S NATIONAL TEAMS	<b>USD52,500</b>
II. SALARY SUBSIDIES OF THE COACHING STAFF OF THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAMS	<b>USD52,500</b>
III. SALARY SUBSIDIES OF THE TECHNICAL STAFF IN THE MA	<b>USD30,000</b>
IV. OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	<b>USD15,000</b>

The AFC Enhance Member Association Extra-Time Programme is an annual fund provided to the MAs to meet their adhoc and impromptu needs that support their development objectives. The funding for the programme for each Beneficiary Member Association is up to a maximum of USD50,000 per year which can be used in the following areas:



**I. EQUIPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**



**II. AIR TICKETS (ECONOMY CLASS) FOR TRAVEL TO AFC COMPETITIONS**



**III. ANY OTHER FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT RELATED PROJECTS**

**AFC ENHANCE MEMBER ASSOCIATION EXTRA-TIME PROGRAMME POLICY**



In order to benefit from the AFC Enhance Member Association Advantage and Extra-Time Programmes, the MA's total annual income should not exceed respective amounts of USD five million and USD three million in the preceding calendar year.

However, income generated through the FIFA Forward Programme, AFC Enhance Member Association Programme, AFC Enhance Member Association Advantage and AFC Enhance Member Association Extra-Time Programme is excluded when calculating the total annual income of the MA to determine the eligibility for the programmes.

Through these new programmes, the AFC is committed to assisting the MAs in meeting their technical and any other development needs.

The Central Audits of the 2021 AFC Financial Assistance Programme (AFAP) and 2021 AFC Regional Association Fund (ARAF) were conducted in the first half of 2022. A majority of the Central Audits were conducted onsite while the Central Audits were done remotely by the AFC Central Auditors for several MAs who still had travel restrictions in place.

# DEVELOPMENT

## AFC ENHANCE MEMBER ASSOCIATION ADVANTAGE PROGRAMME – USD150,000 PER MA

BENEFICIARY MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS (BMAS) FOR 2022				
ASEAN	CENTRAL	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
 Football Association of Brunei Darussalam	 The Kyrgyz Football Union	 Guam Football Association	 Bangladesh Football Federation	 Lebanese Football Association
 Football Federation of Cambodia	 Tajikistan Football Federation	 Macau Football Association	 Bhutan Football Federation	 Palestine Football Association
 Lao Football Federation	 Uzbekistan Football Association	 Mongolian Football Federation	 Football Association of Maldives	
 Myanmar Football Federation		 Northern Mariana Islands Football Association	 All Nepal Football Association	
 Philippine Football Federation			 Football Federation of Sri Lanka	
 Federação Futebol de Timor-Leste				

## AFC ENHANCE MEMBER ASSOCIATION EXTRA-TIME PROGRAMME – USD50,000 PER MA

BENEFICIARY MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS FOR 2022				
ASEAN	CENTRAL	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
 Football Association of Brunei Darussalam	 The Kyrgyz Football Union	 Guam Football Association	 Bangladesh Football Federation	 Lebanese Football Association
 Federação Futebol de Timor-Leste	 Tajikistan Football Federation	 Macau Football Association	 Bhutan Football Federation	
 Lao Football Federation	 Football Federation of Turkmenistan	 Mongolian Football Federation	 All Nepal Football Association	
		 Northern Mariana Islands Football Association		



## AFC CENTRAL AUDITS FOR AFC FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (AFAP)

Central Audits for AFAP for the Financial Year 2021 were conducted for the following BMAs:

Member Association	Financial Year 2021	Member Association	Financial Year 2021
 Afghanistan Football Federation	Completed (remote)	 Football Association of Indonesia	Completed (onsite)
 Bahrain Football Association	Completed (onsite)	 Jordan Football Association	Completed (onsite)
 Bangladesh Football Federation	Completed (onsite)	 The Kyrgyz Football Union	Completed (onsite)
 Bhutan Football Federation	Completed (remote)	 Lao Football Federation	Completed (remote)
 Football Association of Brunei Darussalam	Completed (onsite)	 Lebanese Football Association	Completed (onsite)
 Football Federation of Cambodia	Completed (onsite)	 Macau Football Association	Completed (remote)
 Chinese Taipei Football Association	Completed (remote)	 Football Association of Malaysia	Completed (onsite)
 Guam Football Association	Completed (onsite)	 Football Association of Maldives	Completed (onsite)
 The Hong Kong Football Association Ltd.	Completed (remote)	 Mongolian Football Federation	Completed (onsite)
 All India Football Federation	Completed (onsite)	 Myanmar Football Federation	Completed (remote)

Member Association	Financial Year 2021	Member Association	Financial Year 2021
 All Nepal Football Association	Completed (onsite)	 The Football Association of Thailand	Completed (onsite)
 Northern Mariana Islands Football Association	Completed (onsite)	 Federação Futebol De Timor-Leste	Completed (onsite)
 Oman Football Association	Completed (onsite)	 Football Federation of Turkmenistan	Completed (remote)
 Palestine Football Association	Completed (remote)	 Uzbekistan Football Association	Completed (onsite)
 Philippine Football Federation	Completed (onsite)	 Vietnam Football Federation	Completed (onsite)
 Football Association of Singapore	Completed (onsite)	 Yemen Football Association	Completed (onsite)
 Tajikistan Football Federation	Completed (onsite)		

## AFC CENTRAL AUDITS FOR AFC REGIONAL ASSOCIATION FUND (ARAF)

Central Audits for ARAF for the Financial Year 2021 were conducted for the following BRAs:

Regional Association	Financial Year 2021	Regional Association	Financial Year 2021
 Central Asian Football Association (CAFA)	Completed (onsite)	 West Asian Football Federation (WAFF)	Completed (onsite)
 South Asian Football Federation (SAFF)	Completed (onsite)		

# ACADEMIC CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (ACE)

## AFC FOOTBALL MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE (FMC)

AFC FMC graduates from two editions inspire to elevate Asian football standards

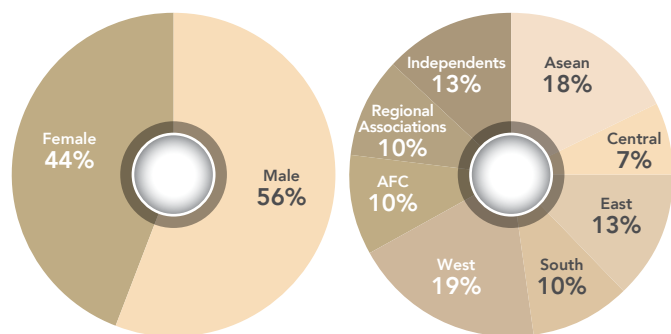
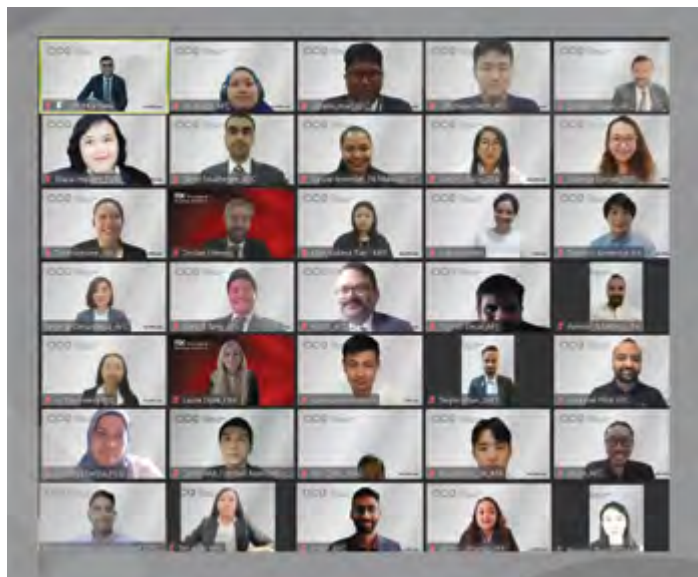
A total of 57 graduates from all five AFC regions underwent two editions of a five-month online programme that instils football-based skill sets and industry knowledge to enable participants to uplift Asian football and set new standards of excellence.

- ◆ 5 Certificates of Distinction
- ◆ 14 Certificates of Merit
- ◆ 34 Certificates of Pass
- ◆ 4 Certificates of Participation

The FMC underlines the AFC’s commitment to provide services that benefit its MAs, RAs as well as the Continent’s football community.

Participants attended virtual lectures and discussions, quizzes and presented business projects, putting in a total of 290 study hours in nine core modules that will allow them to effectively and efficiently oversee daily football operations.

The modules comprise the following:



The FMC was introduced under the ACE, an online education platform launched in September 2021 to develop future leaders.

The first edition of the FMC was introduced in October 2021, while the second edition commenced in January 2022, before a record number of 49 participants embarked on their educational FMC journey in May 2022 in the third edition. The fourth edition of the FMC commenced on October 26, 2022.

## AFC FOOTBALL MANAGEMENT DIPLOMA (FMD)

Three editions of the AFC FMD set to leave their mark on Asian football

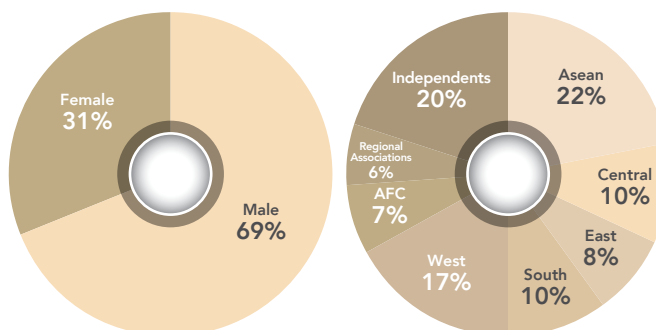
Participants from the AFC MAs and RAs as well as independent stakeholders enrolled in the FMD programme with the first edition commencing in November 2021, the second edition in January 2022 and the third edition introduced in May 2022. The students attend virtual lectures, discussions and quizzes as part of a dynamic, comprehensive 13-month curriculum before graduating in December 2022, February 2023 and June 2023 respectively. Additionally, the fourth edition of the FMD commenced on October 27, 2022.

The sessions comprise 460 hours of study time covering 12 core modules:



The 12 modules will enhance problem-solving, decision-making and analytical skills, which form an integral part of today's business in the sport.

The online Diploma programme was introduced under AFC ACE in September



**These modules are aimed at strengthening participants' understanding of how football management shapes and informs the modern game.**

2021 to develop the skill sets and expertise required by future leaders. The FMD is targeted at middle and senior management of the AFC's MAs and RAs as well as independent stakeholders.





**SUCCESSFUL  
ASIAN TEAMS**

# TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT

Despite the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the AFC, in collaboration with its MAs managed to continue with its technical development initiatives innovatively through the use of online technology.

## A. COACH EDUCATION

### AFC COACHING CONVENTION

The number of endorsed MAs under the AFC Coaching Convention has now reached 40, with the Oman Football Association and the Lao Football Federation being added to the list after their applications at the B Level were approved in May and August 2022, respectively.

There are currently 15 MAs seeking to upgrade from their current level and four MAs seeking endorsement under the Convention. Evaluations are ongoing and assessment visits are to be conducted as part of the application process.



## LIST OF ENDORSED MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

### Pro-Level



Football Australia



Chinese Football Association



Japan Football Association



Jordan Football Association



Korea Football Association



Qatar Football Association



Uzbekistan Football Association

### A-Level



Bahrain Football Association



Bangladesh Football Federation



Bhutan Football Federation



The Hong Kong Football Association Ltd



All India Football Federation



Football Association of Indonesia



Football Federation Islamic Republic of Iran



Kuwait Football Association



The Kyrgyz Football Union



Football Association of Malaysia



Philippine Football Federation



Saudi Arabian Football Federation



United Arab Emirates Football Association



Vietnam Football Federation

### B-Level



Afghanistan Football Federation



Football Association of Brunei Darussalam



Football Federation of Cambodia



Chinese Taipei Football Association



DPR Korea Football Association



Iraqi Football Association



Lao Football Federation



Lebanese Football Association



Macau Football Association



Football Association of Maldives



Mongolian Football Federation



Myanmar Football Federation



All Nepal Football Association



Oman Football Association



Palestine Football Association



Football Association of Singapore



Tajikistan Football Federation



Football Federation of Turkmenistan



Federacao Futebol De Timor-Leste

## AFC COACH EDUCATION PANEL MEETINGS

The AFC Coach Education Panel, for the term 2022-2023, had its first meeting on March 1, 2022, with members being briefed on new initiatives to further enhance coach education in Asia as well as the progress of the AFC Coaching Convention.

In the virtual meeting, the panel was updated on the status of the AFC Coaching Convention, which at the time reached 37 MAs as seven were seeking endorsements and an additional 10 were under evaluation to upgrade their status.

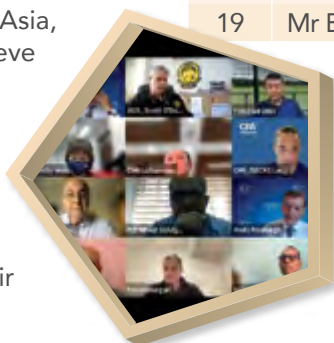
To further expand and develop the AFC Coaching Convention, key targets to further improve the level of education and practical experience that are crucial to raise the standards of football in the Continent were also discussed in great detail.

With the aim of protecting players and the sport, there was also a comprehensive dialogue on the required AFC coaching qualifications, particularly for those applying for technical jobs, attending diploma courses of a higher category or conducting coach education courses.

Among other key topics highlighted include the design of an Elite-Youth Diploma while the panel also reviewed the criteria for gaining AFC recognition to become an AFC Coach Education tutor.

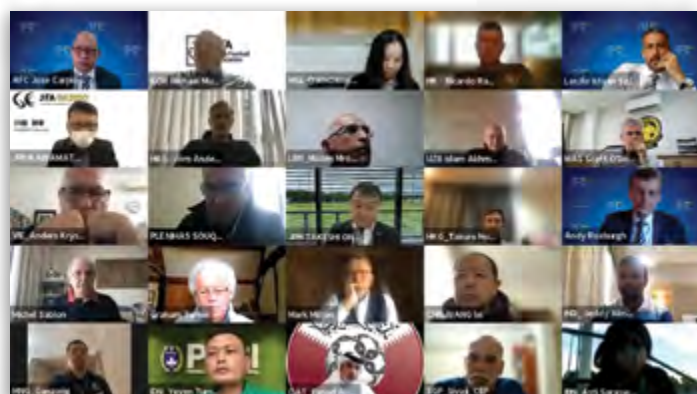
In the second meeting held virtually on September 7, 2022, the Panel was updated on the status of the AFC Coaching Convention and laid out plans to improve coach education in Asia, including the targets to achieve by December 2023.

The panel exchanged views on the ways in which coach education could benefit their respective MAs and achieve sustainability in their



AFC COACH EDUCATION PANEL FOR THE TERM 2022-2023		
No.	Name	MA
1	Mr Trevor Morgan	Football Australia
2	Mr Lars Isecke	Chinese Football Association
3	Mr Li Chunman	Chinese Football Association
4	Mr Kwok Ka Ming	The Hong Kong FA Ltd.
5	Ms Wong Yeuk Ling, Betty	The Hong Kong FA Ltd.
6	Mr Savio Madeira	All India Football Federation
7	Mr Morteza Mohases	Football Federation Islamic Republic of Iran
8	Mr Takeshi Ono	Japan Football Association
9	Mr Yasuhiko Kimura	Japan Football Association
10	Mr Michael Müller	Korea Football Association
11	Mr Scott O'Donell	Football Association of Malaysia
12	Mr Nihad Souqar	Palestine Football Association
13	Mr Yahya Rajeh Alsharif	Saudi Arabian Football Federation
14	Mr Toshev Usmon	Uzbekistan Football Association
15	Ms Chan Yuen Ting	AFC Advisor / Hong Kong
16	Mr Michel Sablon	AFC Advisor / Belgium
17	Mr PN Sivaji	AFC Advisor / Singapore
18	Mr Jose Ariston Caslib	FIFA / Philippines
19	Mr Belhassen Malouche	FIFA / Tunisia

coach education programme. The panel also discussed the plans to further expand and develop the AFC Coaching Convention through initiatives such as establishing an Elite-Youth Diploma, delivering more C-licence courses, and increasing Pro-level members.



## AFC EMOTIONS IN FOOTBALL SPECIAL ONLINE SESSION

As a follow-up from the successful virtual launch of the AFC Emotions in Football Project on December 14, 2021, the AFC organised the AFC Emotions in Football Workshop on March 22, 2022, with 119 participants from 38 MAs benefiting from the presentations of the Japan Football Association (JFA) and the Qatar Football Association (QFA), the first pilot MAs for the project.

JFA's Takeshi Ono, a member of the AFC Emotions in Football Working Group, presented how they implemented the project that includes translating the 'Master of Your Emotions' textbook into Japanese to help players and coaches understand the subject better, and how they developed the educational materials on emotions that were introduced in A-License Courses and Tutor's Courses.

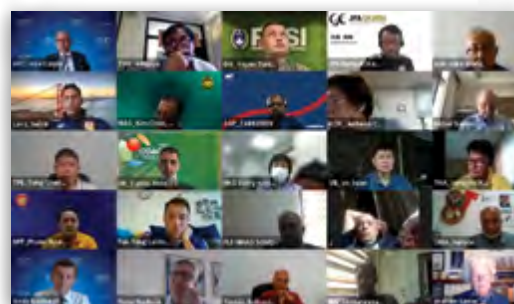
On the other hand, Maria Ruiz de Ona from the Qatar Aspire Academy, who is also part of the AFC Emotions in Football Working Group, shared their more personal approach when managing the emotions of players.

Additionally, topics related to the reasons for football coaches to explore the subject of emotions were discussed in detail.

## AFC COACH EDUCATION SPECIAL ONLINE SESSION

With several Asian countries implementing strict COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines, the AFC once again organised a Coach Education Special Online Session on April 21, 2022, with coach educators from the MAs benefitting from the virtual session.

At least 140 participants from 41 MAs gained valuable insights from former Danish Football Association Head of Coach Education, Peter Rudbaek who emphasised the importance of providing education for coach educators and creating a high-performance environment consisting of staff members alongside other stakeholders.



**At least 140 participants from 41 MAs gained valuable insights on the importance of providing education for coach educators.**

Among the topics discussed were the importance of having a vision and style of football in the MAs, the usage of video analysis, having a plan to recruit coaches at all levels and the benefits of including the latest A-Youth Diploma in the AFC Coaching Convention.

## SUCCESSFUL ASIAN TEAMS



### AFC U23 NATIONAL COACHES ONLINE SESSION 2022

The AFC organised a virtual workshop for U23 National Coaches on September 15, 2022 against the backdrop of the success of the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™.

Participants were given a brief rundown of the salient features of the 2022 edition of the AFC U23 Asian Cup™ such as the venues, participating teams, as well as the final standings before delving into the more technical aspects of the tournament.

The workshop also featured an insightful interview with Saad Al-Shehri, the Saudi



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Arabian head coach whose side were crowned champions at the tournament.

Al-Shehri, who stressed on the urgency of youth footballers getting more chances to play high level competitions against their peers, also laid emphasis on the importance of mental preparation as well as the need for coaches to educate themselves.

The engaging dialogue with the champion side's coach subsequently made way for a detailed conversation with the tournament's Technical Study Group (TSG) members.

The discussion touched upon several factors that had been noticed during the tournament by the TSG such as a distinct change in the traditional role of attacking strikers as well as the impact that defenders have had in scoring, a tendency to play high pressing football, and the lack of goals scored from set pieces.

An informative session was also conducted to discuss some of the challenges that were faced during the tournament which was subsequently followed by an in-depth Q&A session.

## AFC FUTURE FOOTBALL FORUM

The Future Panel Forum, composed of Asian national team head coaches as well as technical personnel from the AFC's MAs, gathered virtually for the first time on June 20, 2022, to discuss new and various approaches to further strengthen the development of football in Asia.

During the forum, the panellists elaborated on ways to further develop and improve the sport in Asia while increasing interest at all levels, shared best technical practices within their own MAs, and discussed the advantages of utilising tactical cameras in competitions and trainings. Other topics were also presented for future discussions and reference.

In efforts to stay ahead of the rapid development of world football, the Future Football Forum aims to find new ways to develop technical advancements by sharing the latest information, new ideas and research, with the ultimate goal of raising the overall standards of Asian football.

## AFC COACHES CIRCLE

The 8th issue of the AFC Coaches Circle was published on the AFC website on July 15, 2022, with a focus on the Development of Asia's Young Talents and the career of China PR's winning head coach Shui Qingxia, who ended her country's 16-year wait for the AFC Women's Asian Cup™ trophy in February 2022.

Other highlights include a follow-up of the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™, Frequently Asked Questions on the AFC Emotions in Football project and updates on three core initiatives - the AFC Coaching Convention, the AFC Elite Youth Scheme and the AFC Grassroots Charter.



## AFC SPECIALISED COACHING COURSES

With more Asian countries easing their COVID-19 guidelines and protocol, the following AFC Fitness Coaching Courses were conducted by several Member Associations from April 2022 to September 2022:

No.	Types Of Courses	Number of Courses
1	AFC Fitness Coaching Certificate Course - Level 1A	12
2	AFC Fitness Coaching Certificate Course - Level 1B	5
3	AFC Fitness Coaching Certificate Course - Level 2A	2
4	AFC Fitness Coaching Certificate Course - Level 2B	1

### B. WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

AFC President Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa said: "The AFC remains resolute in our commitment to advocate and champion the contributions of women towards our beautiful game and never has there been a time in our proud history when the results have been so overwhelming."

"The AFC has underlined its Vision to ensure football remains the most popular sport in the Continent and the promotion and development of women's football plays a critical role in enabling us to achieve our ambitions."



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AFC President

#### AFC WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DAY

The AFC and its MAs celebrated the 8th AFC Women's Football Day on March 8, 2022, as football competitions and activities continued to make a return in the Continent.

Coinciding with International Women's Day, 39 MAs joined the annual celebrations with fun-filled football activities focused on promoting the sport across Asia in a safe and conducive environment. The festivities featured a range of initiatives including webinars, friendly matches, workshops and basic football training for girls, amongst other activities.

Building on the success of the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™, the AFC Women's Football Day reached and empowered more girls through various activities aimed at promoting football and the numerous roles associated with the sport.

More than 29,000 participants, including women's national team players, children, parents, referees and coaches were involved in the 2022 AFC Women's Football Day.



## AFC WOMEN'S FOOTBALL SPECIAL ONLINE SESSION

The AFC Women's Football Special Online Session held on April 5, 2022, detailed the technical highlights of the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™ as participants gleaned valuable insights from the interviews with China PR's title-winning head coach Shui Qingxia and Korea Republic's runner-up tactician Colin Bell.

China PR's Shui took the floor via a virtual interview where she shared her coaching philosophy after guiding her side to an unprecedented ninth AFC Women's Asian Cup™ victory in February.



She further elaborated on changing the team environment following China PR's disappointing campaign at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Korea Republic's Bell also shared his experience of guiding his side to a second-place finish and earning an automatic qualification to the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023.

Bell added there were plenty of positives to gain from the experience in India as they prepare for the global showpiece next year.

The Technical Study Group then shared their key findings from the showpiece, focusing on combination and wing play and playing with high intensity. The standard of goalkeeping was also discussed in great detail with the participants.

## AFC WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP INDIA 2022™ TECHNICAL REPORT

The AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™ Technical Report was published on the-AFC.com on July 15, 2022 and chronicled the showpiece from the technical perspective while presenting in-depth analysis on the 12 participating teams.

Highlighted by China PR's historic ninth victory, each page incorporates informative data, analysis, and at a click of a button, readers are able to easily access video clips to have a clearer perspective of what transpired during the matches.

The technical report also covers the tactical formations and the coaches' point of view when facing different opponents during the duration of the campaign.

China PR's winning coach Shui Qingxia, who as a player remarkably won five AFC Women's Asian Cup™ titles from 1986 to 1997, shared her compelling story in an exclusive interview of how the Steel Roses returned to the pinnacle of Asia's top women's national team competition.

The report provides a detailed analysis by the AFC's all-female technical observers, who presented their comprehensive assessment on popular formations, the levels of intensity and other various technical trends.

The publication also entailed the goalscoring analysis which breaks down the 104 goals scored into different categories while providing important details including opportunities taken from open and set plays.

Additionally, the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™ Technical Report focused on the expansion of the tournament to 12 teams and profiled the key features of each team. The figures and numbers behind the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system, which was implemented for the first time from the Quarterfinals, were also covered.

# C. YOUTH FOOTBALL

## AFC ELITE YOUTH SCHEME



The Jordan Football Association (JFA) was the latest MA to receive full membership under the AFC Elite Youth Scheme with the Al Hussein Sports City for Youth – Polo Stadium recognised as a two-star Academy. Meanwhile, the Hong Kong Football Association Ltd. was successful in its bid to include the Hong Kong FC Academy as a one-star Academy.

Upon assessing the JFA's Youth Development Programme, the members of the AFC Youth Panel were pleased with JFA's evolving youth football system which aimed to maximise the potential of players, teams, and coaches while providing a better pathway in the sport for future generations.

After extensive virtual sessions with the JFA, the AFC Youth Panel assessors concluded that the staff members involved in the JFA Youth Development Programme were well-educated and well-versed with the required



knowledge to identify and develop young footballers. Furthermore, the Technical Development Plan that was presented by the JFA took into consideration all necessary elements required to build a pipeline of elite players for the Jordan national teams.

The Hong Kong Football Association Ltd. (HKFA), which was endorsed by the AFC Elite Youth Scheme in March 2021, welcomed the Hong Kong FC Academy as their third one-star academy after Kitchee Academy and Lee Man FC Academy were afforded the same status in 2021 and 2022 respectively. In the online meeting held between the AFC Youth Panel members and the Hong Kong FC Academy, the latter produced detailed presentations that outlined the day-to-day working of the club and academy. The Hong Kong FC Academy satisfied the criteria of the AFC Elite Youth Scheme and will continue to work towards future improvements.

## LIST OF ENDORSED MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

### 3-Star



Japan Football Association



Korea Football Association



Qatar Football Association



Vietnam Football Federation

### 2-Star



All India Football Federation



Jordan Football Association



Football Association of Malaysia



Tajikistan Football Federation



Uzbekistan Football Association

### 1-Star



Bahrain Football Association



Bangladesh Football Federation



Bhutan Football Federation



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

### Provisional



Mongolian Football Federation

## AFC YOUTH PANEL MEETINGS

The AFC Youth Panel for the term 2022-2023 convened virtually on March 10, 2022 with a sharp focus on expanding the AFC Elite Youth Scheme to more MAs. The virtual meeting started with the 16-member panel from 15 MAs receiving updates on the progress of the AFC Elite Youth Scheme where 20 MAs are currently endorsed as full members including one as a provisional member. Four other MAs are scheduled to be evaluated soon.

Additionally, the panel was also briefed that 10 MAs in Asia are currently endorsed at the one-star level while four MAs are listed under the two-star and three-star levels, respectively. The panel discussed the importance of improving talent identification and expanding the reach of the AFC Elite Youth Scheme with a proper action plan that will focus on increasing membership among MAs.

The members were also briefed on areas of improvement in the AFC Elite Youth Scheme while other topics discussed included providing support to MAs in the delivery of effective and successful youth projects, presenting greater opportunities for technical knowledge exchange and intensifying the analysis of youth competitions.

A wider discussion on creating an A-Youth Coaching Diploma was also highlighted while panel members received updates on the future of AFC youth competitions, AFC online youth sessions and post-pandemic possibilities.

In its second online meeting held on September 13, 2022, the Panel was briefed on the latest updates on the AFC Elite Youth Scheme endorsements with the Jordan Football Association the latest addition to the roster.

In the meeting, the members, aside from sharing their views on the importance of the

AFC Elite Youth Scheme, also discussed ways to improve the existing elite youth structures and development that includes specialised education of youth coaches and the creation of more elite youth competitions.

The members also identified the restoration of technical development post-COVID 19, reaching out to the benchmark MAs to be part of the Scheme, and the offering of guidance and support to the youth development staff of the MAs as priorities for the development of youth players in Asia.

### AFC YOUTH PANEL FOR THE TERM 2022–2023

No.	Name	MA
1	Ms Dower Raeanne Maree	Football Australia
2	Mr Fu Bo	Chinese Football Association
3	Ms Sun Wen	Chinese Football Association
4	Mr Mariano Dias	All India Football Federation
5	Dr Seyed Mirshad Majedi	Football Federation Islamic Republic of Iran
6	Mr Kageyama Masanaga	Japan Football Association
7	Ms Soleen Al-Zoubi	Japan Football Association
8	Mr Choi Youngjoon	Korea Football Association
9	Mr Bassem Mohamad	Lebanese Football Association
10	Mr Mohamed Razip Bin Ismail	Football Association of Malaysia
11	Mr Withaya Laohakul	Football Association of Thailand
12	Ms Letecia C. Bautista	Philippine Football Federation
13	Mr Fahad Abdulla Al Zarraa	Qatar Football Association
14	Mr Mohammed Ameen Haider	Saudi Arabian Football Federation
15	Mr Marcel Lucassen	United Arab Emirates Football Association
16	Mr Islam Akhmedov	Uzbekistan Football Association
17	Mr Park Ji Sung	AFC Ambassador
18	Mr Robin Russell	AFC Consultant

## AFC ELITE YOUTH SCHEME SPECIAL ONLINE SESSION

The AFC Elite Youth Special Online Session held on April 12, 2022, placed a strong emphasis on best practices, challenges and the ways that the AFC Elite Youth Scheme could be utilised as a blueprint to develop youth football in Asia.

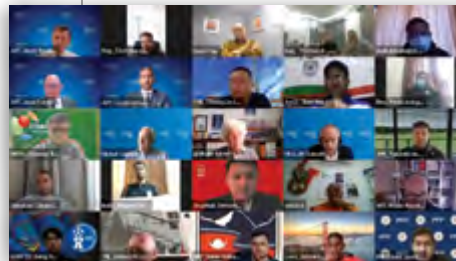
A total of 146 participants from 41 MAs joined the session to engage, interact and share youth development ideas among peers, especially through the engaging interview with FIFA Head of High-Performance Program Ulf Schott, who shared detailed insights into FIFA youth programmes.

Schott shared his analysis of Asian youth football: "At the AFC you have a huge variety of MAs. There is willingness for long-term approach, but it is difficult to implement. Some also feel the need for short-term success and not a long-term process. Use the ecosystem analysis. Start collaborating and working on long-term planning. Use the funding to set up a project management process to work on a long-term project, to build an ecosystem."

He further elaborated on the FIFA Talent Development Scheme, which aims to boost football's global competitiveness and offer

bespoke assistance to MAs to achieve their full potential.

Despite the limitations of online events, a number of MA representatives shared their views on the importance of the AFC Elite Youth Scheme and how it provides MAs with a proper and detailed guide to design a youth programme, including how the organisation of more competitions, upgrading facilities, and producing better coaches facilitate the development of home-grown players.

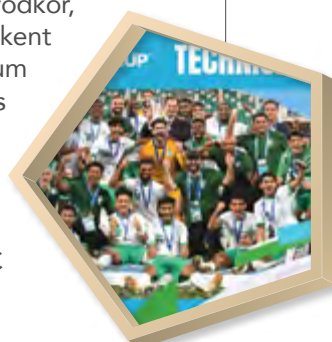


The virtual session ended in an open forum with participants sharing their MA's commitment to youth development, how the AFC and FIFA schemes can assist youth programmes, and the importance of working with former players to enhance elite youth football.

## AFC U23 ASIAN CUP UZBEKISTAN 2022™ – TECHNICAL REPORT

As part of its technical development initiatives, the AFC conducted a technical study of the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™ that was held from June 1 to 19 in the stadiums of Bunyodkor, Lokomotiv and Pakhtakor in Tashkent City and in Qarshi's Markaziy stadium as 16 of the Continent's top sides battled to lift the coveted title.

The Technical Report and the Statistics of the competition, which were published on the AFC



website on September 29, 2022, provides an overview of the tournament with Saudi Arabia winning their maiden title after a thrilling Final against hosts Uzbekistan.

The Report also highlights the technical and tactical aspects of the competition as observed by the AFC Technical Study Group (TSG), including goalscoring analysis and talking points, for the benefit of football technicians. It also provides a glimpse of the refereeing aspects of the competition.

# D. GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL

## AFC GRASSROOTS CHARTER

The AFC Grassroots Charter remains an important tool for the AFC's MAs in strengthening their grassroots movement and the AFC continues to support them in the implementation, applications for upgrading, renewal and new endorsement under the Charter.

The inclusion of the Qatar Football Association at the Gold Level made them the first MA in the West region to be recognised with the benchmark status while Football Australia was successful in its application to renew its Gold Level endorsement in accordance with the AFC Grassroots Charter Regulations 2021.

The Chinese Football Association and Football Association of Singapore are currently undergoing assessments to upgrade their current endorsement to a higher level of recognition, from Silver to Gold while the Football Association of Thailand aims to transition to Silver from the Bronze Level.

Meanwhile, evaluation is currently pending for the application of the United Arab Emirates Football Association at the Silver Level and Football Federation Islamic Republic of Iran and Oman Football Association at the Bronze Level.



## LIST OF ENDORSED MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

### Gold Level



Football Australia



Japan Football Association



Korea Football Association



Qatar Football Association

### Silver Level



Bhutan Football Federation



Chinese Football Association



Guam Football Association



The Hong Kong Football Association Ltd.



Jordan Football Association



Football Association of Malaysia



Philippine Football Federation



Football Association of Singapore



Tajikistan Football Federation



Uzbekistan Football Association

### Bronze Level



Afghanistan Football Federation



Bahrain Football Association



Bangladesh Football Federation



Football Association of Brunei Darussalam



Chinese Taipei Football Association



All India Football Federation



Football Association of Indonesia



Iraqi Football Association



Kuwait Football Association



The Kyrgyz Football Union



Lao Football Federation



Lebanese Football Association



Macau Football Association



Football Association of Maldives



Mongolian Football Federation



Myanmar Football Federation



All Nepal Football Association



Northern Mariana Islands Football Association



Palestine Football Association



Football Federation of Sri Lanka



Syrian Football Association



The Football Association of Thailand



Federacao Futebol De Timor-Leste



Football Federation of Turkmenistan



Vietnam Football Federation

## AFC GRASSROOTS PANEL MEETINGS

The AFC Grassroots Panel for the term 2022-2023 met virtually on March 8 and on September 8, 2022.

At the first meeting, the panel members were updated on the latest AFC Grassroots Charter status and discussed increasing the number of new MA endorsements, increasing the Gold level members and establishing a data collection system for all Charter members.

With the Charter as a catalyst, the AFC Grassroots Panel further deliberated the grassroots strategies that included in-depth analysis of the MA's grassroots situation, campaigns, competitions and the importance of C & B Coaching Licence Courses from a grassroots perspective.

The members also examined concepts to increase mass participation by organising targeted campaigns, fun-filled activities, small-sided games and engaging with more people through social media or high-profile ambassadors.

In the second meeting, the recent achievements of grassroots football on the Continent were highlighted once again and a comprehensive plan for the future to attract wider participation in grassroots football in Asia was discussed elaborately.

Among the highlights of the meeting was the inspiring case study of Australia, which bounced back from the impact of the

AFC GRASSROOTS PANEL FOR THE TERM 2022-2023		
No.	Name	MA
1	Mr Dylan Potter	Football Australia
2	Mr Li Jiuquan	Chinese Football Association
3	Ms Cheri Stewart	Guam Football Association
4	Ms Anjana Turambekar	All India Football Federation
5	Mr Shailesh Karkera	All India Football Federation
6	Mr Nakayama Masao	Japan Football Association
7	Mr Junyoung Kim	Korea Football Association
8	Ms Ihsan Abdallah	Palestine Football Association
9	Mr Mohammed Abdulrahman Al-Hashmi	Qatar Football Association
10	Ms Julie Teo	Football Association of Singapore
11	Mr Rahaf Kroom	Syrian Football Association
12	Mr Uvaydo Davlatbekov	Tajikistan Football Federation
13	Mr Anders Krystad	Vietnam Football Federation
14	Mr Robin Russell	AFC Consultant
15	Mr Chokey Nima	FIFA/ Bhutan
16	Dato' Yap Nyim Keong	FIFA/ Malaysia

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COVID-19 pandemic to show a dramatic increase in the involvement of participants in grassroots football.

The importance of increasing the number of Competitions in grassroots and ensuring that youngsters get the opportunity to play regularly and develop a life-long passion for the sport was discussed extensively during the meeting.

## AFC GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL DAY 2022

Despite the devastating impact of the pandemic on grassroots sport, the AFC once again invited all MAs to unite and celebrate the AFC Grassroots Football Day 2022 as a way of bringing people together to engage with their local communities as well as promoting the physical and mental health benefits of playing football.

A total of 41 AFC MAs of all ages, backgrounds and abilities from across Asia have pledged to join the AFC Grassroots Football Day 2022 to bring smiles and cheers through the unifying force of football.

After two years of one of the strictest lockdowns in the world, Football Australia marked its return to the grassroots game by celebrating the AFC Grassroots Football Day as part of their Female Football Week which included programmes like competitions organised by the MiniRoos Club Football, a network of grassroots football clubs in Australia.

The Bahrain Football Association celebrated the day with virtual events with close to 250 students representing various clubs.

In addition to the eight-month initiative by the Chinese Football Association (CFA), who organised football competition for teenagers across the country from May to December, the CFA also undertook a new direction in celebrating the AFC Grassroots Football Day by introducing their digital collection and distributing 26,666 digital footballs that invited participants to use their basic football skills to compete to win digital football tokens.

Among the AFC MAs, Chinese Taipei, Guam, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Kyrgyz Republic, Laos, Lebanon, Macau, Malaysia, Syria, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste and Thailand all generated huge turnouts with more than 2,000 participants embracing a wide range of exciting activities – including station games, football skills training, football clinics, small-sided games, tournaments, and workshops.

Additionally, as part of its efforts to promote the principles of inclusivity, the Football Association of Singapore focused on Cerebral Palsy Football and Blind Football while the Palestine Football Association promoted the sport among orphaned children.



## AFC GRASSROOTS SPECIAL ONLINE SESSION



The AFC and its MAs continued to promote grassroots football virtually through the Grassroots Special Session titled 'The Priorities'.

Over 110 participants from 44 MAs attended the AFC Grassroots Special Online Session held on April 26, 2022, that focused extensively on some of the remarkable initiatives by the MAs, particularly those endorsed under the AFC Grassroots Charter. In this session, six MA representatives from India, Tajikistan,

Malaysia, Australia, China PR and Palestine shared their grassroots initiatives with the participants.

Moreover, the discussion on the benefits of creating regular grassroots competitions and leagues as well as implementation were among the key takeaways for the participants.

The session closed with an open forum for participants to discuss and share the grassroots initiatives in their respective MAs.

### E. FUTSAL AND BEACH SOCCER

The AFC continued its mission to manage and administer futsal and beach soccer development in Asia efficiently and effectively. The number of futsal activities and course requests from the MAs indicate that the sport continues to be on its road to recovery, and the

AFC will continue to assist the MAs with guidance, support and cooperation in their development efforts.

AFC Futsal Development Online meetings were conducted with the following MAs and RAs from March to October, 2022:



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
**MARCH 17, 2022**



BAHRAIN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
**APRIL 12, 2022**



LEBANESE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
**APRIL 19, 2022**



FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM  
**APRIL 20, 2022**



SOUTH ASIAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION  
**APRIL 27, 2022**



WEST ASIAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION  
**JUNE 1, 2022**



FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA  
**JUNE 2 AND 22, 2022**



FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF INDONESIA  
**JUNE 3, 2022**



NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
**AUGUST 23, 2022**



BHUTAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION  
**AUGUST 8, 2022**

## AFC FUTSAL CLUB DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP 2022

The Futsal Club Development Workshop's main objective is to provide the structure and guidance for the development of futsal clubs. The workshop was aimed at facilitating discussions on the

current state of futsal clubs in Lebanon as well as the general outlook on the administration, marketing, media, coach education, and league operations.

No	Course
1	AFC Futsal Club Development Workshop, Beirut, Lebanon, July 25 – 29, 2022

The AFC MAs were able to organise AFC Futsal Coaching Courses in strict adherence to the COVID-19 guidelines of their local authorities, with some having a combination of virtual and onsite sessions. The AFC Futsal Courses conducted from March 2022 to October 2022 were as follows:



No	Course	No. of Courses
1	AFC Futsal Coaching Certificate Course - Level 1	31
2	AFC Futsal Coaching Certificate Course - Level 2	8
3	AFC Futsal Coaching Certificate Course - Level 3	1
3	AFC Futsal Fitness Coaching Certificate Course - Level 1	1
4	AFC Futsal Goalkeeping Coaching Certificate Course - Level 1	1

As more nations and territories ease their respective COVID-19 restrictions, the AFC is

confident that the development work in Asia will return to normalcy in the coming months.



### Feedback from AFC / Final Remarks

- Futsal Development
- Futsal & Beach Soccer Education
- Futsal Assessment Visit

# REFEREES

## REFEREES AT THE AFC U23 ASIAN CUP UZBEKISTAN 2022™



A total of 63 match officials from the AFC Elite Panel were appointed to the AFC U23 Asian Cup 2022™, in addition to one standby referee and two standby assistant referees. They were joined by nine referee instructors and assessors alongside three fitness instructors, who provided the match officials with the highest level of training, support and preparation.

The focus was placed firmly on promising referees, who were recently added to the AFC's Elite Panel, to gain valuable experience in the AFC's age-group competitions.

Further, two referees from the AFC Referee Academy – Alex King of Australia and Rustam Lutfullin of Uzbekistan – were appointed to an AFC competition for the first time, underlining the strength of the AFC's refereeing development programmes.

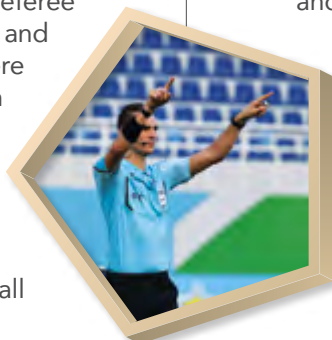
The Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system was also fully utilised for all

32 matches in the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™ after its debut in Thailand in 2020.

In preparation for the competition, a VAR course was conducted in March 2022 to improve and refresh match officials' knowledge and understanding of the VAR system as well as evaluating their abilities.

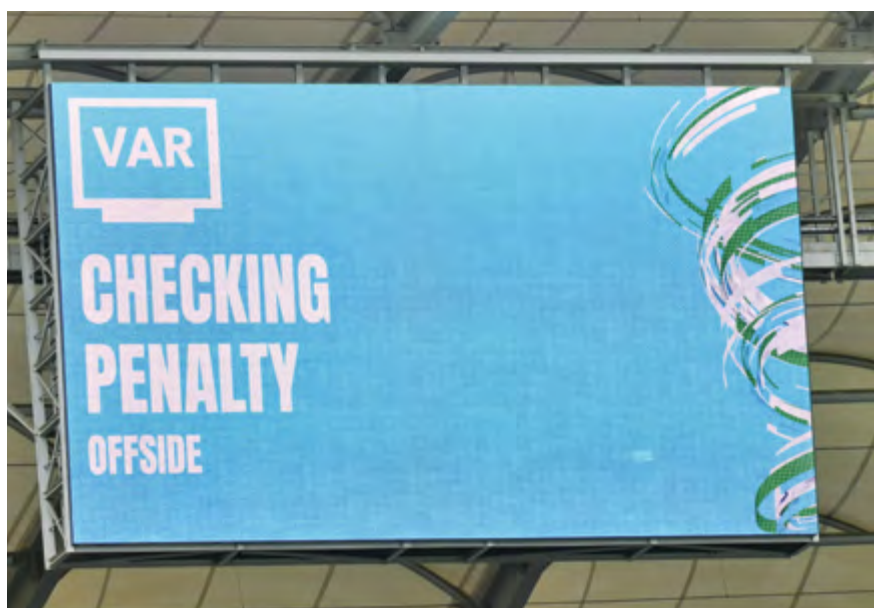
The match officials also participated in a five-day preparatory course between May 27 to 31, 2022 to ensure their readiness for matches. The course consisted of theoretical sessions in the classroom, fitness checks, and practical sessions. VAR Simulator and Mobile VAR (MVAR) training was also conducted to prepare the referees in advance prior to the implementation of the latest technology.

Additional training was arranged throughout the duration of the competition, ensuring all match officials were ready to perform at the highest standards.



The VAR system in numbers:

- ◆ A total of **30 reviews** in 32 matches (an average of **0.94 reviews per match**):
  - ◆ 24 On-field Reviews (OFR): 20 decisions changed, four confirmed
  - ◆ Six Only-VAR Reviews (OVAR): six decisions changed
  
- ◆ A total of **13 penalty area incidents** were reviewed:
  - ◆ Six penalty kicks were awarded after VAR reviews
  - ◆ Four penalty kicks awarded by the referee were cancelled after VAR reviews
  - ◆ Two penalty kicks were cancelled after VAR reviews due to offences in the Attacking Possession Phase (APP)
  - ◆ One no-penalty decision was confirmed after a VAR review
  
- ◆ A total of **six goals** were reviewed among **85 goals** scored:
  - ◆ Four goals were disallowed after VAR reviews
  - ◆ One penalty kick was ordered to be retaken after encroachment by the goalkeeper
  - ◆ One originally disallowed goal was awarded after a VAR review

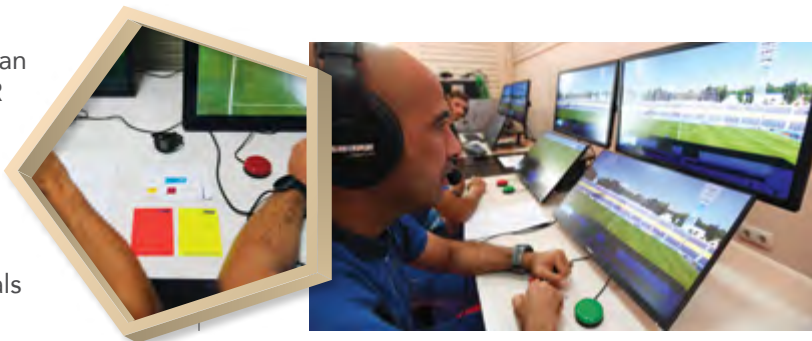


- ◆ A total of **10 potential red card incidents** were reviewed by the VAR:
  - ◆ Five red cards were given after VAR reviews
  - ◆ Three red card decisions were maintained after VAR reviews
  - ◆ One possible red card incident was reviewed following which the yellow card originally given was rescinded and shown to the opposing player after a VAR review
  - ◆ One red card was rescinded after a VAR review

VAR REVIEWS	TOTAL	Decisions Changed	Decisions Confirmed
<b>TOTAL REVIEWS</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>
On-field reviews	24	20	4
Only-VAR reviews	6	6	0
<b>Penalty Area Incidents</b> reviewed	13	12	1
<b>Goals</b> reviewed	5	5	0
<b>Encroachment by GK</b> in PK reviewed	1	1	0
Potential <b>red card incidents</b> reviewed	10	7	3
<b>Mistaken identity</b> situations reviewed	1	1	0
Average reviews per match	0.94		
1 review every # matches	1.07		

## VAR IN AFC COMPETITIONS

In addition to the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™, the VAR system was also implemented in selected AFC Asian Qualifiers™ - Road to Qatar Final Round matches. A total of 55 matches utilised VAR with 77 match officials, including 24 Video Match Officials (VMOs) appointed to the qualifiers.



VAR REVIEWS	TOTAL	Decisions Changed	Decisions Confirmed
<b>TOTAL REVIEWS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>
On-field Reviews	18	13	5
Only-VAR Reviews	3	3	0
<b>Penalty Area Incidents</b> reviewed	12	8	4
<b>Goals</b> reviewed	8	7	1
<b>Encroachment by GK</b> in PK reviewed	0	0	0
Potential <b>red card incidents</b> reviewed	1	1	0
<b>Mistaken identity</b> situations reviewed	0	0	0
Average reviews per match	0.38		
1 review every # matches	2.62		



◆ A total of **21 reviews** in 55 matches (an average of **0.38 reviews per match**):

- ◆ 18 On-field Reviews (OFR): 13 decisions changed, with five confirmed
- ◆ Three Only-VAR Reviews (OVAR): three decisions changed

◆ A total of **12 penalty area incidents** were reviewed:

- ◆ Six penalty kicks were awarded after VAR reviews
- ◆ Two penalty kicks awarded by the referee were cancelled after VAR reviews
- ◆ Four no-penalty decisions were confirmed after VAR reviews

◆ A total of **eight goals** were reviewed from **127 goals** scored:

- ◆ Five goals originally awarded by the referee were disallowed after VAR reviews
- ◆ Two goals originally disallowed were awarded after VAR reviews
- ◆ One goal was confirmed after a VAR review

◆ A total of **One potential red card incident** was reviewed by VAR:

- ◆ One red card was rescinded after a VAR review

## SUMMARY



AFC U23 ASIAN CUP UZBEKISTAN 2022™	AFC ASIAN QUALIFIERS™ - ROAD TO QATAR FINAL ROUND
<b>VAR interventions</b>	
<b>24</b> ON-FIELD REVIEWS	<b>18</b> ON-FIELD REVIEWS
<b>6</b> ONLY-VAR REVIEWS	<b>3</b> ONLY-VAR REVIEWS
<b>Average VAR interventions</b>	
<b>1</b> EVERY <b>1.07</b> MATCHES	<b>1</b> EVERY <b>2.62</b> MATCHES

Further, seven AFC Champions League 2022™ East Knockout Stage matches utilised VAR. A total of three reviews occurred (an average of one review every 2.33 matches):

- ◆ Three On-field Reviews (OFR) and zero Only-VAR reviews
- ◆ Two decisions were changed, and one was confirmed

## FEMALE MATCH OFFICIALS IN AFC MEN’S COMPETITIONS


In April 2022, Japan’s Yoshimi Yamashita made history as the first female Referee to take charge of an AFC Champions League™ match when she officiated the Melbourne City FC vs Jeonnam Dragons match in Group G.

Alongside Assistant Referees Makoto Bozono and Naomi Teshirogi, the trio became the first all-female cast to oversee the highest level of Asian men’s club football, having made similar history in an AFC Cup™ fixture in 2019.

Assistant Referee Kim Kyoung Min from the Korea Republic was also appointed to the competition, officiating the Group J match between Kitchee SC and Chiangrai United.

Joining them was Australian Referee Casey Reibelt, who officiated the AFC Cup™ match between Hougang United and Phnom Penh Crown FC alongside Assistant Referee Heba Saadieh from Palestine. The duo also featured in the



2022 MAURICE REVELLO TOURNAMENT	
Referees	Assistant Referees
Casey Reibelt (AUS)	Makoto Bozono (JPN)
Yoshimi Yamashita (JPN)	Naomi Teshirogi (JPN)
Oh Hyeon Jeong (KOR)	Kim Kyoung Min (KOR)
	Lee Seul Gi (KOR)
	Ramina Tsoi (KGZ)
	Heba Saadieh (PLE)



match between Viettel FC and Hougang United, with Reibelt appointed as the Fourth Official.

Additionally, all six female match officials were appointed for the men's 2022 Maurice Revello Tournament which was held in collaboration with FIFA in Toulon, France, from May 29 to June 12, 2022. Korea Republic's Oh Hyeon Jeong and Lee Seul Gi and Ramina Tsoi from Kyrgyz Republic were also appointed to the all-female refereeing delegation.

Yamashita, Bozono and Teshirogi took charge of the Semi-final match between France and Mexico while Reibelt officiated the third place Play-off match between Colombia and Mexico alongside Assistant Referees Kim and Saadieh.

Similarly, two female futsal referees joined the AFC Futsal Asian Cup Kuwait 2022™ delegation of match officials. Gelareh Nazemideylami and Zari Fathi from the Islamic Republic of Iran were among 22 referees appointed for the competition from September 27 to October 8, 2022.



## AFC WOMEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 2022™ – PILOT TOURNAMENT

The AFC Women's Club Championship 2022™ – Pilot Tournament, held across the East and West regions, provided 14 match officials with the opportunity to officiate in the matches held between August 15 to 23.

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## AFC MATCH OFFICIALS ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

The largest contingent ever of AFC match officials was appointed to the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 with Japan's Yoshimi Yamashita in the limelight as one of the first female referees selected.

A total of 19 match officials were selected from Asia (three more than Russia 2018), reinforcing the AFC's position to nurture world-renowned referees in the Continent.



FIFA WORLD CUP QATAR 2022		
Referees	Assistant Referees	VMOs
Chris Beath (AUS)	Ashley Beecham (AUS)	Shaun Evans (AUS)
Ma Ning (CHN)	Anton Shchetinin (AUS)	Abdulla Al Marri (QAT)
Alireza Faghani (IRN)	Cao Yi (CHN)	Muhammad Taqi (SGP)
Yoshimi Yamashita (JPN)	Shi Xiang (CHN)	
Abdulrahman Al-Jassim (QAT)	Mohammadreza Abolfazli (IRN)	
Mohammed Abdulla Hassan Mohamed (UAE)	Mohammadreza Mansouri (IRN)	
	Saoud Al-Maqaleh (QAT)	
	Taleb Al-Marri (QAT)	
	Hasan Al-Mahri (UAE)	
	Mohamed Al-Hammadi (UAE)	



The AFC was also well represented by its world-class female match officials at the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Costa Rica 2022 from August 10 to 28. In total, eight match officials - two referees, four assistant referees and two video match officials – from five AFC MAs were appointed to the global showpiece. The AFC referees were among 54 match officials selected from five other Confederations.

Referees Kim Yu Jeong and Lara Lee both officiated two Group Stage matches before Kim was appointed for the Quarter-final match between Spain and Mexico alongside Assistant Referees Ramina Tsoi and Park Mi Suk. Australian Lara Lee was appointed as the Fourth Official with Heba Saadieh of the Palestine as the Reserve Assistant Referee.

### FIFA U-20 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP COSTA RICA 2022

Referees	Assistant Referees	VMOs
Lara Lee (AUS)	Park Mi Suk (KOR)	Kate Jacewicz (AUS)
Kim Yu Jeong (KOR)	Ramina Tsoi (KGZ)	Sarah Ho (AUS)
	Heba Saadieh (PLE)	
	Truong Thi Le Trinh (VIE)	

Additionally, the AFC was further represented by its match officials at the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup India 2022 from October 11 to 30. A total of 14 match officials were appointed to the competition, with three referees, six assistant referees and five video match officials representing seven MAs.



### FIFA U-17 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP INDIA 2022

Referees	Assistant Referees	VMOs
Oh Hyeon Jeong (KOR)	Joanna Charaktis (AUS)	Casey Reibelt (AUS)
Pansa Chaisanit (THA)	Fang Yan (CHN)	Lara Lee (AUS)
Edita Mirabidova (UZB)	Xie Lijun (CHN)	Hanna Hattab (SYR)
	Nuannid Donjangreed (THA)	Sivakorn Pu-Udom (THA)
	Supawan Hinthong (THA)	Omar Mohamed Al Ali (UAE)
	Kristina Sereda (UZB)	



The AFC's talented match officials also made their mark in the following regional competitions in 2022:

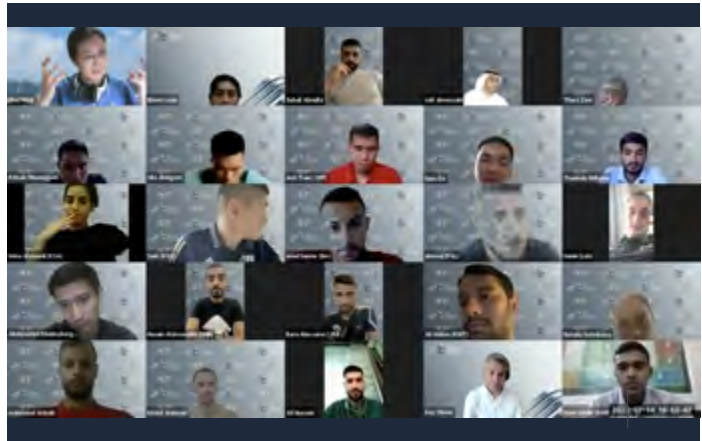
- Hanoi 2021 Southeast Asian Games** – the competition ran between May 6 to May 23, 2022 and featured 62 AFC match officials for the football and futsal competitions in addition to the 13 referee instructors/assessors.
- 2022 EAFF E-1 Football Championship** – featured 11 men and as many female match officials and two referee instructor/assessors in the campaign held from July 16 to 28.

## AFC REFEREE ACADEMY

In 2022, a record number of 51 participants in Batch 4 began their journey in the AFC Referee Academy with a virtual opening ceremony held on March 21. The first Introductory Module followed in April with a number of lectures and tutorial sessions conducted throughout the year.

Similarly, referees in Batches 2 and 3 continued their programmes, undertaking more advanced sessions led by the AFC’s team of Academy Educators.

Topics covered in 2022 include:



 <p>STAMPING YOUR AUTHORITY ON THE GAME</p>	 <p>PARKING DECISIONS</p>	 <p>GAME EMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING</p>	 <p>HIGH PERFORMANCE PREPARATION</p>	 <p>REFEREEING AS A GAME MANAGER</p>
 <p>CONFIDENCE AND SIGNATURE STRENGTHS</p>	 <p>SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY</p>	 <p>OFFICIATING WITH RESILIENCE</p>	 <p>COMMUNICATION AND TEAMWORK</p>	



In July 2022, participants from all batches sat for a mid-term online assessment to allow the Academy Educators to understand and evaluate each referee’s knowledge and understanding of the completed topics.

The online modules continued in August 2022 and were followed by the first onsite module since 2020, when each Batch visited Kuala Lumpur for a one-week module in October. As well as theoretical sessions, the on-site modules featured practical sessions, allowing Academy Educators to observe and analyse each participant’s practical refereeing skills on the field.

Since the graduation of the inaugural Batch of 2017, the AFC Referee Academy

alumni have been active in the AFC and regional competitions with 21 referees featuring on the FIFA International List in 2022.

Australia's Alex King took charge of the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™ Group A clash between Turkmenistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran while Rustam Lutfullin from Uzbekistan was appointed as the Fourth Official in two Group B matches.

Meanwhile, India's Venkatesh Ramachandran, Japan's Haruna Kanematsu and Choi Hyun Jai from Korea Republic were appointed to the Hanoi 2021 Southeast Asian Games which was held in May 2022. They officiated one group match while Kanematsu took charge of the women's Semi-final match between Vietnam and Myanmar.



## AFC REFEREE ACADEMY IN NUMBERS

**126**

REFEREES



**35**

AFC MAS



**108**

MALE REFEREES



**18**

FEMALE REFEREES



**24**

REFEREES ON THE FIFA INTERNATIONAL LIST 2022

## AFC REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

The 2022 AFC Elite Referees Seminar was held virtually in July with 408 AFC match officials attending over four days.

The first two days of the online seminar were attended by male match officials whereas the participants on the third and fourth days were exclusively female.

A performance review was presented to the participants, providing an overview and insight into refereeing performances in 2021 and the first half of 2022. Several theoretical topics were covered that had been identified based on analysis of key match incidents from past competitions such as Penalty Area Incidents and the Severity of Offences.

The second day featured more theoretical topics involving Offside and Match Management after which the seminar concluded with a feedback session.

Additionally, a Video Assistant Referee (VAR) course was conducted in March which was attended by 79 match officials over five days. The course comprised sessions for FIFA-listed VMOs for the first two days and a VAR Refresher course for Elite VMOs for the subsequent three days.

The VAR Refresher course featured referees who had been shortlisted for the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™, allowing the referee instructors to analyse and evaluate the participants in preparation for the full implementation of the technology in the competition.

The course set a new milestone with the use of an online VAR simulator to provide participants with case studies from competitions, allowing real-time VAR processes to be reproduced.



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# TOP LEVEL COMPETITIONS



# INTRODUCTION

Competitions continue to be the lifeblood of the AFC and much of the emphasis since the last Congress has not only been on charting Asian football's steady road to recovery but also in securing a better and brighter future for the AFC and its MAs in the post-pandemic era.

Thanks to the unity and solidarity of its MAs well admired throughout the pandemic, the AFC completed its marquee club competitions with the successful staging of the AFC Champions League 2022™ Group Stage, the Knockout Stage in the East region as well as the AFC Cup 2022™, most of which were held in centralised venues.

Likewise, the return of the first age-group tournament since the start of the pandemic– the AFC U23 Asian

Cup Uzbekistan 2022™ in June – marked a significant milestone in confirming the return of the AFC's competitions as Saudi Arabia marched to their maiden title in the first-ever edition to be held in Central Asia.

Simultaneously, after three years of riveting action, the race to the upcoming edition of the AFC Asian Cup™ reached its decisive stage as Asia's contenders battled across six centralised venues to secure the final 11 spots at the Continent's pinnacle national team stage.

In August, the AFC's commitment towards improving the foundations of the women's club game was also underlined as Thailand's College of Asian Scholars and Uzbekistan's Sogdiana-W sealed the AFC Women's Club Championship



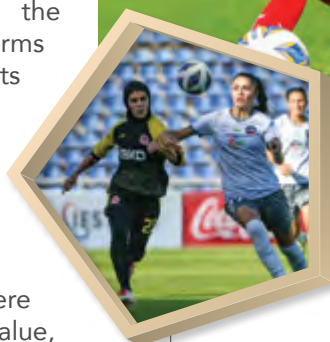
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2022™ - Pilot Tournament East and West competitions respectively in the first ever edition to be played across the two regions.

And after a four-year hiatus, the Continent also marked the return of Asian futsal with the AFC Futsal Asian Cup 2022™ staged successfully in Kuwait, while the men's elite youth football heralded its full-scale return with the completion of the AFC U20 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2023™ as well as the AFC U17 Asian Cup 2023™ Qualifiers in September and October respectively.

Beyond the on-pitch success, significant progress was also seen in the implementation of key strategic reforms and ground-breaking enhancements to the AFC Club Competitions as introduced by the AFC Executive Committee, who also approved the AFC Competitions Calendar from 2023 to 2026.

Bold and historic changes were announced to further increase the value, consumption and stature of elite club football and following the decision to transition the AFC Club Competitions from its current Spring-Autumn season to Autumn-Spring, the new calendar of the



AFC Champions League™ and AFC Cup™ 2023/2024 seasons was confirmed in August.

Additionally, with the expansion of the FIFA World Cup 2026 to 48 teams, the new AFC qualification format for the FIFA World Cup 2026 and the AFC Asian Cup 2027™ was also established following a consultative and open dialogue process with the AFC's MAs as well as the Confederation's key stakeholders.

The new qualification format has been specifically designed to achieve the AFC's ambitions through its Vision to ensure the success of its teams through world-class competitions whilst building on the record-setting engagement numbers achieved in the previous edition of the AFC Asian Qualifiers™.

At the same time, the Elite Club Competition Task Force was also established, and concrete plans are already in the pipeline which will see AFC's club competitions solidify its position as amongst the best in global football, paving the way for the AFC, its Members and the Continent's passionate fans to usher in a new era of success and growth in the coming years.



# AFC MATCH COMMISSIONER (MC) SEMINARS (EAST AND WEST)



The AFC has been steadfast in developing the capabilities and capacities of the larger Asian football family to maintain the world-class standards of its competitions and in expanding the talent pool of its administrators and key operational specialists.

For the purpose of selecting new MCs to be added to the AFC roster, the AFC organised two seminars in Kuala Lumpur and Dubai for the East and West regions respectively in September.

The three-day seminar comprised various speakers from the AFC, FIFA and the

Confederation of African Football (CAF), who came together to share their in-depth knowledge and expertise.

Besides getting the opportunity to learn from experienced speakers, the potential candidates also took part in practical and theoretical tests.

The physical seminars served as a platform for aspiring MCs to test their capabilities through scenario-based exercises and simulations to better equip them in dealing with the demands of match day operations.



# AFC ASIAN CUP 2023™ BIDDING PROCESS

Following China PR's withdrawal as hosts of the AFC Asian Cup 2023™ and the expedited reopening of the bidding process, a Bidding Workshop was organised for the four Bidding Member Associations (BMAs) – Australia, Indonesia, Korea Republic and Qatar - on August 10 and 11, 2022.

The Bidding Workshop was conducted after the AFC received expressions of interest from the four BMAs by the extended deadline of July 15.

During the workshop, the BMAs were briefed

on the unprecedented nature of the bid and provided key information in regard to the Bid Documentations and Bid Book required to be submitted to the AFC by the extended deadline of September 15.

Concurrently, the AFC conducted inspection visits to three BMAs in September, following the withdrawal of Australia. Together with the proposals provided in the Bid Books, the evaluation report was submitted to the AFC Executive Committee for their deliberation and subsequent confirmation of Qatar as the new hosts for the AFC Asian Cup 2023™.



## PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

Mirroring the remarkable success that was achieved by the AFC, particularly in the men's game over the last decade, 2022 was yet another momentous year for Club Licensing in Asia as the AFC kept the momentum in elevating professional club football standards across the Continent.

The AFC Club Licensing Task Force met twice to ensure that professionalism and good governance in the sport continued to rise and that the quality of licensors in Asia remained of the highest standards.

With the AFC changing its club competition season to Autumn/Spring beginning from 2023-24, the updated AFC Club Licensing Regulations (2022 Edition) came into force on July 29, 2022. Understanding the importance of adapting to the updates, the AFC's MAs have started to reconfigure their Club Licensing Systems to the changes.

Further, the Task Force continued to review matters of Overdue Payables and in their

quest to uphold the highest professional standards, several Club Licensing Assessment visits were made to the Vietnam Football Federation, the Tajikistan Football Federation, the Kuwait Football Association and the Football Federation of Cambodia, where a Club Licensing workshop was also organised for Licensors.

Additionally, the Department presented the latest regulations for licensing women's football clubs and provided an update on the online licensing system (CLAS) at the Vietnam Football Federation (VFF) Club Licensing Seminar for Women's Football and Futsal from August 29 to 30, 2022.

The Department also presented at the West Asian Football Federation Club Licensing Workshop - Women's Football, organised the AFC Club Licensing Annual Seminar from September 22 to 23, 2022 and conducted a compliance audit of the Jordan Football Association and its selected affiliated clubs.



# AFC CUP 2022™

The AFC Cup 2022™ had a full cast as the ASEAN Zone made a return after having been cancelled in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Al Seeb Club defeated Malaysia's Kuala Lumpur City FC to become the first Oman club to emerge champions in a deserved climax to a tournament that witnessed high quality action right from the early stages.

The Group Stage, due to health and safety reasons, was held in centralised venues but that didn't prevent the teams from giving their best.

Al Seeb Club advanced as the Group A winners, while Kuwait's Arabi SC topped Group B.

Group C was won by East Riffa and it was a case of double celebration for Bahrain as Al Riffa advanced as the best second-placed team from the three groups, with the two sides drawn to meet in the West Zone Semi-finals.

The South Zone was a thrilling affair with ATK Mohun Bagan recovering from a 4-2 defeat against fellow Indian side Sree Gokulam Kerala FC to defeat Bashundhara Kings of Bangladesh and Maldives' Maziya Sports & Recreation to finish as the Group D winners and book their Inter-Zone Semi-final spot for the second consecutive year.



Debutants PFC Sogdiana were in unbeatable form in the Central Zone's Group E, with the Uzbekistan side registering a perfect three wins to book their spot in the Central Zonal Final against Tajikistan's FC Khujand, who topped Group F ahead of Kopetdag FC of Turkmenistan and Kyrgyz Republic's FC Dordoi.

The three ASEAN groups were fiercely contested affairs with Malaysia's Kedah Darul Aman (Group G), PSM Makassar of Indonesia (Group H) and Vietnam's Viettel FC (Group I) booking their spots in the ASEAN Zonal Semi-finals.

Malaysia's Kuala Lumpur City FC advanced as the best second-placed team from the three ASEAN groups, setting up a Zonal Semi-final against Viettel.

Eastern Long Lions couldn't be stopped in the East Zone's Group J, defeating fellow Hong Kong side Lee Man and Chinese Taipei's Tainan City FC by 3-1 margins to book their spot in the Inter-Zone Semi-finals.

The ASEAN Zonal Semi-finals were tight affairs with PSM Makassar edging Kedah Darul Aman 2-1 while Kuala Lumpur City FC defeated Viettel FC 6-5 on penalties after the match ended 0-0 over 120 minutes.

The West Zone Semi-finals were equally interesting affairs, with Al Seeb Club

overcoming the disadvantage of playing away to defeat Arabi SC 2-1 in extra-time.

The East Riffa-Al Riffa Semi-final was an even closer affair, finishing 1-1 after 120 minutes with Al Riffa winning the penalty shootout 5-4.

PFC Sogdiana continued their fine form into the Central Zonal Final as they cruised to a 4-0 win over FC Khujand to set up an Inter-Zone Semi-final against Eastern Long Lions.

Kuala Lumpur City FC were equally dominant in the ASEAN Zonal Final, defeating PSM Makassar, with ATK Mohun Bagan their Inter-Zone Semi-final opponents.

The Inter-Zone Semi-finals lived up to the hype with both matches producing thrills and spills.

PFC Sogdiana, despite home ground advantage, had to work hard to carve a 1-0 win over Eastern Long Lions while Kuala Lumpur City FC, despite having to play ATK Mohun Bagan in their own den, produced a masterful display in a 3-1 win.

Al Seeb Club were unstoppable in the West Zone Final, turning on the power in the second half to score four unanswered goals against Bahrain's Al Riffa.



The Inter-Zone Final was a much tighter affair with Kuala Lumpur City showing defensive resilience to force the tie to penalties following a goalless stalemate after 120 minutes of action, with the Malaysian side prevailing 5-3 in the shootout.

The AFC Cup 2022™ Final was contested before almost 28,000 fans at the Bukit Jalil National Stadium in Kuala Lumpur.

The home team started brightly but Al Seeb gradually took control as goals from Ali Al Busaidi (22nd minute) and Abdulaziz Al Maqbali (37th minute) gave them a comfortable lead going into the half-time break.

Muhsen Al Ghassani's goal in the 69th minute sealed a 3-0 win to ensure the trophy would be going back to West Asia for the 16th time in the competition's 18 editions.

The win secured Al Seeb a place in the preliminary rounds of the 2023/24 AFC Champions League™ while captain Eid Al Farsi was named the AFC Cup 2022™ Most Valuable Player.

Viettel FC forward Pedro Paulo won the AFC Cup 2022™ Top Scorer award while Kuala Lumpur City collected the Fair Play Award.



# AFC U20 ASIAN CUP 2023™ UZBEKISTAN 2023 QUALIFIERS

The AFC U20 Asian Cup™ Uzbekistan 2023 Qualifiers concluded with 15 teams confirming their places in the Finals alongside hosts Uzbekistan.

Nine groups involving 39 teams were contested in September while Group H - involving Australia, Iraq, India and hosts Kuwait - was played in October.

Previously known as the AFC U-19 Championship, the Continent's rising talents produced their best throughout the Qualifiers with Saudi Arabia advancing as the Group A winners with a perfect record of nine points.

Qatar were the Group B winners, also qualifying with a 100 percent record of 12 points.

Japan were equally perfect in Group C, registering wins over Yemen, Palestine, Laos and Guam to book their place in the Finals.

Jordan topped Group D after a qualifying campaign which saw them win three and draw one as they finished a point ahead of Syria.

## QUALIFIERS AFC U20 ASIAN CUP™ UZBEKISTAN 2023

Korea Republic were another team to finish with a 100 percent record, defeating Mongolia, Malaysia and Sri Lanka to emerge as the Group E winners.

Indonesia were the standout team in Group F, confirming top spot with a thrilling 3-2 win over Vietnam, having defeated Timor-Leste and Hong Kong as well.

Group H, which was shifted from Iraq to Kuwait due to security reasons, was topped by Australia after a perfect three wins.

Oman topped Group G, but they had to do it the hard way after suffering a shock 1-0 defeat to Afghanistan on Matchday Two. The group hosts, however, recovered to defeat Thailand 1-0 to finish ahead of the Southeast Asian side.

Tajikistan finished as the top team in Group I, with a 2-1 win over Cambodia on Matchday Three seeing the Central Asian side edging Lebanon into first place by a point.

Islamic Republic of Iran were unbeatable in Group J, with the Central Asian side beating Kyrgyz Republic, United Arab Emirates and Brunei Darussalam to cruise into the Finals.

Vietnam (Group F), Kyrgyz Republic (Group J), China PR (Group A), Iraq (Group H) and Syria (Group D) advanced to the Finals as the five best second-placed teams.

The AFC U20 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2023™ Finals will be held on March 1-18.



# AFC U17 ASIAN CUP 2023™ QUALIFIERS

The AFC U17 Asian Cup™ 2023 Qualifiers were successfully held from October 1 to 8, 2022 with 42 teams competing for the 16 spots in the Finals.

Group A top spot was decided with a match to spare with Japan booking their place on Matchday Four as the East Asian side ended their campaign with a perfect four wins.

Malaysia defeated hosts Indonesia 5-1 on the final day of the Qualifiers to emerge Group B winners with 10 points while Qatar recorded a 4-1 victory over Lebanon to clinch the Group C top spot.

Group D went to the wire with Saudi Arabia edging India 2-1 for top spot while Yemen won Group E with a perfect record of three wins.



## QUALIFIERS AFC U17 ASIAN CUP™ SAUDI ARABIA 2023

Vietnam were equally perfect in Group F, defeating their Southeast Asian rivals Thailand 3-0 on the final Matchday for top spot.

Australia advanced from Group G with three wins while Tajikistan won Group H with victories over Mongolia and Afghanistan.

Three victories secured Islamic Republic of Iran the Group I spot while Uzbekistan defeated Korea Republic and Brunei Darussalam to win Group J.

Advancing to the Finals as the best six runners-up were Korea Republic (Group J), China PR (Group G), Afghanistan (Group H), India (Group D), Thailand (Group F) and Laos (Group I).

## TOP LEVEL COMPETITIONS



# AFC FUTSAL ASIAN CUP KUWAIT 2022™

Japan defeated Islamic Republic of Iran 3-2 to emerge champions of the AFC Futsal Asian Cup Kuwait 2022™.

It was Japan's fourth title, having previously won in 2006, 2012 and 2014.

The final at the Saad Al Abdullah Hall was the perfect ending for a tournament that made a return after four years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Japan, however, started the tournament on the wrong foot after suffering a 2-1 defeat to Saudi Arabia in their opening Group D match.

Head coach Kenichiro Kogure's side bounced back in style to defeat Korea Republic (6-0) and Vietnam (2-0) to advance to the Quarter-finals as the Group D winners.



IR Iran faced no issues in booking their Knockout Stage spot with Vahid Shamsaee's side cruising to the Group C top spot with emphatic wins over Indonesia (5-0), Chinese Taipei (10-1) and Lebanon (9-0).

The Quarter-finals were another challenge for Japan as they had to come from a goal down to beat Knockout Stage debutants Indonesia 3-2.

IR Iran, meanwhile, enjoyed another trouble-free tie as they cruised 8-1 past Vietnam in their Quarter-final.

Up next for Japan were an Uzbekistan side who had advanced to the Semi-finals with four straight wins and the last four tie lived up to expectations with end-to-end action.



For the second match running, Japan found themselves trailing with Ilkhomjon Khamroev giving Uzbekistan the lead in the first half.

The East Asian side, however, increased their tempo in the second half and were rewarded with goals from Arthur Oliveira and Sora Kanazawa for a 2-1 win and a 10th appearance in the Final.

IR Iran, meanwhile, were too strong for Thailand with skipper Hossein Tayebi, Mohammadhossein Derakhshani (2 goals) and Moslem Oladghobad (2 goals) scoring in an emphatic 5-0 win.

With Uzbekistan defeating Thailand 8-2 in the third-place playoff serving as the appetiser, the Final got off to an explosive start with IR Iran pressing against a defensively resilient Japan.

The 12-time champions, however, were finally rewarded for their efforts in the 15th



minute with Saied Ahmad Abbasi opening the scoring.

For the third successive match, Japan found themselves trailing but their response was almost immediate, with Kazuya Shimizu drawing them level a minute later.

Japan continued to dominate in the second half but a moment of pure brilliance by captain Arthur Oliveira saw the skipper putting his side ahead through a free-kick in the 27th minute.

IR Iran, to their credit, fought back and had it not been for Japan goalkeeper Guilherme Kuromoto's heroics, they would have drawn level on several occasions.

Instead, it was Japan who went further ahead when Abbasi inadvertently sent the ball into his own net with 30 seconds left on the clock.

IR Iran pulled one back through Alireza Javan Shahkali but there was no denying Japan a fourth AFC Futsal Asian Cup™ title.

Kuromoto was named the Best Goalkeeper for his heroics while IR Iran's Moslem Oladghobad and Hossein Tayebi won the Most Valuable Player and Yili Top Scorer awards respectively. Uzbekistan won the Fairplay Award.



# AFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2022™

## KNOCKOUT STAGE & ROUND OF 16

Urawa Red Diamonds of Japan booked their place in the AFC Champions League 2022™ Final after defeating Korea Republic's Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors in the East Semi-final.

A riveting affair at the Saitama Stadium 2002 needed to be settled by a penalty shoot-out after the tie ended 2-2 over 120 minutes.

Urawa goalkeeper Shusaku Nishikawa made a pair of penalty saves as the J1 League side handed Jeonbuk a 3-1 shoot-out defeat.

Champions in 2007 and 2017, Urawa richly deserved their place in the Final after cruising through their Round of 16 tie against Malaysia's Johor Darul Ta'zim and Quarter-final against BG Pathum United of Thailand.

Backed by their fans, Ricardo Rodriguez's side defeated



Johor Darul Ta'zim 5-0 - making their first appearance in the Knockout Stage.

Urawa were equally lethal against BG Pathum United - playing in their first AFC Champions League™ Quarter-final - with the Japanese side cruising to a 4-0 victory.

Jeonbuk, however, had to do it the hard way as both their Round of 16 and Quarter-final ties went to extra-time.



Substitute Kim Jin-gyu's late goal secured them a 2-1 win over Korea Republic rivals Daegu FC in the Round of 16 while Japan's Vissel Kobe proved to be stubborn opponents for the 2006 and 2016 AFC Champions League™ winners in the Quarter-finals.

Despite Jeonbuk dominating possession, Koya Yuruki gave Vissel the lead in the 64th minute.

Jeonbuk's response, however, was almost immediate with Modou Barrow equalising two minutes later.

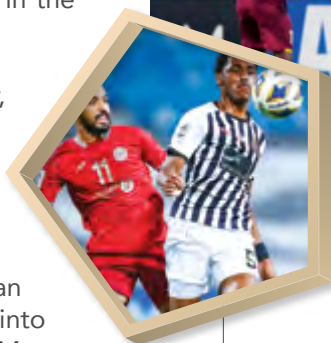
Kim Sang-sik's side upped their game in extra time with Brazilian forward Gustavo heading them into the lead in the 104th minute with Moon Seon-min then sealing a 3-1 win in added time at the end of 120 minutes.

## GROUP STAGE

Defending champions Al Hilal SFC led the Round of 16 qualifiers following the conclusion of the 2022 Group Stage in May.

Saudi Arabia's Al Hilal topped Group A with 13 points as Ramon Diaz's side were once again in impressive form in a competition they had won twice in the past three seasons.

Also through were fellow Saudi Arabia side Al Shabab FC, who sizzled in Group B as they racked up 16 points, scoring 18 goals and conceding just one.



Foolad Khuzestan topped Group C after a tough campaign, with the Islamic Republic of Iran side garnering 12 points from three wins and three draws.

Qatar's Al Duhail SC made up for their group stage exit in 2021 by finishing top of Group D, with Hernan Crespo's side recording five consecutive wins after having opened their campaign with a 2-1 defeat to Al Taawoun of Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia's Al Faisaly advanced as the Group E winners while through as the best three runners-up were Qatar's Al Rayyan from Group A, UAE's Shabab Al Ahli Dubai from Group C and Uzbekistan's FC Nasaf from Group E, with Nasaf and Al Rayyan qualifying for the Round of 16 for the first time.

The East Zone was an equally competitive affair as two teams made the Round of 16 for the first time while two former champions advanced.

Daegu FC topped Group F as the K-League side recovered from a 3-0 defeat to debutants Lion City Sailors of Singapore on Matchday Two to bounce back to finish on 13 points.

Four of Daegu's 13 points were won against Urawa Red Diamonds, meaning the Japanese side finished second in the standings despite being level on points with their Korean rivals.

## TOP LEVEL COMPETITIONS

Two-time AFC Champions League™ winners Urawa, however, did enough to advance as one of the three best runners-up.

Group G was also tightly contested with BG Pathum United only confirming top spot on Matchday Six.

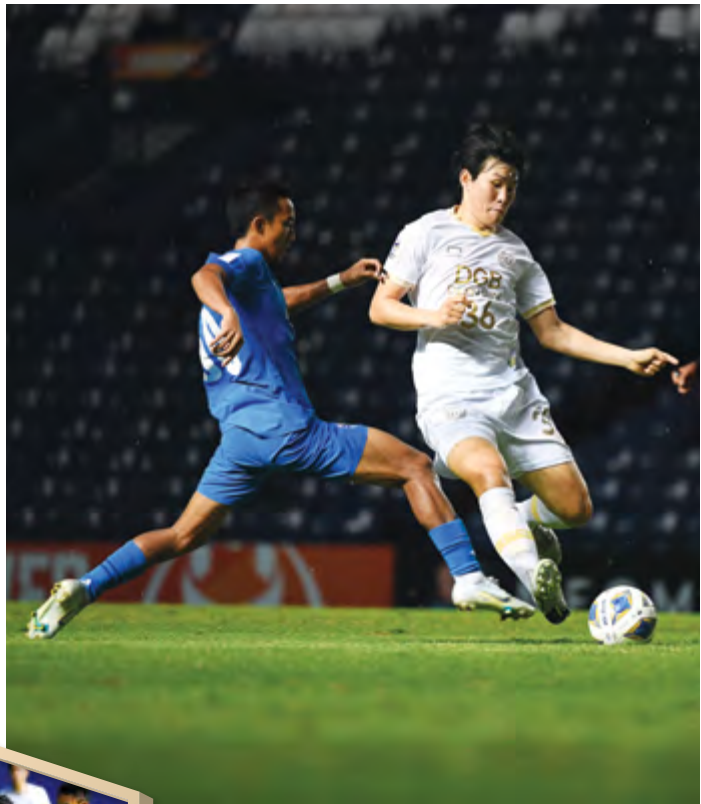
That, however, was following a nervous wait after the Thai side were held to a goalless draw by Korea Republic's Jeonnam Dragons in their final match.

The point took BG Pathum United to 13 points, but it meant that Melbourne City would pip the Thai side to top spot with a 5-0 defeat of United City FC of the Philippines in the group's concluding tie.

The Australian champions, however, came up short, defeating United City FC 3-0 as BG Pathum United advanced to the Round of 16.

Group H saw Yokohama F Marinos and Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors engaged in a two-horse race for the top spot from Matchday One.

Marinos held the early advantage after defeating hosts Hoang Anh Gia Lai 2-1, with Jeonbuk held to a 1-1 draw by Sydney FC.



Two-time AFC Champions League™ winners Jeonbuk, however, were back in the driver's seat after their 1-0 victory over Marinos on Matchday Two with Hoang Anh Gia Lai and Sydney FC practically out of the race following their 1-1 draw.

Jeonbuk defeated Hoang Anh Gia Lai 1-0 with Marinos edging Sydney with a similar scoreline on Matchday Three but the reverse fixtures saw another twist as Jeonbuk were held 1-1 by the hosts while the Japanese side cruised to a 3-0 win over Sydney FC.

That meant Marinos were the new leaders, but Jeonbuk bounced back in style, showing nerves of steel to come from behind to defeat Sydney FC to confirm their Round of 16 spot irrespective of their result against Marinos on Matchday Six.

Marinos defeated Hoang Anh Gia Lai 2-0 on Matchday Five and confirmed top spot in Group H and their place in the Round of 16 after playing to a 1-1 draw with Jeonbuk.



There was drama right till the very end in Group I with two of the Continent's biggest clubs failing to advance to the Round of 16.

Instead, history was made as Johor Darul Ta'zim finished top to advance to the Round of 16 for the first time.

Having stunned two-time champions Ulsan Hyundai 2-1 in their second match, Johor Darul Ta'zim entered the reverse fixture on Matchday Six needing a win to finish top and deny not only the Korean side but also Japanese champions Kawasaki Frontale.

In a match which saw both sides having numerous opportunities, Johor Darul Ta'zim sealed victory and their place in the Round of 16 with virtually the last kick of the game, with substitute Park Yong-woo inadvertently diverting the ball into the Ulsan Hyundai net as the Malaysian side clinched a magnificent 2-1 win.

Group J, reduced to three teams following Shanghai FC's withdrawal due to travel restrictions, saw Vissel Kobe finishing top



with eight points as the Japanese stayed on course to emulate, if not better, their appearance in the AFC Champions League 2020™ Semi-finals.



Left heartbroken last year after missing out on the Round of 16 by the slimmest of margins, there was only joy for Hong Kong's Kitchee SC this time around as their seven points proved enough for them to advance as one of the best three-runners-up.

The AFC Champions League 2022™ will resume in February 2023 with the West Round of 16 matches, which will be played on February 19 and 20.

The West Round of 16 will see Al Hilal playing Shabab Al Ahli Dubai, Al Shabab taking on Nasaf, Al Duhail meeting Al Rayyan and Al Faisaly squaring off against Foolad Khuzestan.

The Quarter-finals are scheduled for February 23 with the Semi-final to take place three days later. The Final will be played over two legs on April 29 and May 6.

# AFC ASIAN CUP 2023™ QUALIFIERS FINAL ROUND

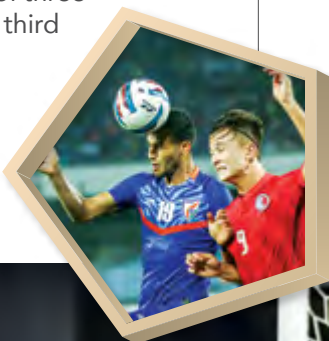
The cast for the Continent's most prestigious men's national team tournament was confirmed following the AFC Asian Cup 2023™ Qualifiers Final Round which was held from June 8 to 14, 2022.

Eleven teams booked their tickets from the six qualifying groups that were played in Bishkek (Kyrgyz Republic), Kolkata (India), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Kuwait City (Kuwait), Namangan (Uzbekistan) and Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia), with Tajikistan creating history by confirming their first appearance in the Continental showpiece.

The 11 qualifiers joined the 13 teams who had already booked their places after the second round of the AFC Asian Qualifiers™ - Road to Qatar in June 2021.

Jordan emerged as the Group A winners with nine points, with Palestine topping Group B with a perfect record of three wins as well to qualify for their third successive AFC Asian Cup™.

Group C was won by Uzbekistan, who also advanced to the Continental showpiece with three wins.



## QUALIFIERS AFC ASIAN CUP 2023



India were another side to qualify with a 100 percent record as they topped Group D.

Bahrain were the standout side in Group E with three wins out of three while Tajikistan finished as the Group F winners, ahead of Kyrgyz Republic on goal difference.

Advancing as the five best runners-up were Indonesia (Group A), Thailand (Group C), Hong Kong (Group D), Malaysia (Group E) and Kyrgyz Republic (Group F).

The 11 qualifiers joined 2015 champions Australia, China PR, three-time champions Islamic Republic of Iran, 2007 victors Iraq, four-time winners Japan, twice champions Korea Republic, Lebanon, Oman, reigning titleholders Qatar, three-time winners Saudi Arabia, Syria, the United Arab Emirates and Vietnam in the Finals.

# FIFA WORLD CUP QATAR 2022

## AFC ASIAN QUALIFIERS™ - ROAD TO QATAR PLAYOFF & INTER-CONFEDERATION PLAYOFF

Australia qualified for their fifth consecutive and sixth overall FIFA World Cup Finals after navigating past the United Arab Emirates in the AFC Asian Qualifiers™ - Road to Qatar Playoff and Peru in the Intercontinental Playoff.

Australia's qualification meant six Asian teams clinched their spots for the FIFA World Cup for the first time, one more than Russia 2018 with Japan, Korea Republic, Islamic Republic of Iran and Saudi Arabia having sealed their berths following the conclusion of the AFC Asian Qualifiers™ - Road to Qatar in March 2022, to join hosts Qatar.

Having finished third in Group B of the AFC Asian Qualifiers™ - Road to Qatar, Australia had to face UAE, who were third in Group A, in the AFC Asian Qualifiers™ - Road to Qatar Playoff at the Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium in Doha, Qatar on June 7.

A tightly contested tie saw Australia take the lead when Martin Boyle dribbled past UAE left-back Waleed Abbas and centre-back Khalifa Al Hammadi before crossing low from the byline for the onrushing Jackson Irvine, who swept home past Khalid Eisa in the 53rd minute.

UAE's response was almost instantaneous, as Irvine failed to clear Harib Suhail's cross from the left, allowing the ball to fall for Caio Canedo who controlled and powered it into the roof of the net in the 57th minute.

As the clock ticked and extra time looked imminent, an Aaron Mooy corner kick in the 84th minute was cleared by the Emirati defence but only as far as the edge of the box where Ajdin Hrustic awaited.



Helped by a deflection off Ali Salmin, the Eintracht Frankfurt midfielder's powerful half-volley beat UAE goalkeeper Khalid Eisa to seal the win for Australia and a date with Peru in the Intercontinental Playoff on June 13.

The Intercontinental Playoff was also held at the Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium with substitute goalkeeper Andrew Redmayne the hero as Australia qualified for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 after defeating Peru 5-4 on penalties.

The playoff ended 0-0 after 120 minutes with Australia prevailing from the penalty shootout to qualify for their sixth FIFA World Cup Finals, with victory meaning the Socceroos took their place in Group D of Qatar 2022 alongside France, Denmark and Tunisia.



# AFC U23 ASIAN CUP UZBEKISTAN 2022™

The AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™ was held on June 1-19 with 16 of the Continent's top sides vying to lift the title.

The Group Stage matches were played in the cities of Tashkent and Qarshi with four stadiums - Bunyodkor, Lokomotiv, Pakhtakor (all Tashkent) and Markaziy (Qarshi) - utilised.

## GROUP STAGE

### GROUP A

Hosts Uzbekistan booked their Knockout Stage spot with a match to spare after defeating debutants Turkmenistan 1-0 and Qatar 6-0, with their final Group A tie against Islamic Republic of Iran finishing 1-1.

Turkmenistan joined Uzbekistan in the Quarter-finals from Group A as they bounced back from their opening day defeat to Uzbekistan to stun IR Iran 2-1.

Turkmenistan then showed amazing grit as they fought back from two goals down to hold Qatar 2-2 to finish on four points as they made the Quarter-finals in their debut appearance in the Continental showpiece.



## GROUP B

Australia had to wait till Matchday Three to confirm their position as the Group B winners, edging Jordan 1-0 for top spot.

The Australians opened their campaign with a 2-0 win over Kuwait before playing to a 1-1 draw with Iraq.

Iraq, the 2013 champions, advanced as the Group B runners-up, finishing on five points after a 3-1 come-from-behind Matchday Three win over Kuwait, having opened their campaign with a 1-1 draw against Jordan.

## GROUP C

Defending champions Korea Republic opened their Group C campaign with a 4-1 win over Malaysia.

That was followed by a 1-1 draw with Vietnam in a match Korea Republic dominated but couldn't win but a 1-0 triumph over Thailand on Matchday Three confirmed their position as the Group C winners.

Vietnam, the AFC U23 Asian Cup 2018™ runners-up, advanced in second place on five points with their other matches ending in a 1-1 draw with Thailand on Matchday One and a 2-0 win over Malaysia in their final group game.

## GROUP D

Saudi Arabia and Japan stamped their superiority in Group D with impressive wins on Matchday One.

Japan carved out a 2-1 victory over the United Arab Emirates while Saudi Arabia cruised to a 5-0 win over Tajikistan.

The Matchday Two meeting between the two frontrunners ended in a 0-0 draw with Saudi Arabia confirming themselves as Group D winners on goal difference with a 2-0 defeat of the UAE with Japan beating Tajikistan 3-0.

## QUARTER-FINALS

The Quarter-finals saw Uzbekistan facing Iraq, Australia playing Turkmenistan, Korea Republic taking on Japan and Saudi Arabia facing off against Vietnam.

### AUSTRALIA 1-0 TURKMENISTAN

Australia advanced to their second successive AFC U23 Asian Cup™ Semi-final with a 1-0 win over a valiant Turkmenistan.

After a goalless first half at the Bunyodkor Stadium, Australia sealed victory through an own goal by Oraz Orazov in the 74th minute.

Although Turkmenistan exited the competition, their fighting spirit won them many admirers over the course of the tournament.

### UZBEKISTAN 2-2 IRAQ (UZBEKISTAN WIN 3-2 ON PENALTIES)

Uzbekistan were pushed to the limit by Iraq, with the hosts reduced to 10 men following goalkeeper Abduvohid Nematov's sending off inside 13 minutes.

Wakaa Ramadhan gave Iraq the lead from the subsequent penalty, but Uzbekistan fought back to draw level through Jasurbek Jaloliddinov's stoppage time spot-kick with the Central Asian side then taking the lead following an own goal by Iraq defender Hussein Ammar.

Iraq, however, forced extra-time through Ammar Ghaleb's equaliser but Uzbekistan were the more composed side in the penalty shoot-out, winning 3-2.





### **KOREA REPUBLIC 0-3 JAPAN**

Japan produced their best performance of the tournament to defeat Korea Republic 3-0 in their Quarter-final.

In an entertaining affair at the Pakhtakor Stadium, Japan richly deserved their victory against the defending champions, with head coach Go Oiwa's side cruising to victory through goals from Yuito Suzuki (21st, 80th) and Mao Hosoya (65th).

### **SAUDI ARABIA 2-0 VIETNAM**

Saudi Arabia, seeking to win the AFC U23 Asian Cup™ for the first time after finishing as runners-up in 2013 and 2020, advanced to the Semi-finals with a 2-0 win over Vietnam.

Moteb Al Harbi put Saudi Arabia ahead in the 41st minute at the Lokomotiv Stadium, with Firas Albrikan - included in the squad for the Knockout Stage - sealing the win in the 65th minute when he headed home from close range.

## **SEMI-FINALS**

Australia faced Saudi Arabia in the first Semi-final while the second last four tie was a meeting between two former AFC U23 Asian Cup™ champions, with Japan having won the title in 2016 and Uzbekistan two years later.

### **AUSTRALIA 0-2 SAUDI ARABIA**

Saudi Arabia continued their fine run with a well deserved 2-0 win over Australia in their Semi-final.

The young Green Falcons were quick to seize control of the tie at the Pakhtakor Stadium with Australia having to defend deep and rely on counter-attacks to penetrate.

The Australian resistance was broken in the 20th minute when a speedy Firas Albrikan surged up the left flank before cutting back into the six-yard-box for an advancing Hussain Al Eisa to strike the ball into the top left corner.

Australia looked to respond and had their best chance at the half-hour mark, but captain Tyrese Francois saw his effort from just outside the area denied by the woodwork.

The Olyroos suffered another setback in the 39th minute when Jay Rich-Baghuellou was sent off for a challenge on Ayman Yahya.

The one-man advantage saw Saudi Arabia dictating terms in the second half and their second successive appearance in the final was confirmed when Albrikan turned provider again in the 72nd minute when he burst into the six-yard-box before cutting back to Yahya to score with a powerful shot past Australia keeper Joe Gauci.



### **UZBEKISTAN 2-0 JAPAN**

Second half goals from Jasurbek Jaloliddinov and Husain Norchaev secured Uzbekistan a 2-0 win over Japan in their Semi-final encounter.

Both sides had chances in the first half, but the match burst into life after the break with Uzbek skipper Jaloliddinov's audacious strike from over 30 yards out beating an outstretched Japanese goalkeeper Zion Suzuki on the hour mark.

Forced to attack in search of the equaliser, Japan began leaving gaps at the back and Norchaev took full advantage a minute from the end of regulation time to score Uzbekistan's second to confirm their place in the Final.

## THIRD PLACE PLAYOFF JAPAN 3-0 AUSTRALIA

With both teams suffering disappointing defeats in the Semi-finals, Japan and Australia were determined to play for pride when they faced off in the Third Place Playoff.

Japan started the brighter as they dominated the early proceedings and were duly rewarded when Kein Sato pounced on a loose ball, letting fly a crackling shot from just inside the box that deflected off the crossbar before settling into the back of the net.

Japan's persistence saw them double their lead in the 40th minute when Rihito Yamamoto curled in a corner kick over a sea of players with the unfortunate Kai Trewin turning the ball into his own net.

Australia looked determined to mount a fight back in the second half but were disappointed again in the 63rd minute when Kuryu Matsuki picked out an unmarked Shota Fujio in the area, with the substitute making no mistake with his close-range effort.

Australia continued to search for a way back, but the Japanese defence stood firm to take home the bronze medal.

## FINAL UZBEKISTAN 0-2 SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Arabia won the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™ title after beating the hosts 2-0 in the final as the West Asian side lifted the trophy for the first time after finishing runners-up in 2013 and 2020.

Victory was richly deserved as Saudi Arabia did not concede even one goal in the six matches they played in Uzbekistan 2022.

Cheered by some 30,000 fans at the Bunyodkor Stadium, Uzbekistan were aiming to become the first team to win the AFC U23 Asian Cup™ twice but despite



some early chances, they couldn't find a way past the Saudi Arabian defence.

The final looked to have turned in Saudi Arabia's favour in the 39th minute when they were awarded a penalty, only for the decision to be overturned following a VAR review.

Saudi Arabia adopted a more aggressive approach in the second half, and it paid off as Ahmed Alghamdi finished off Hamad Al Yami's pass from the edge of the penalty box.

Uzbekistan thought they had equalised in the 71st minute when Ruslanbek Jiyanov collected Jasurbek Jaloliddinov's through pass to beat goalkeeper Nawaf Alaqidi, but was flagged offside.

Saudi Arabia remained cool despite the Uzbekistan pressure and Firas Albrikan confirmed the title was theirs when he finished off Turki Alammar's perfectly weighted through ball in the 74th minute.

There was to be more joy for Saudi Arabia as forward Ayman Yahya was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player while Alaqidi's six clean sheets saw him picked as the Best Goalkeeper.

Saudi Arabia also won the Fair Play Award while Korea Republic's Cho Young-wook won the Top Scorer award.

# AFC WOMEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 2022™ – PILOT TOURNAMENT

The AFC Women's Club Championship 2022™ was held across two regions for the first time, with teams from the East and West regions battling for the title in their respective zones.

The East region was played at Chonburi Stadium in the city of Chonburi, Thailand with home side College of Asian Scholars, ISPE WFC from Myanmar and Taichung Blue Whale from Chinese Taipei vying for the title.

Blue Whale got off to a winning start, edging a spirited ISPE 3-2 on a rain-delayed Matchday One after inclement weather forced the game to be postponed by one day.



## THE WOMEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP™ 2022 PILOT TOURNAMENT

College of Asian Scholars inflicted a 2-0 defeat to ISPE on Matchday Two to set up a winner-takes-all finale against Blue Whale.

Blue Whale and College of Asian Scholars battled to a 0-0 stalemate after 90 minutes of play with the Thailand side claiming top spot on goal difference to clinch the AFC Women's Club Championship 2022™ East crown.

The West region was hosted in Qarshi, Uzbekistan, at the Markaziy Stadium, which saw home team Sogdiana-W and Bam Khatoon from the Islamic Republic of Iran compete for the title over two legs.

In the opening tie, Sogdiana took a first half lead following an own goal by Bam Khatoon's Kousar Kamali but the Iranian side took a share of the spoils thanks to Zahra Ghanbari's equaliser.

However, there was no coming back for Bam Khatoon in the reverse fixture, as Kurbonova Shahnoza's first half strike secured Sogdiana the AFC Women's Club Championship 2022™ West title.

# ASIAN TEAMS AT THE FIFA WORLD CUP QATAR 2022

Asian teams created history in the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 with three of the Continent's sides advancing to the Round of 16.

It was a historic first as Asia's previous best representation in the Knockout Stage was two teams.

Australia, Japan and Korea Republic were the three teams to advance while Islamic Republic of Iran and Saudi Arabia came within a whisker of doing so.

Hosts Qatar, appearing in the FIFA World Cup Finals for the first time, impressed despite suffering three defeats.

With a historic six teams qualifying for Qatar 2022, expectations were high that the Asian sides would shine on the global stage.

Qatar got the ball rolling with their tournament opener against Ecuador and despite falling to a 2-0



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defeat, Felix Sanchez's sides showed glimpses of why they had won the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™ title.

Qatar found Senegal too strong in their second match, suffering a 3-1 defeat but went toe-to-toe with the Netherlands in their final tie, impressing despite losing 2-0.

Islamic Republic of Iran, seeking to qualify for the Round of 16 for the first time in their sixth appearance in the FIFA World Cup Finals, showed incredible resolve to bounce back from a 6-2 defeat to England to beat Wales 2-0 in their second Group B tie.

Heartbreak, however, was to follow in the decider against the United States of America as Carlos Quieroz's side suffered a 1-0 defeat to miss out on the Knockout Stage.

Saudi Arabia kicked off their Group C campaign in stunning fashion as they came from behind to defeat two-time champions Argentina 2-1.



## TOP LEVEL COMPETITIONS

An under-par performance saw Herve Renard's side beaten 2-0 by Poland and despite a fighting performance against Mexico in their final tie, the Green Falcons suffered a 2-1 defeat to just miss out on the Round of 16 stage.

Australia also had to recover from a losing start, having been beaten 4-1 by defending champions France in their Group D opener, to advance to the Round of 16 for only the second time - having last done so in 2006.

Graham Arnold's side beat Tunisia and Denmark by 1-0 score lines - the first time the Socceroos had registered back-to-back wins in the FIFA World Cup Finals - to advance to the last 16 stage.

The adventure ended in the Round of 16 but not before Australia gave Argentina an impressive fight before suffering a 2-1 defeat.

Japan opened their Group E campaign on a stunning note as well, with the Samurai Blue coming from behind to defeat four-time world champions Germany 2-1.

A below par performance in their second match saw Japan losing 1-0 to Costa Rica but the East Asian side rediscovered their



best form in their Group E finale against 2010 world champions Spain.

Japan again showed tremendous resolve to come from behind for a 2-1 win that saw them topping Group E for a Round of 16 face-off against 2018 runners-up Croatia.

Japan started on the front foot, taking the lead through Daizen Maeda in the 43rd minute, only for Ivan Perisic to draw Croatia level.

The match had to be eventually decided by a penalty shootout after 120 minutes, with Croatia prevailing 3-1.

Korea Republic looked to be headed out of the tournament after opening their Group H campaign with a 0-0 draw with Uruguay and 3-2 defeat to Ghana.

The Taeguk Warriors, however, refused to give up without a fight and despite going 1-0 down as early as the fifth minute against Portugal in their Group H finale, they fought back magnificently.

Kim Young-gwon drew them level in the 27th minute and a surging run in added time of the second half by Son Heung-min was finished off by Hwang Hee-chan as Korea Republic booked their place in the Round of 16 for the first time since 2010.

Brazil proved too strong in their last 16 tie, with the five-time champions winning 4-1 but Korea Republic fought till the final whistle to bring the curtains down on Asia's campaign in Qatar 2022.



## ASIAN TEAMS AT THE FIFA U-20 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP COSTA RICA 2022

Japan emerged runners-up in the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Costa Rica 2022 after a valiant campaign which saw the Young Nadeshiko come within a whisker of becoming the first team to retain the title.



Futoshi Ikeda's side fell 3-1 to Spain in the final, having defeated the same opposition in the 2018 decider. The 2020 edition of the tournament was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Japan kicked off their 2022 campaign with a 1-0 win over Netherlands in Group D, which was followed by 2-0 and 3-1 victories over Ghana and the United States as the East Asian side advanced as Group D winners.

A battling performance in the Quarter-finals saw Japan edge France 5-3 on penalties after the tie ended 3-3 and another stellar showing led to a 2-1 victory over Brazil in the Semi-finals.

Spain, the 2019 European champions, however, were quick to seize control of the final as they raced to a 3-0 lead, with Japan scoring a consolation in the second half.

Australia and Korea Republic, Asia's other representatives, did not advance to the Knockout Stage after finishing third in their respective groups.

Australia opened their campaign with a 3-1 win over Costa Rica but defeats to Brazil (2-0) and Spain (3-0) meant an early end to their journey.

Korea Republic also got off to a winning start, defeating Canada 2-0. However, 1-0 losses to Nigeria and France also meant a premature end to their campaign.

## ASIAN TEAMS AT THE FIFA U-17 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP INDIA 2022

The Continent was represented by China PR, Japan and hosts India at the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup India 2022.



Japan were Asia's best performers, advancing to the Quarter-finals as they maintained their proud record of having played in the Knockout Stage in every edition of the tournament.

Japan's hopes of winning the title for a second time were dashed however by defending champions Spain who struck twice in the closing minutes to register a 2-1 win.

It was a heart-breaking defeat for the East Asian side, who had advanced to the Quarter-finals with a perfect record of three wins in Group D.

China PR, making their third appearance in the Finals, did not advance past Group C as they ended their campaign with one win and two defeats.



Hosts India also found the going tough in Group A as they suffered defeats against the United States, Brazil and Morocco.



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The AFC ushered in an exciting new chapter in 2022 with its competitions calendar beginning to reflect the pre-pandemic days, kicking off with the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™ and the continuation of the AFC Asian Qualifiers™ – Road to Qatar, highlighting the AFC's resilience and ability to deliver to its commercial stakeholders despite the challenging backdrop.

The undeniable appeal of Asian football was palpable as enthusiastic fans from across the Continent reinforced their engagement with the AFC's competitions and commercial partners, setting new benchmarks in various commercial-related aspects.

Since the last Congress, the AFC remained focused and committed towards ensuring the recovery and growth of its commercial and marketing programme, and this has been demonstrated through its brand development evolution and the continued implementation of its commercial strategy.

The AFC's relationship with its commercial partners - Football Marketing Asia (FMA) and Dentsu Inc. (Dentsu) - have continued to strengthen despite the challenges faced and the joint efforts of all stakeholders involved have been crucial in managing and ensuring the continued growth in marketing and brand-building activities.

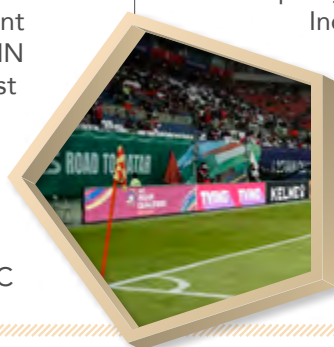
While FMA continue to make strides to sell and deliver broadcast and sponsorship partnerships across the region, Dentsu secured broadcast deals for all AFC competitions for 2021-2028 and are continuing to market sponsorship packages in Japan.

With the extensive and unprecedented broadcast partner portfolio that has already been secured across most countries and territories worldwide, there has been an addition to the family, with the recent conclusion of a long-term deal with beIN SPORTS covering the unsold Middle East and North Africa (MENA) territories for 2022-2024 and the whole MENA region from 2025-2032.

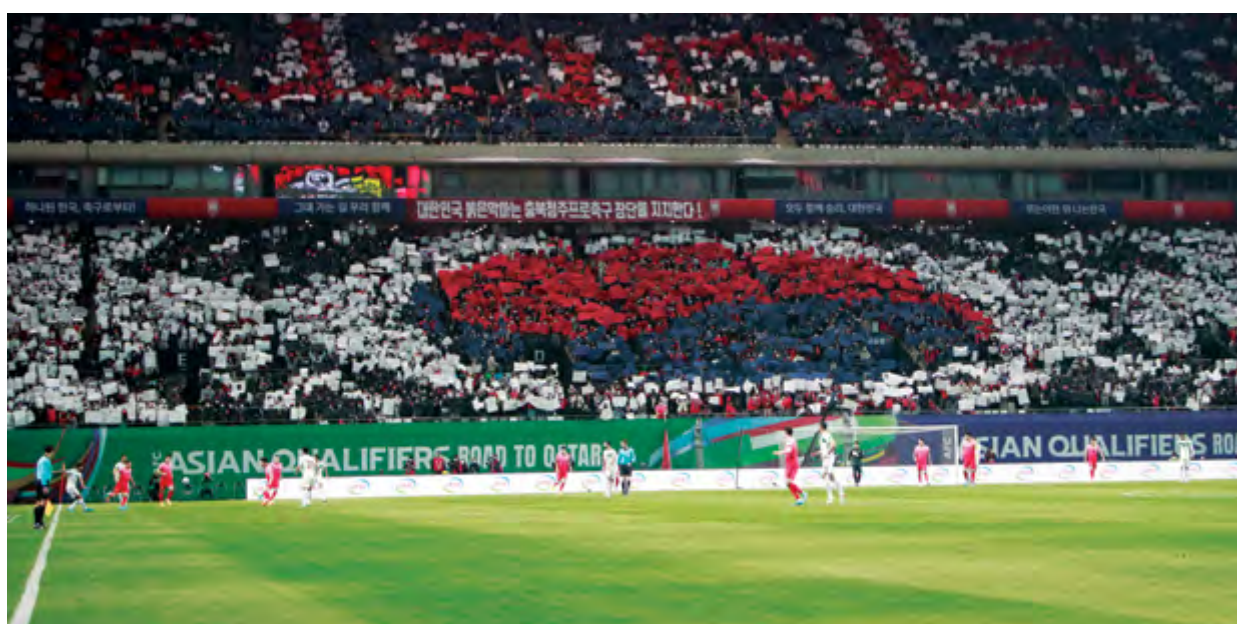
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Asian Qualifiers™ – Road to Qatar reached an all-time high broadcast audience, generating an average audience of just over 100 million across each match day and over 1 billion viewers cumulatively across the competition. Transmitted across 210 countries and territories by 44 broadcast partners globally, the competition established its presence for brands looking to connect with fans.

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ever-growing appeal and success for men's as well as women's competitions.

While the AFC Champions League 2022™ is still on the road to completion, the Group Stage was broadcast across 205 countries and territories by 44 broadcast partners, achieving 31 million unique viewers and a cumulative audience of just over 22 million. Although the statistics compare similarly to the same stage in 2021, the 2022 edition held fewer Group Stage matches while still generating marginally superior results.

As an extension of the record-breaking impact that was achieved through broadcast viewership, sponsor brands also attained impressive exposure primarily through vigorous digital engagement initiatives (the pandemic limiting opportunities for on-site activations).

Nevertheless, the AFC Asian Qualifiers™ – Road to Qatar garnered 22,256 hours of total exposure for sponsor brands and over USD392 million in global media value. Similarly, the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™ attained 4,057 hours of exposure, generating over USD108 million in global media value.

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The key focus continues to remain on optimising the commercial opportunities around the AFC Asian Cup 2023™ in collaboration with FMA and Dentsu.

The brand elements that have contributed to the results and success of the AFC's commercial programme continue to develop and evolve in creating consistent messaging across the AFC's competitions and establishing a family of brands that are instantly and easily recognisable.

Following the launch of a dynamic range of brand new logos and visual identities for its leading National Team and Club competitions, efforts are being undertaken to bring the AFC's other competition brands in line with the rebranded family, and to achieve a cohesive and connected feel amongst the various logos.

In relation to the upcoming AFC Asian Cup 2023™, the master brand will be localised, with a strategy to preserve its unmistakable roots in the National Team competitions brand family. The logo will be extended with the host nation and year, and localised brand elements will be developed in the visual identity system to be used in conjunction with the logo.

On other fronts, the AFC Beach Soccer Asian Cup™ has been refreshed with the





updated National Team colours and the new official typeface while retaining the unique nature of beach soccer. Similarly, the AFC Women's Futsal Asian Cup™ and AFC U20 Futsal Asian Cup™ logos will also receive a refresh to keep in line with the rationale.

In terms of the AFC's youth competitions, following the renaming of the competitions and change of age-groups, new master brands and logos have been developed for the AFC U17 Asian Cup™, AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup™, AFC U20 Asian Cup™ and AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup™.

The designs for the youth competitions incorporate the colour palette used for the senior National Team brand, while conveying the beginning of a path of progression in AFC football, and hence share the same lineage. The aim is to create distinctive logos that will build a stronger presence and lead to greater commercial opportunities.



**The brand elements have successfully created and easily and instantly recognisable family of brand across AFC competitions.**

The AFC will continue to strive to elevate its value proposition for all its stakeholders, commercial partners, and fans alike.

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# INTERNAL AUDIT

The Internal Audit Department plays a key role in providing independent assurance that the Confederation’s risk management, governance and internal control processes are operating effectively.

The AFC remains committed towards establishing and maintaining the appropriate risk management processes, control systems and good governance practices. 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.

Since the last Congress, the Department has performed and completed the following audits:

- Review of the AFC Women’s Asian Cup India 2022™
- Review of the Management of AFC Competitions in Geo-Political Countries
- Follow up: Event Management and Services Process
- Follow up: Procurement Contract Management System
- Follow up: AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™

These audits were conducted by the Department based on the annual audit plan

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approved by the Audit and Compliance Committee (ACC). The audit plan has been 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 the AFC 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 its 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 explanation and propose action plans on the significant audit findings.

The Department reports functionally to the ACC and administratively to the General Secretary to ensure impartiality and independence in executing its roles. The Department does not hold management authority and responsibility over the operations it covers in its scope of works.

Guided by the provisions of its Charter, the Department executes its duties based on the framework approved by the ACC. The standards and practices adopted by the Department conforms with the International Professional Practices Framework set forth by the Institute of Internal Auditors.



Since the last Congress, the ACC has met twice, with the agenda mainly focused on reviewing internal audit reports and the approval of the external audit plan for the financial year which ended on December 31, 2022.

The independent external auditor, Ernst & Young PLT has expressed an unqualified opinion on the AFC's Financial Statements and Auditors' Reports as at December 31, 2021, which meant that the financial statements were fairly and appropriately presented, without any identified exceptions, and in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Societies Act, 1966 in Malaysia. Subsequently, the reports were tabled and approved at the 32<sup>nd</sup> AFC Congress.

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Further, exceptional requests that have not undertaken the standard procurement process have been reviewed by the Department to ensure such requests meet the appropriate justification safeguards and are approved by the authorised persons.

## PROCUREMENT












The unpredictable nature of the pandemic created an impact on virtually every business function, which forced the Procurement Department to embrace new roles and adapt to challenging market and operation conditions.

The new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, which was launched in 2023, looks set to benefit the AFC by automating the internal processes, providing better control and visibility of cost saving measures, assessing vendor performance, reducing the cycle times, and eliminating the risk of excess spending.

A total of 413 Purchase Orders, as well as nine Tenders were issued from January to August 2022, which included the Event Management Service Provider for the 33<sup>rd</sup> AFC Congress 2023, Stadium Branding Agency, AFCAS 3.0 System, Travel Agency Services, Express Courier and Airfreight Services, Security Services as well as the Human Resources System Solution.



# MEMBER ASSOCIATION GOVERNANCE

MA CONGRESSES ATTENDED BY THE MA DIVISION			
Zone	Member Association	Date	Venue
ASEAN	 Football Association of Brunei Darussalam	May 21, 2022	Bandar Seri Begawan
	 Football Association of Indonesia	May 30, 2022	Bandung
	 Football Association of Malaysia	August 6, 2022	Petaling Jaya
	 Football Association of Singapore	September 23, 2022	Singapore
CENTRAL	 Football Federation Islamic Republic of Iran	May 31, 2022 and August 30, 2022	Tehran
SOUTH	 All Nepal Football Association	June 20, 2022	Kathmandu
	 All India Football Federation	September 2, 2022	New Delhi
	 Football Federation of Sri Lanka	September 22, 2022	Colombo
WEST	 Jordan Football Association	June 7, 2022	Amman
	 Kuwait Football Association	May 20, 2022	Kuwait City
	 Syrian Football Association	May 23, 2022	Damascus

ONLINE MA CONGRESSES OBSERVED BY THE MA DIVISION			
Zone	Member Association	Date	Venue
ASEAN	 The Football Association of Thailand	April 28, 2022	Bangkok
	 Philippine Football Federation	May 21, 2022	Manila
CENTRAL	 The Kyrgyz Football Union	April 12, 2022	Bishkek
EAST	 Chinese Taipei Football Association	June 12, 2022, July 10, 2022, August 27, 2022 and October 8, 2022	New Taipei City
	 Mongolian Football Federation	July 4, 2022	Ulaanbaatar
	 Guam Football Association	October 24, 2022	Guam
	 Northern Mariana Islands Football Association	October 28, 2022	Saipan
SOUTH	 All Nepal Football Association	March 29, 2022	Kathmandu
	 Bhutan Football Federation	July 21, 2022	Thimphu
	 Bangladesh Football Federation	October 29, 2022	Dhaka
WEST	 Oman Football Association	March 19, 2022	Muscat
	 Syrian Football Association	March 16, 2022 and July 31, 2022	Damascus
	 Bahrain Football Association	May 17, 2022	Manama
	 United Arab Emirates Football Association	August 1, 2022	Dubai
	 Saudi Arabian Football Federation	October 19, 2022	Riyadh

COMPLETED AND ONGOING MA & RA STATUTES REVISION						
ASEAN	CENTRAL	EAST	SOUTH	WEST		
<b>Completed: MAs - 23 &amp; RAs - 5</b>						
 Football Association of Brunei Darussalam	 Afghanistan Football Federation	 DPR Korea Football Association	 Bhutan Football Federation	 Iraqi Football Association		
 Football Federation of Cambodia	 Football Federation Islamic Republic of Iran	 Guam Football Association	 All Nepal Football Association	 Kuwait Football Association		
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 ASEAN Football Federation	 Central Asian Football Association	 East Asian Football Federation	 South Asian Football Federation	 West Asian Football Federation		
<b>Ongoing: MAs - 18</b>						
 Football Association of Malaysia	 Tajikistan Football Federation	 Chinese Football Association	 Bangladesh Football Federation	 Bahrain Football Association		
 Myanmar Football Federation	 Football Federation of Turkmenistan	 Chinese Taipei Football Association		 Jordan Football Association		
 Philippine Football Federation		 The Hong Kong Football Association Ltd.		 Lebanese Football Association		
 Football Association of Singapore		 Japan Football Association		 Palestine Football Association		
 Vietnam Football Federation		 Korea Football Association				
		 Macau Football Association				

ASEAN	CENTRAL	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
<b>Not Started: MAs - 6</b>				
 Football Australia			 All India Football Federation  Football Association of Maldives  Pakistan Football Federation	 Qatar Football Association  Yemen Football Association

## REGIONAL ASSOCIATION GOVERNANCE

RA CONGRESSES/MEETINGS OBSERVED BY THE MA DIVISION			
Zone	Regional Association	Date	Venue
ASEAN	 ASEAN Football Federation	July 2, 2022	Online
CENTRAL	 Central Asian Football Association <b>CAFA</b>	May 25, 2022	Dushanbe
SOUTH	 South Asian Football Federation	July 2, 2022	Dhaka
WEST	 West Asian Football Federation <b>WAFF</b>	September 15, 2022	Amman



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**INTEGRITY**

# LEGAL & COMPLIANCE

## 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 32<sup>nd</sup> 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 match-related protests.

In 2022, the Unit provided on-site legal support at the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™ and AFC Futsal Asian Cup Kuwait 2022™. The Unit was also invited to assist the Local Organising Committee of the 31<sup>st</sup> SEA Games which took place in Vietnam.

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## 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 32<sup>nd</sup> Congress, played an

active role in supporting the AFC Asian Cup Office in attending to all legal formalities relating to the expedited bidding process for the AFC Asian Cup 2023™ following the withdrawal of China PR from hosting, as well as the bidding process for the AFC Asian Cup 2027™ (including participating in bid workshops and inspections of each Bidding Member Association).



## INTEGRITY

### 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 Member Associations (MAs). It works closely with FIFA's Integrity team and the AFC's integrity partner Sportradar in this regard.

The AFC Integrity Unit has also been active in conducting intelligence monitoring of media, social media and microblogging sites.

### 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, MAs, as well as Sportradar's Intelligence & Investigation Services.

### SUPPORT FOR MAs

The Unit has also been actively involved in the integrity capacity building of the AFC's MAs. This includes continuous support in respect of investigations and the implementation of other integrity measures. The Unit is ever ready to provide advice and guidance on integrity matters to MA Integrity Officers.



### COMPETITION INTEGRITY SUPPORT

In 2022, the AFC Integrity Unit provided on-site integrity monitoring support at the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™. The AFC Integrity Unit has also provided remote support for the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™. Competition-related support includes:

- enhanced monitoring of the social media accounts of relevant match-fixing persons of interest;
- careful monitoring of betting patterns; and
- providing integrity-related reminders to participating MAs prior to the start of the competition.



## COMPLIANCE

The Compliance Department continues to support and provide advisory services and verification on sanctioned payments and dealings guided by the Legal, Finance and Audit Departments as well as oversight by the Audit and Compliance Committee.

Two major compliance related activities were carried out in July 2022. The Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) briefing was conducted by external lawyers at the AFC House to raise the level of awareness on the safeguards, protection and controls in the usage of all data and intellectual property among AFC staff members.

This was followed by an internal assessment of PDPA compliance by the AFC's MAs and RAs through the Compliance and



Governance Survey to gauge their level of maturity and adoption of compliance and governance practices and standards.

At the same time, the Department also presented the AFC's compliance practices at the FIFA Compliance Roundtable session in May and was invited to participate as a panel member at the FIFA Compliance Summit in September 2022.

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## SPORTS MEDICINE

### ANTI-DOPING

The AFC anti-doping programme is an essential part in ensuring that the game of football in Asia remains clean and fair in achieving sporting excellence.

With the continuous implementation of health and safety protocols and the easing of COVID-19 restrictions in the various venues of the AFC competitions, a total of 486 doping control tests were conducted from March - July 2022.

The statistics below show the doping control tests conducted at the AFC Champions League™, AFC Cup™, AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™, AFC Asian Cup 2023™ Final Round , and the AFC Asian Qualifiers™ – Road to Qatar.

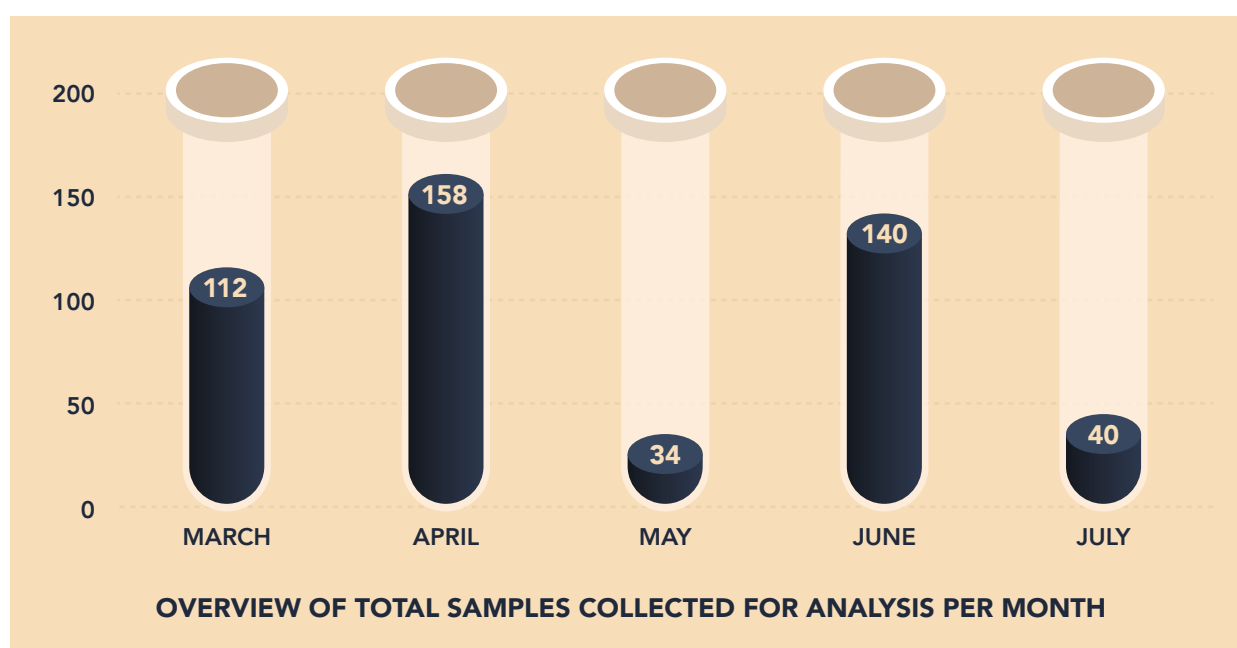


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# FOOTBALL FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

# ISF-AFC DREAM ASIA LEGACY PROJECT EXPANDS TO CAMBODIA'S BATTAMBANG PROVINCE

The AFC Dream Asia Foundation's collaboration with the Indochina Starfish Foundation (ISF) reached new territory when the ISF-AFC Dream Asia Legacy Project stretched to the Battambang province of Cambodia.

As part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the AFC, Football Federation of Cambodia and the ISF, the five-year programme seeks to empower children from underprivileged backgrounds by increasing access to sports, improved health, and opportunities to build life skills.

Since the commencement of the ISF-AFC Dream Asia Project in 2020, as many as 375 coaches across Cambodia have received an opportunity to embark on this journey towards a healthier way of life.

After making a difference to over 4,000 children, the ISF-AFC Dream Asia Legacy will bring three schools in the Battambang province under its wing and give children in the region the rare opportunity to play football.

Under this initiative, the ISF will partner three schools in the province which will have three teams of approximately 20 players each, culminating in a total of 160 to 180 players.

Over the years, the initiative has succeeded in implementing several capacity-building programmes, namely the Youth Coach Development Pathway, the Continuous Coach Development Pathway, and the Social Impact Training for Coaches and Young Leaders, which have worked tirelessly toward assisting the participants to emerge as self-sufficient and skilled members of society.



Most youngsters who have taken part in the programme have acquired the skills and knowledge necessary to become at least part-time coaches at ISF with the potential of being considered for full-time coaching positions under the ISF's Football Programme in the future.

Staying true to their aim of enabling underprivileged children and their communities to improve economic and social standards, the ISF will train and empower three coaches and one provincial coordinator in Battambang to become experienced professionals who can run the football and social impact training in partner schools and become leaders of the community.

An instance of ISF's social impact training is the inspiring story of Sen Rina, an ISF Football Coach who fought against all odds to discover her innate talent and love for the sport as well as her ability to lead.

From shrugging off societal pressure to becoming an inspiring role model for young girls, Sen Rina is a shining example of how far beyond the pitch football, and sports in general, can take you.

Speaking of her experience with the ISF, she said: "I started playing football because it was fun. Now football has become an important part of my life – helping me find myself, my strengths, and giving me the tools that I need for a successful future."

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## UPSCALING OF FIVE BLIND FOOTBALL CENTRES IN INDIA

The AFC, Indian Blind Football Federation and the Indian Blind Sports Association agreed to collaborate on a programme to upgrade five Blind Football Centres in India.

The aim of upgrading these centres was to encourage more blind football players and coaches to participate in the game as well as the organisation of friendly matches and mini tournaments, while providing a safe environment for all participants. Faced with delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the programme concluded in May 2022.



The blind centres which benefitted from this programme were the Tamil Nadu Blind Sports Association in Madurai, Bethany Society in Shillong, Montfort School in Guwahati, the Indian Blind Football Federation Academy in Kochi, and the Delhi Indian Blind Football Centre, which was constructed in October 2021 as part of an agreement between the AFC and the Blind Relief Association, Delhi.

These centres were provided with eye guards, football boots, footballs, and sideboards, all of which are specifically designed and essential to carrying out blind football activities.

# CAFA CONDUCTS CHILD SAFEGUARDING SEMINAR TO RAISE AWARENESS IN CENTRAL ASIA

The AFC joined hands with the Central Asian Football Association (CAFA) to conduct a Child Safeguarding seminar from July 14 to July 15, 2022.

The seminar was aimed at supporting CAFA's efforts in developing and promoting Child Safeguarding in Central Asia. Over the two days, the seminar focused on helping participants understand the various ways in which they can assist their respective associations uphold the principles of Child Safeguarding.

A total of five Child Safeguarding Officers were also trained in problem-solving and decision-making, which are essential skills in ensuring that all activities involving children are undertaken within a secure environment.

Focusing on increasing awareness regarding the various ways to protect children from harm or abuse, the seminar sought to devise strategies to develop, implement, monitor, and evaluate the effectiveness of Child Safeguarding commitments within the Member Associations.

CAFA General Secretary Ulugbek Karimov said: "For our organisation, the general



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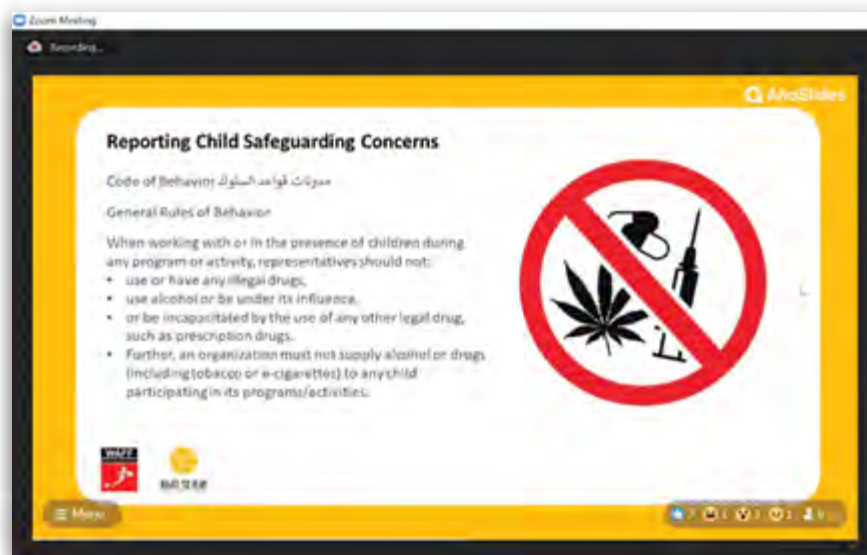
It is expected that with the experience gained from this seminar, participants will share their learnings and lend their support wherever needed to help contribute towards building a safe space for young people in the football ecosystem.

## WAFF & RTP WEBINAR FOCUSES ON KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN ALL SPORTS SETTINGS

The West Asian Football Federation (WAFF) and Right To Play (RTP) organised a Safeguarding and Protection of Children in Football webinar over a three-week period to ensure participants were knowledgeable and well-informed on keeping children and young people safe in all sports environments.

Launched as an initiative under the WAFF-RTP Regional Educational Partnership for Sports (REPS) partnership, which was signed in January 2022, the meaningful programme was supported by the AFC Regional Association Fund.

Attended by more than 40 members, coaches, and child safeguarding officers



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from MAs in the West zone, the online sessions from June 13-30, 2022, provided participants with basic knowledge on safeguarding and protection in addition to in-depth training on sport for development methodologies.

It also offered coaches the opportunity to improve their awareness of designing and implementing grassroots training sessions, activities, and initiatives.



A training session was held each week for specific participants—MA management staff members, coaches, and child safeguarding officers. Participating MAs comprised Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and the United Arab Emirates.

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## FAM CONTINUES TO SPREAD CHILD SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS

The safety and wellbeing of children were put under the spotlight by the Football Association of Maldives (FAM), Commonwealth Secretariat, Football for Peace and FAM Foundation through the Safeguarding in Football Programme carried out in June 2022.

Held in the cities of Male and Addu over nine days, the initiative was joined by 140 participants including coaches, club officials, teachers, community trainers, youth leaders, safeguarding advocates and referees.

The workshop was an opportunity for those involved in the sport to gain insights into child safeguarding while exchanging information,



best practices, challenges as well as learning the key steps to the planning and delivery of the safeguarding programme.

In addition to the workshop, under-16 boys and girls from the Addu City schools joined a Youth Empowerment event which focused on football leadership, teamwork, and respect for others.

Separately, a session for parents was organised to highlight positive parent-coach interaction and ways to support the development and wellbeing of young footballers.

Following the safeguarding programme, young boys and girls took part in the 'Respect in the Commonwealth: Peace Tournament' which promoted football as a sport for peace, respect, and social inclusion.

Since launching the Child Safeguarding Policy in 2021, FAM has organised a variety of programmes related to child safeguarding with a total of 400 people trained or having the expertise in protecting the welfare of children in football.



## 'REHABILITATION THROUGH FOOTBALL' PROGRAMME EMPOWERS EX-OFFENDERS IN NEPAL

The AFC's Vision and Mission to leverage on the beautiful game to strengthen communities through the AFC Dream Asia Foundation continued its game-changing impact with the launch of the 'Prison Football: Rehabilitation Through Football' programme in partnership with the All Nepal Football Association (ANFA) and Shelter Ashraya Nepal (SAN).

Aimed at rehabilitating past offenders and reducing reoffending, this year-long project, spread across two phases, is supported by the nation's Home Ministry and the Prison Department of Nepal.

The capacity-building initiative has been offering different skill-based courses, namely, coaching, refereeing, and football training. The skills course offered to the inmates depends on their age, interest and serving period.

Upon completion of their respective courses, coaches receive a D licence while those training in refereeing earn a Category IV certificate.

ANFA and the SAN provide participation certificates for those undergoing football training and also assist them in securing opportunities to be employed in the local football ecosystem upon completion of their time served, paving the way for them to be reintegrated into the community as rehabilitated and respectable citizens.

Inmates who have less remaining time to serve are given preference to ensure they are provided with the best conditions to benefit from the programme at the time of their release.

ANFA spearheads this project with the aid of various local bodies such as the non-

profit organisation SAN while working closely with the relevant government agencies.

Giving ex-offenders a chance to engage in physical activities and team sports is integral to their overall physical and mental wellbeing.

Therefore, for those offenders who are not eligible to be part of the enterprise, a parallel 'Football for Fun' project has been proposed by which the inmates can still be included through football matches and counselling sessions, among other activities.

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This initiative further underlines the long-standing and meaningful impact of the partnership between the AFC, ANFA and SAN following the successful launch of the 'Feed the Hungry' programme in 2021 during the height of the pandemic.

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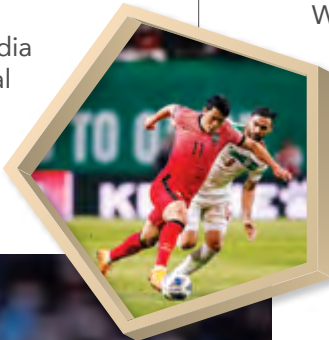
SERVICES

# COMMUNICATIONS

The AFC Communications Department continued to produce engaging content and promoted the AFC's key milestones while history was rewritten on the digital front at the AFC Asian Qualifiers™ - Road to Qatar, the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™, and the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™.

All eyes were firmly on Asia in the race to qualify for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 and it produced remarkable results as the AFC Asian Qualifiers™ - Road to Qatar Final Round surpassed all previous editions of Asia's FIFA World Cup qualifying tournaments with more than 788 million impressions observed on the AFC's digital channels.

The AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022™ left an indelible digital footprint, with engagement and coverage of the showpiece surpassing the previous edition and soaring to an all-time high



record. The AFC social media channels witnessed unprecedented growth by a staggering 5,324% as compared to the previous edition.

Similarly, the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™ reached new milestones, with the AFC's social media channels witnessing staggering impressions of nearly 340 million – an increase of 194% from the fourth edition in Thailand two years ago.

Further, the attention continued to be on the AFC Champions League™ and AFC Cup™ while the AFC Women's Club Championship™ – Pilot Tournament saw Thailand's College of Asian Scholars and Bam Khatoon FC of Islamic Republic of Iran emerging East and West region winners respectively.

With the AFC's competitions growing in stature and popularity, the positive results and increased engagements are reflected on the AFC's wide range of social media platforms which are currently available in English, Arabic, and Farsi alongside other engagement tools in China PR, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, Korea Republic, Indonesia, and Central Asia.

While all AFC competitions garnered immense interaction on social media, the campaigns also reached a wider audience after receiving considerable coverage in notable newspapers and websites worldwide, with more than 200 media releases and newsletters issued.

The AFC Communications Department also played a pivotal role in protecting and promoting the AFC's brand and image. Serving as the official voice of the AFC, the Department continued to keep global media and all stakeholders abreast of the latest official news and announcements, producing over 270 materials across all Communications domains since the last Congress.

## AFC DIGITAL PLATFORMS

The AFC's digital channels are Asia's leading content provider, supplying global audience with a steady and reliable source of the latest news and videos related to Asian football.

Further underlining the fervour for the Asian game as well as highlighting the excitement surrounding the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 qualification, engagements on the AFC's social media channels rose immensely, surging by 2,350% from 2.8 million to 70 million compared to the previous AFC Asian Qualifiers™.

There was also a stunning 12,530% increase in video views on YouTube, as viewership rose from 1 million in 2016-2017 to 134.6 million in the AFC Asian Qualifiers™ – Road to Qatar campaign, where nearly 2 million hours of watch time was recorded.

The introduction of several language platforms also contributed to the staggering increase with the newly introduced Mandarin-based channels attaining close to 100 million impressions as the AFC's Weibo, Toutiao, and Douyin channels garnered 42.6 million, 18.2 million and 35.4 million impressions respectively.

Meanwhile, the world's most reliable information and coverage hub of Asian football – the-AFC.com – witnessed a



notable 155% increase in page views and a 136% increase in users during the AFC Asian Qualifiers™ - Road to Qatar.

Similarly, the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™ welcomed 82.4 million and 115.7 million impressions on YouTube and Instagram respectively, while Twitter received impressions of 33 million and Facebook gathered 110 million.

The biggest increase was observed through the highly entertaining video content which received 37.6 million views, an astonishing rise of 1,066% from the 2020 edition, while the newly launched AFC TikTok account garnered 9.3 million views with close to a million engagements.

The AFC's Facebook account saw the highest uptake with nearly 10 million engagements, 315% higher than the last edition, with the Confederation's Twitter account increasing by 84% to 1.6 million engagements while Instagram rose 61% to 6 million engagements.

**The AFC's digital channels are Asia's leading content provider, supplying global audience with a steady and reliable source of the latest news and videos related to Asian football.**

## AFC COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOPS

The Department organised workshops for MAs in the Central, South and the East zones to provide a conducive platform for communicators to constructively discuss and share ideas.

With the ever-evolving Communications landscape in the digital era, key guest speakers were invited to share best practices in relation to digital and communications strategy as well as crisis communications.

The guest speakers included representatives from the Japan Football Association, the Philippines Football Federation, the FIFA – Digital Content Team, the Confederation of African Football, and the AFC’s commercial partner Football Marketing Asia (FMA).

More than 30 communicators joined the virtual workshop as part of the Department’s initiative to help strengthen the communication capabilities of MAs from the three zones.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### PANDEMIC-RELATED ACTIVITIES

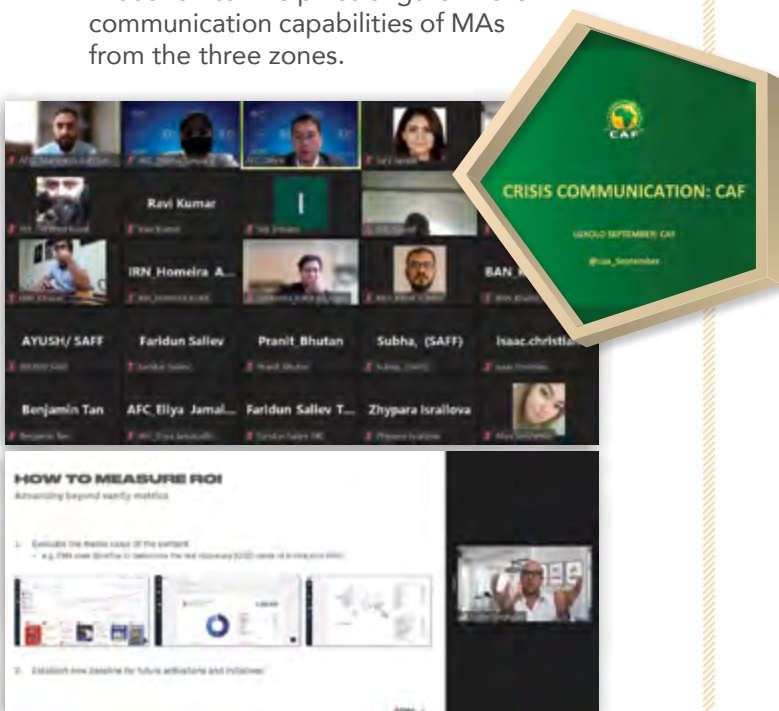
Since the last Congress, the HR Department has continued to prioritise the wellbeing of the AFC’s staff members, focusing specifically on the seamless return to the workplace particularly with the easing and lifting of COVID-19 safety measures.

With the Malaysian Government announcing the transition from pandemic to endemic phase on May 1, 2022, the Department facilitated the return of all AFC staff members to the AFC House on May 17. Meetings were subsequently reinstated in either a hybrid model or with full physical participation held under the appropriate preventive measures.

The removal of the number of people allowed within a closed environment led the AFC to reopen the gymnasium and football pitch in June 2022 for all staff members who were also able to resume the use of the cafeteria for lunch and tea breaks.

Concurrently, adherence to precautionary measures and the wearing of masks in confined spaces is still encouraged for the wellbeing of staff members.

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## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

With the pandemic plunging the world into widespread recession, the AFC was forced to implement several cost-cutting measures including a freeze on staff increments and recruitment. Despite the complexities and challenges, people development and staff retention continued to remain at the heart of the Department's efforts.

Since the last Congress, the AFC Management approved the reimplementation of salary increments, including compensating the arrears not paid and lifting the freeze on staff promotions.

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The AFC is also in the process of examining the possibility of obtaining the "International Organization" (IO) status, which will provide several benefits and legal immunities as governed by the IO Act 1992.

Underlining its commitment to expand the AFC's talent pool, the Department is also working towards strengthening its relationships with local private universities to attract quality and potential new hires from among a select pool of high performing graduates.



## STAFF ENGAGEMENT

The pandemic had also restricted most engagements and briefings to an online setting with limited opportunities for physical engagement. As the AFC transitions to the endemic phase, the Department is also engaging with a digital health provider to review the health and mental wellness of AFC staff members.

At the same time, the Department initiated a hybrid engagement model to celebrate the retirement of several staff members whose years of service ranged from 17 to 40 years.

The dedication and contribution of long-service staff members, who were presented with a grand farewell, served as a testament to the allure of football and the workplace culture established at the AFC over the years.

With the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, more engagement activities are currently in the pipeline.

## HR - ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) PROJECT

As part of the AFC's larger digital transformation efforts, the Department is also looking to integrate its HR system with the overarching AFC ERP project with full implementation targeted by the second quarter of 2023.

# EVENT MANAGEMENT & EVENT SERVICES

Hosting world-class events has become synonymous with the AFC brand, with the Event Management and Event Services Department playing a pivotal role behind the scenes to ensure the highest standards in the delivery of every facet of the AFC’s activities and events.

Despite the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, several of the AFC’s events continued to be staged in a hybrid format and the Department’s commitment to innovate and adapt was brought to bear with the successful delivery of the 9th, 10th and 11th AFC Executive Committee meetings in Doha, Qatar, and Dushanbe, Tajikistan, as well as Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in March, May and October 2022 respectively.

Well-equipped from past experiences, the Department seamlessly provided a personalised approach to ensure the most conducive and engaging environment for both online and physically-present members.

Building on this success, the Department was also instrumental in the successful organisation of the 32<sup>nd</sup> AFC Congress

held virtually in Manama, Bahrain, on May 18, 2022, with considerable administration and operations support rendered from the AFC House in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

In the first-of-its-kind remote and onsite approach, the Department was able to provide more customised care and attention to the AFC’s Member and Regional Associations through close coordination and meticulous simultaneous operations.

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In addition, an improved version of the online platform from the preceding Congress was implemented to further elevate the user experience for Congress participants. New features such as the delegates’ verification process and enhanced IT support were introduced to facilitate a smoother and more effective outcome for the benefit of all stakeholders.

At the same time, the Department actively brought to life the AFC’s Vision of organising top-level competitions, which include the centralised AFC Futsal Asian Cup 2022™ Qualifiers for the East Zone from May 17 to 21, 2022 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



Similarly, the hallmark of excellence was evident during the virtual draw ceremonies of the AFC U17 and U20 Asian Cup 2023™ Qualifiers, the AFC Futsal Asian Cup Kuwait 2022™ as well as the AFC Cup 2022™ Knockout Stage.

Underlining the AFC's commitment to engage with millions of passionate fans across the globe, the draws were conducted at a state-of-the-art studio complemented with full green screen application for a custom-designed 3D virtual effect and setting streamed live on the AFC YouTube Channel.

Ushering in the post-pandemic era, the Department worked diligently and in close collaboration with the Local Organising Committee to successfully and safely deliver the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™ from June 1 to 19, 2022, across the cities of Tashkent and Qarshi.

Despite the limitation of international-chain hotels and adequate room inventory in Qarshi, each participating team was allocated a dedicated hotel. Five hotels were secured in Tashkent for the remaining three groups until the Knockout Stage.

A total of nine hotels were utilised across the two venues with seamless transportation for all participating teams, while the protocol aspects were also managed with the utmost attention to detail.

The Department also coordinated with the centralised host, the Japan Football Association, in the staging of the AFC Champions League 2022™ (East) – Round of 16, Quarter-finals, Semi-final and virtual draw ceremony – all of which were held in Saitama, Japan from August 18 to 25, 2022.

The Department was also extensively involved in the inspection missions to the Bidding Member Associations of the 2023 and 2027 editions of the AFC Asian Cup™ – the AFC's flagship men's national team



tournament as well as the preparation visits ahead of the AFC Futsal Asian Cup Kuwait 2022™.

Concurrently, a wide suite of services were provided in the organisation of numerous online sessions together with the relevant AFC Departments.

Some of the online initiatives include AFC Standing Committee meetings, AFC Security Officer Webinar, AFC Futsal Webinar, AFC Referee Academy Introductory Module, AFC VAR Information Officer (VIO) Workshop and AFC Future Football Forum.

The Department also introduced the landmark AFC Event Management System (AEMS) to organise events more efficiently and effectively, migrating from the conventional ways of events management towards a fully-automated, one-stop digital platform.

The adoption of the system, which was operational during the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2023™ and subsequently extended to the AFC Standing Committee meetings, further supports the Confederation's digitalisation transformation efforts.

# INNOVATION TECHNOLOGY & TRANSFORMATION (ITT)

## ATLAS API

The ATLAS API, which was released in December 2020 continues to integrate with the AFC Agency Portal Platform and AFC Event Management System (AEMS). The Department contributed significantly to secure and ensure the seamless integration and submission of the accreditation to the ACS (AFC Accreditation Card System) via the ATLAS API that was designed and built by the Department.

## IT DATA CENTRE IMPROVEMENT

Continuing from the previous data centre improvement initiative, Phase 2 has been implemented with the integration of the AFC Building Management System (BMS). The intent is to improve the control and monitoring of critical operations of the AFC's data centres and mitigate potential risks.

This allows the monitoring of temperature, humidity, power supply and usage and Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) performance, to name a few. Subsequently, a notification will be sent via email and text message to the relevant ITT and FMD staff members for any abnormal activities and to provide an accurate response.

## AFCAS 3.0 ANALYSIS PHASE

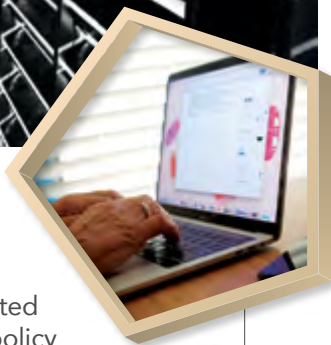
The Department started the AFCAS 3.0's requirements analysis and vendor engagement as a continuation of the Discovery Phase. All findings and information gathered from key users were compiled as functional requirements for AFCAS 3.0. The tender process was completed before the vendor selection was finalised in December 2022.

## IT SECURITY

The Department also implemented the Zero Trust network policy in continuation of improving the AFC's IT Security systems. With this implementation, AFC users have installed and been assigned a VPN client, which allows them to access the office network and AFC systems securely from anywhere externally. Additionally, multi-factor authentication is also being implemented progressively to facilitate a more secure access control for each user.

## DIGITALISATION PROJECT

As part of the AFC Digitalisation project initiated by the Competitions and Football Events Division, the Department worked closely with key stakeholders to identify the right tools for improving operational efficiency. In line with this, the Department defined tools for Collaboration (MS Teams), Document Management (MS Sharepoint), and Project Management (ClickUp) tools to manage AFC events and tournaments.



## AFC INTRANET

The Department initiated an Intranet Implementation effort for the AFC. The Intranet is aimed at being a central communication hub for all AFC staff members and external stakeholders, aggregating all key information in one digital location. This also minimises the need for duplication of emails and provides for a common reference for all formal internal and external communications.



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## REFEREEING PLATFORM

The end-to-end processes regarding enhanced appointment, assessment, and development modules, as requested by the Referees Department, have been documented and possible solutions are currently being reviewed for suitability. This will entail a complete revamp of existing tools and form a key module of the new AFCAS 3.0 roadmap.

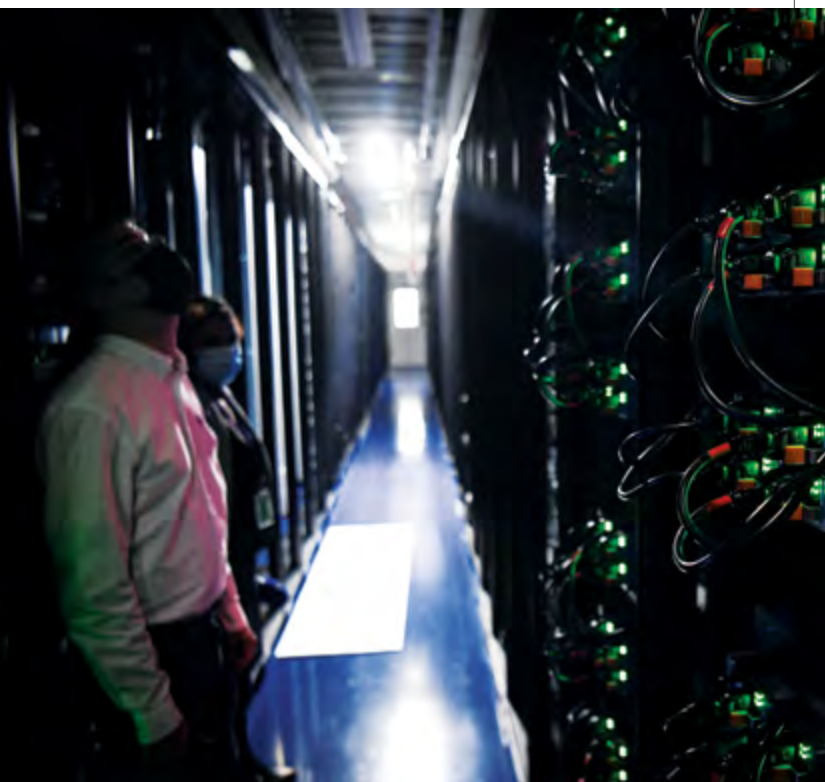
## ERP SYSTEM

The ERP project was officially launched on March 16, 2022. The System Integrator completed the requirement gathering and gap analysis a month later. As for the change management awareness, activities such as e-Postcard, stakeholder engagement, and town hall sessions were conducted in March and April 2022.

Business Requirement Documents were finalised in July 2022 and are transitioning into the next phase of the System Development. User Training and User Acceptance Testing were conducted in September and October 2022, with the system on track to be implemented in the last quarter of 2022.

## HR SYSTEM

As part of the AFC's digitalisation initiative, upgrading of HR systems have been planned and several pre-demo sessions with HR solution providers have been organised. The preparation of the RFP is in progress and the appointment of a service provider is targeted for December 2022.





# FACILITIES

The Facilities Management Department worked collaboratively with the Human Resources Department in refining internal COVID-19 preventive measures to ensure the safe return of AFC staff members following the transition to the endemic phase.

The Confederation's in-house amenities, including the football field, auditorium, gymnasium, and meeting rooms were made available at the maximum allowed capacity from May 17, 2022.

For the first time after two years, several Standing Committee and Judicial Body meetings were held physically at the AFC House, with the



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Department providing the highest level of attention to all infrastructure requirements.

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Additionally, the upgrading of the water-cooled package (air conditioning system) for one of the administrative blocks was completed as scheduled, with the Certificate of Practical Completion issued on April 18, 2022.

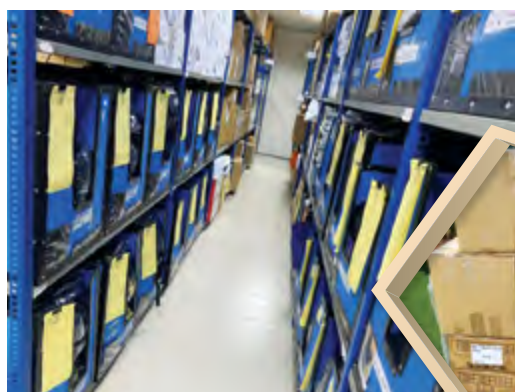
Further reinforcing its commitment to facilitate the uninterrupted daily operations at the AFC House, the Department has also improved the predictive maintenance system to ensure zero downtime on equipment breakdowns.

Additionally, the Department is frequently looking for innovative ways to upgrade the facilities within the premises and is constantly carrying out building maintenance works to significantly improve and create a better working environment for all staff members.

## LOGISTICS

The Logistics Department 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 Cup™ Qualifiers Final Round, as well as other AFC competitions.

In preparation of the AFC's tournaments and other major events in 2023, three international express courier and two air freight services companies were appointed through an open tender exercise which was finalised in December 2022.



The Department is preparing for the expansion of its work scope resulting from the implementation of the AFC ERP system with new policies and procedures created to facilitate the expansion.

In preparation of the AFC Asian Cup 2023™, the Department is working closely with the AFC Asian Cup Office for the preparation and planning of large-scale logistics operations. A third-party logistics company will be appointed through an open tender exercise.

The company will manage the overall logistics of air and sea freight services to and from the host Member Association and warehousing as well as land trucking services within the host country.



The Travel Department managed and coordinated the travel and visa arrangements for appointed match officials, staff members and other stakeholders based on the AFC's calendar of competitions, meetings and events.

These include the matches of the AFC's annual Continental club football competitions – the AFC Champions League™ and the AFC Cup™ as well as the AFC Futsal Asian Cup Kuwait 2022™, the AFC Asian Cup 2023™ Qualifiers Final Round, the AFC Club Licensing Annual Seminar and the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™.

The domestic travel between the host cities of the AFC U23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022™ required both flight and high-speed train arrangements.

With the reopening of borders and easing of travel restrictions in several countries, the demand for air travel increased significantly resulting in a surge in airfares. As a result, the Department frequently encountered difficulties in securing seats on the required travel dates.

Despite the challenges faced, the Department ensured that the relevant AFC stakeholders were provided with an appropriate travel itinerary, including the relevant visa information and other country-specific, entry-related documentation to ensure the success of the AFC's competitions and events.

# STRATEGIC PLANNING & ADVISORY UNIT

## THE AFC ENHANCE PROGRAMME REGULATIONS

The AFC Enhance Programme Regulations were introduced in 2022 following the completion of a comprehensive revision and consolidation of the following Regulations and Policies relating to the AFC Enhance Programme for Member Associations and Regional Associations:

- ◆ The AFC Enhance Member Association Programme Regulations and Policy;
- ◆ The AFC Enhance Regional Association Programme Regulations and Policy;
- ◆ The AFC Enhance Member Association Advantage Programme Policy, and;
- ◆ The AFC Enhance Member Association Extra-Time Programme Policy.

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to ensure simplification of the content and/or form of the pre-existing Regulations and Policies relating to the AFC Enhance Programme for MAs and RAs into a single document and provide the beneficiaries of the AFC Enhance Programme with a more transparent regulatory framework whilst also making it more user-friendly.

In addition, the amendments also focused on providing clarity on the duties and responsibilities of the AFC Development Committee and the AFC General Secretariat in the implementation and operations of the AFC Enhance Programme, simplifying and enhancing the procedural rules governing the application process to join and benefit from the AFC Enhance Programme and aligning all development goals under the AFC Enhance Programme within the Enhance Programme Cycle (2021 - 2024).

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# THE GOVERNANCE COORDINATION UNIT

With its mission to engage, protect and assist all AFC MAs and RAs in the area of good governance and to ensure that best governance practices are consistently introduced to uphold the highest standards

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of good governance in Asia, the Member Association Division reinforced its mission by establishing a Governance Coordination Unit (GCU) within its Division in 2022.

A stand-alone advisory unit, its primary function is to ensure effective governance is adhered to and implemented in coordination with the Regional Units and other relevant Units/Departments within the MA Division. The GCU advises and assists the Regional Units and other relevant Units/Departments within the MA Division in relation to governance matters of the AFC MAs and RAs, and reports to the Deputy General Secretary - Member Associations.

# SPECIAL PROJECTS UNIT

## AFC INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

On 20 June 2022, 46 MAs and five RAs were officially informed of the restart of the AFC Internship Programme and a total of 24 applications were received from 23 MAs and one RA. As part of the programme, the interns were placed in an AFC division or department for a duration of three months. The following divisions and department were part of the internship:

- a) Member Association Division
- b) Competitions & Football Events Division (CFED)
- c) Technical Division
- d) Referees Department

The first batch of four interns was selected to undertake the programme from September 15 to December 15, 2022.

List of Interns First Batch (Sep – Dec 2022)	MA	Department/ Division
Ms. Carmelita Afonso	Federação Futebol De Timor-Leste	MA Division
Ms. Vy Raneth	Football Federation of Cambodia	CFED
Mr. Ugyen Dorji	Bhutan Football Federation	Referee's Department
Mr. Abhishek Kumar Yadav	All India Football Federation	CFED



AFC  
**CHAMPIONS  
LEAGUE**

MMA

50000

# 10

**STATISTICS**

# SOCIAL MEDIA



**6,185,000**  
FOLLOWERS



**255%** increase across all four Facebook accounts combined since 2016



**2,247,147**  
SUBSCRIBERS



**1,367%** increase on both The AFC Hub and AFC Asian Cup™ channels since 2016



**5,842,924**  
FOLLOWERS



**147%** increase on both AFC Asian Cup™ and AFC Champions League™ channels since 2016



**2,103,619**  
FOLLOWERS



**354%** increase since  
2016 across multi-language  
platforms



**5,536,929**  
FOLLOWERS



**5,160%** increase across  
all three Instagram accounts  
since 2016



**209,600**  
FOLLOWERS



**866%** since August 2021



VIDEO VIEWS  
**708,051,881**

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



THE-AFC.COM STATS

USERS	PAGE VIEWS
<b>6,221,747</b>	<b>23,921,537</b>



Followers on AFC's digital  
platforms increased by

**371%**  
since April 2016

As of August 2022

2016

4,801,156  
 FOLLOWERS

34  
 MILLION VIEWS  
 On Facebook,  
 YouTube and Weibo  
 combined

2017

6,304,312  
 FOLLOWERS

214  
 MILLION VIEWS  
 On Facebook,  
 YouTube and Weibo  
 combined

2018

9,583,216  
 FOLLOWERS

238  
 MILLION VIEWS  
 On Facebook,  
 YouTube and Weibo  
 combined

2019

13,793,052  
 FOLLOWERS

344.3  
 MILLION VIEWS  
 On Facebook,  
 YouTube and Weibo  
 combined

2020

14,991,506  
 FOLLOWERS

175.8  
 MILLION VIEWS  
 On Facebook,  
 YouTube and Weibo  
 combined

2021

21,318,094  
 FOLLOWERS

727.3  
 MILLION VIEWS  
 On Facebook, YouTube,  
 Weibo, Twitter and  
 Instagram combined

2022

22,624,431  
 FOLLOWERS

As of August 2022

708.1

MILLION VIEWS  
 On Facebook, YouTube, Weibo,  
 Twitter and Instagram combined

## AFC CUP 2022™



### PRELIMINARY ROUND

SOUTH			
SCORE			
MACHHINDRA FC (NEP)	1-2 (0-2)	BLUE STAR SC (SRI)	
VALENCIA (MDV)	2-1 a.e.t. (1-1,1-1)	PARO FC (BHU)	
ABAHANI LIMITED DHAKA (BAN)		VALENCIA (MDV)	
ATK MOHUN BAGAN FC (IND)	5-0 (3-0)	BLUE STAR SC (SRI)	

### PLAY-OFF STAGE

SOUTH			
SCORE			
ATK MOHUN BAGAN FC (IND)	3-1 (2-0)	ABAHANI LIMITED DHAKA (BAN)	

EAST			
SCORE			
ATHLETIC 220 FC (MNG)	1-2 (1-1)	LEE MAN (HKG)	

### GROUP STAGE

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
AL SEEB CLUB (OMA)	3	2	0	1	6	2	4	6
KUWAIT SC (KUW)	3	1	2	0	3	2	1	5
JABLEH (SYR)	3	1	1	1	1	1	0	4
AL ANSAR (LBN)	3	0	1	2	1	6	-5	1

SCORE			
AL SEEB CLUB (OMA)	1-0 (1-0)	JABLEH (SYR)	
AL ANSAR (LBN)	1-1 (0-1)	KUWAIT SC (KUW)	
KUWAIT SC (KUW)	2-1 (1-1)	AL SEEB CLUB (OMA)	
JABLEH (SYR)	1-0 (0-0)	AL ANSAR (LBN)	
AL ANSAR (LBN)	0-4 (0-3)	AL SEEB CLUB (OMA)	
JABLEH (SYR)	0-0 (0-0)	KUWAIT SC (KUW)	

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
ARABI SC (KUW)	3	2	1	0	5	3	2	7
AI RIFFA (BHR)	3	2	0	1	8	6	2	6
DHOFAR CLUB (OMA)	3	1	1	1	6	4	2	4
SHABAB AL KHALIL (PLE)	3	0	0	3	1	7	-6	0

SCORE			
AI RIFFA (BHR)	2-3 (2-1)	ARABI SC (KUW)	
SHABAB AL KHALIL (PLE)	0-3 (0-1)	DHOFAR CLUB (OMA)	
ARABI SC (KUW)	1-0 (1-0)	SHABAB AL KHALIL (PLE)	
DHOFAR CLUB (OMA)	2-3 (1-2)	AI RIFFA (BHR)	
DHOFAR CLUB (OMA)	1-1 (1-1)	ARABI SC (KUW)	
AI RIFFA (BHR)	3-1 (1-0)	SHABAB AL KHALIL (PLE)	

GROUP C	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
EAST RIFFA (BHR)	3	1	2	0	5	3	2	5
TISHREEN (SYR) *	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4
NEJMEH SC (LBN) *	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4
HILAL ALQUDS (PLE)	3	0	2	1	2	4	-2	2

SCORE			
TISHREEN (SYR)	0-0 (0-0)	HILAL ALQUDS (PLE)	
NEJMEH SC (LBN)	1-1 (0-0)	EAST RIFFA (BHR)	
HILAL ALQUDS (PLE)	0-2 (0-0)	NEJMEH SC (LBN)	
EAST RIFFA (BHR)	2-0 (1-0)	TISHREEN (SYR)	
TISHREEN (SYR)	3-1 (3-0)	NEJMEH SC (LBN)	
EAST RIFFA (BHR)	2-2 (0-2)	HILAL ALQUDS (PLE)	

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

GROUP D	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
ATK MOHUN BAGAN FC (IND) *	3	2	0	1	11	6	5	6
BASHUNDHARA KINGS (BAN) *	3	2	0	1	3	5	-2	6
MAZIYA SPORTS & RECREATION (MDV) *	3	1	0	2	3	6	-3	3
SREE GOKULAM KERALA FC (IND) *	3	1	0	2	5	5	0	3

SCORE			
SREE GOKULAM KERALA FC (IND)	4-2 (0-0)	ATK MOHUN BAGAN FC (IND)	
BASHUNDHARA KINGS (BAN)	1-0 (1-0)	MAZIYA SPORTS & RECREATION (MDV)	
ATK MOHUN BAGAN FC (IND)	4-0 (2-0)	BASHUNDHARA KINGS (BAN)	
MAZIYA SPORTS & RECREATION (MDV)	1-0 (0-0)	SREE GOKULAM KERALA FC (IND)	
SREE GOKULAM KERALA FC (IND)	1-2 (0-1)	BASHUNDHARA KINGS (BAN)	
MAZIYA SPORTS & RECREATION (MDV)	2-5 (1-2)	ATK MOHUN BAGAN FC (IND)	

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

GROUP E	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
PFC SOGDIANA (UZB)	3	3	0	0	8	3	5	9
ALTYN ASYR FC (TKM)	3	1	1	1	3	4	-1	4
FC CSKA (TJK)	3	0	2	1	3	4	-1	2
PFC NEFTCHI (KGZ)	3	0	1	2	0	3	-3	1

SCORE

PFC SOGDIANA (UZB)	2-0 (1-0)	PFC NEFTCHI (KGZ)
ALTYN ASYR FC (TKM)	1-1 (0-0)	FC CSKA (TJK)
PFC NEFTCHI (KGZ)	0-1 (0-1)	ALTYN ASYR FC (TKM)
FC CSKA (TJK)	2-3 (1-2)	PFC SOGDIANA (UZB)
PFC SOGDIANA (UZB)	3-1 (1-0)	ALTYN ASYR FC (TKM)
FC CSKA (TJK)	0-0 (0-0)	PFC NEFTCHI (KGZ)

GROUP G	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
KEDAH DARUL AMAN (MAS) *	3	2	0	1	9	4	5	6
VISAKHA FC (CAM) *	3	2	0	1	8	8	0	6
BALI UNITED FC (IDN) *	3	2	0	1	5	5	0	6
KAYA FC-ILOILO (PHI)	3	0	0	3	2	7	-5	0

SCORE

KAYA FC-ILOILO (PHI)	1-2 (1-0)	VISAKHA FC (CAM)
BALI UNITED FC (IDN)	2-0 (1-0)	KEDAH DARUL AMAN (MAS)
VISAKHA FC (CAM)	5-2 (2-1)	BALI UNITED FC (IDN)
KEDAH DARUL AMAN (MAS)	4-1 (0-0)	KAYA FC-ILOILO (PHI)
KAYA FC-ILOILO (PHI)	0-1 (0-1)	BALI UNITED FC (IDN)
KEDAH DARUL AMAN (MAS)	5-1 (2-1)	VISAKHA FC (CAM)

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

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

SCORE

LEE MAN (HKG)	1-3 (1-2)	EASTERN LONG LIONS (HKG)
TAINAN CITY FC (TPE)	1-3 (0-0)	LEE MAN (HKG)
EASTERN LONG LIONS (HKG)	3-1 (1-0)	TAINAN CITY FC (TPE)

WEST ZONE SEMI-FINALS

SCORE

ARABI SC (KUW)	1-2 a.e.t. (0-0,0-0)	AL SEEB CLUB (OMA)
EAST RIFFA (BHR)	1-1 a.e.t. (0-0,0-0) 4-5 PSO	AI RIFFA (BHR)

INTER-ZONE SEMI-FINALS

SCORE

PFC SOGDIANA (UZB)	1-0 (0-0)	EASTERN LONG LIONS (HKG)
ATK MOHUN BAGAN FC (IND)	1-3 (0-0)	KUALA LUMPUR CITY FC (MAS)

ASEAN ZONE SEMI-FINALS

SCORE

PSM MAKASSAR (IDN)	2-1 (1-0)	KEDAH DARUL AMAN (MAS)
VIETTEL FC (VIE)	0-0 a.e.t. (0-0,0-0) 5-6 PSO	KUALA LUMPUR CITY FC (MAS)

GROUP F	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
FC KHUJAND (TJK)	2	1	1	0	3	1	2	4
KOPETDAG FC (TKM)	2	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
FC DORDOI (KGZ)	2	0	1	1	0	1	-1	1

SCORE

KOPETDAG FC (TKM)	1-3 (0-2)	FC KHUJAND (TJK)
FC DORDOI (KGZ)	0-1 (0-1)	KOPETDAG FC (TKM)
FC KHUJAND (TJK)	0-0 (0-0)	FC DORDOI (KGZ)

GROUP H	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
PSM MAKASSAR (IDN)	2	1	1	0	3	1	2	4
KUALA LUMPUR CITY FC (MAS)	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
TAMPINES ROVERS (SGP)	2	0	0	2	2	5	-3	0

SCORE

PSM MAKASSAR (IDN)	0-0 (0-0)	KUALA LUMPUR CITY FC (MAS)
TAMPINES ROVERS (SGP)	1-3 (1-0)	PSM MAKASSAR (IDN)
KUALA LUMPUR CITY FC (MAS)	2-1 (2-1)	TAMPINES ROVERS (SGP)

GROUP I	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
VIETTEL FC (VIE)	3	3	0	0	11	3	8	9
HOUGANG UNITED (SGP)	3	2	0	1	9	9	0	6
PHNOM PENH CROWN FC (CAM)	3	1	0	2	7	7	0	3
YOUNG ELEPHANTS FC (LAO)	3	0	0	3	4	12	-8	0

SCORE

VIETTEL FC (VIE)	5-1 (3-1)	YOUNG ELEPHANTS FC (LAO)
HOUGANG UNITED (SGP)	4-3 (3-2)	PHNOM PENH CROWN FC (CAM)
PHNOM PENH CROWN FC (CAM)	0-1 (0-1)	VIETTEL FC (VIE)
YOUNG ELEPHANTS FC (LAO)	1-3 (1-1)	HOUGANG UNITED (SGP)
VIETTEL FC (VIE)	5-2 (2-2)	HOUGANG UNITED (SGP)
PHNOM PENH CROWN FC (CAM)	4-2 (1-1)	YOUNG ELEPHANTS FC (LAO)

CENTRAL ZONE FINAL

SCORE

FC KHUJAND (TJK)	0-4 (0-3)	PFC SOGDIANA (UZB)
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WEST ZONE FINAL

SCORE

AL SEEB CLUB (OMA)	4-0 (0-0)	AI RIFFA (BHR)
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INTER-ZONE FINAL

SCORE

PFC SOGDIANA (UZB)	0-0 a.e.t. (0-0,0-0) 3-5 PSO	KUALA LUMPUR CITY FC (MAS)
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ASEAN ZONE FINAL

SCORE

KUALA LUMPUR CITY FC (MAS)	5-2 (2-0)	PSM MAKASSAR (IDN)
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FINAL

SCORE

KUALA LUMPUR CITY FC (MAS)	0-3 (0-2)	AL SEEB CLUB (OMA)
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# AFC U20 ASIAN CUP 2023™ UZBEKISTAN 2023 QUALIFIERS

**QUALIFIERS**  
AFC U20 ASIAN CUP™  
UZBEKISTAN 2023

## GROUP STAGE

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
UZBEKISTAN	4	4	0	0	14	2	12	12
SAUDI ARABIA	4	3	0	1	18	2	16	9
CHINA PR	4	2	0	2	9	4	5	6
MYANMAR	4	1	0	3	4	11	-7	3
MALDIVES	4	0	0	4	0	26	-26	0

SCORE	
UZBEKISTAN	7-0 (6-0) MALDIVES
MYANMAR	1-3 (1-1) CHINA PR
UZBEKISTAN	3-0 (2-0) MYANMAR
MALDIVES	0-11 (0-6) SAUDI ARABIA
SAUDI ARABIA	1-2 (0-1) UZBEKISTAN
CHINA PR	5-0 (3-0) MALDIVES
CHINA PR	1-2 (1-2) UZBEKISTAN
MYANMAR	0-5 (0-4) SAUDI ARABIA
MALDIVES	0-3 (0-1) MYANMAR
SAUDI ARABIA	1-0 (1-0) CHINA PR

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
QATAR	4	4	0	0	14	1	13	12
BAHRAIN	4	2	1	1	8	3	5	7
BANGLADESH	4	2	1	1	5	4	1	7
BHUTAN	4	1	0	3	4	10	-6	3
NEPAL	4	0	0	4	1	14	-13	0

SCORE	
BHUTAN	2-0 (1-0) NEPAL
BANGLADESH	0-0 (0-0) BAHRAIN
BHUTAN	1-2 (0-1) BANGLADESH
NEPAL	1-3 (0-2) QATAR
QATAR	6-0 (4-0) BHUTAN
BAHRAIN	6-0 (2-0) NEPAL
BANGLADESH	0-3 (0-1) QATAR
BAHRAIN	2-1 (1-0) BHUTAN
NEPAL	0-3 (0-2) BANGLADESH
QATAR	2-0 (0-0) BAHRAIN

GROUP C	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
JAPAN	4	4	0	0	22	0	22	12
YEMEN	4	2	1	1	14	5	9	7
PALESTINE	4	2	1	1	8	10	-2	7
LAOS	4	1	0	3	4	7	-3	3
GUAM	4	0	0	4	1	27	-26	0

SCORE	
PALESTINE	2-2 (1-0) YEMEN
GUAM	0-3 (0-2) LAOS
GUAM	0-5 (0-4) PALESTINE
LAOS	0-4 (0-2) JAPAN
JAPAN	9-0 (5-0) GUAM
YEMEN	2-1 (1-0) LAOS
PALESTINE	0-8 (0-3) JAPAN
YEMEN	10-1 (4-1) GUAM
JAPAN	1-0 (0-0) YEMEN
LAOS	0-1 (0-0) PALESTINE

GROUP D	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
JORDAN	4	3	1	0	21	2	19	10
SYRIA	4	3	0	1	16	3	13	9
CHINESE TAIPEI	4	2	1	1	10	1	9	7
TURKMENISTAN	4	1	0	3	9	8	1	3
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	4	0	0	4	0	42	-42	0

SCORE	
SYRIA	1-0 (1-0) CHINESE TAIPEI
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	0-7 (0-4) TURKMENISTAN
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	0-10 (0-6) SYRIA
TURKMENISTAN	1-3 (1-0) JORDAN
CHINESE TAIPEI	1-0 (0-0) TURKMENISTAN
JORDAN	16-0 (10-0) NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CHINESE TAIPEI	9-0 (5-0) NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
SYRIA	1-2 (0-1) JORDAN
TURKMENISTAN	1-4 (0-0) SYRIA
JORDAN	0-0 (0-0) CHINESE TAIPEI

GROUP E	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
KOREA REPUBLIC	3	3	0	0	19	2	17	9
MONGOLIA	3	1	1	1	7	8	-1	4
MALAYSIA	3	1	1	1	6	7	-1	4
SRI LANKA	3	0	0	3	0	15	-15	0

SCORE	
KOREA REPUBLIC	6-0 (3-0) SRI LANKA
MALAYSIA	1-1 (0-1) MONGOLIA
MONGOLIA	0-7 (0-2) KOREA REPUBLIC
SRI LANKA	0-3 (0-1) MALAYSIA
KOREA REPUBLIC	6-2 (1-0) MALAYSIA
MONGOLIA	6-0 (3-0) SRI LANKA

GROUP F	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
INDONESIA	3	3	0	0	12	3	9	9
VIETNAM	3	2	0	1	11	4	7	6
TIMOR-LESTE	3	1	0	2	2	9	-7	3
HONG KONG	3	0	0	3	3	12	-9	0

SCORE	
VIETNAM	5-1 (2-0) HONG KONG
INDONESIA	4-0 (2-0) TIMOR-LESTE
TIMOR-LESTE	0-4 (0-2) VIETNAM
HONG KONG	1-5 (0-3) INDONESIA
HONG KONG	1-2 (1-0) TIMOR-LESTE
INDONESIA	3-2 (0-0) VIETNAM

GROUP G	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
OMAN *	3	2	0	1	4	1	3	6
THAILAND *	3	2	0	1	6	3	3	6
PHILIPPINES *	3	1	0	2	3	6	-3	3
AFGHANISTAN *	3	1	0	2	1	4	-3	3

SCORE	
THAILAND	3-0 (1-0) AFGHANISTAN
OMAN	3-0 (3-0) PHILIPPINES
AFGHANISTAN	1-0 (1-0) OMAN
PHILIPPINES	2-3 (2-2) THAILAND
PHILIPPINES	1-0 (0-0) AFGHANISTAN
THAILAND	0-1 (0-1) OMAN

GROUP H	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
AUSTRALIA	3	3	0	0	9	2	7	9
IRAQ	3	2	0	1	6	3	3	6
INDIA	3	1	0	2	5	9	-4	3
KUWAIT	3	0	0	3	2	8	-6	0

SCORE	
IRAQ	4-2 (1-2) INDIA
AUSTRALIA	4-1 (3-0) KUWAIT
INDIA	1-4 (0-2) AUSTRALIA
KUWAIT	0-2 (0-1) IRAQ
AUSTRALIA	1-0 (0-0) IRAQ
INDIA	2-1 (1-0) KUWAIT

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

GROUP I	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
TAJIKISTAN	3	2	1	0	6	1	5	7
LEBANON	3	2	0	1	7	5	2	6
SINGAPORE	3	0	2	1	2	7	-5	2
CAMBODIA	3	0	1	2	2	4	-2	1

SCORE	
CAMBODIA	0-1 (0-1) LEBANON
TAJIKISTAN	0-0 (0-0) SINGAPORE
SINGAPORE	1-1 (1-1) CAMBODIA
LEBANON	0-4 (0-2) TAJIKISTAN
LEBANON	6-1 (3-1) SINGAPORE
TAJIKISTAN	2-1 (0-0) CAMBODIA

GROUP J	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	3	3	0	0	11	0	11	9
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	3	2	0	1	8	1	7	6
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	3	1	0	2	5	4	1	3
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	3	0	0	3	0	19	-19	0

SCORE	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	5-0 (1-0) BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	1-0 (0-0) KYRGYZ REPUBLIC
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	0-8 (0-3) ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	2-0 (1-0) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0-2 (0-0) ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	6-0 (4-0) BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

# AFC U17 ASIAN CUP 2023™ QUALIFIERS

**QUALIFIERS**  
AFC U17 ASIAN CUP™  
BAHRAIN 2023

## GROUP STAGE

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
JAPAN	4	4	0	0	15	0	15	12
TURKMENISTAN *	4	1	2	1	6	11	-5	5
JORDAN *	4	1	2	1	6	6	0	5
SYRIA *	4	1	2	1	7	6	1	5
PHILIPPINES	4	0	0	4	3	14	-11	0

SCORE	
TURKMENISTAN	2-0 (1-0) PHILIPPINES
SYRIA	0-0 (0-0) JORDAN
PHILIPPINES	0-3 (0-2) JAPAN
TURKMENISTAN	1-1 (0-0) SYRIA
JAPAN	7-0 (3-0) TURKMENISTAN
JORDAN	3-1 (0-0) PHILIPPINES
SYRIA	0-3 (0-2) JAPAN
JORDAN	3-3 (1-1) TURKMENISTAN
PHILIPPINES	2-6 (0-0) SYRIA
JAPAN	2-0 (2-0) JORDAN

\* 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
MALAYSIA	4	3	1	0	13	4	9	10
INDONESIA	4	3	0	1	20	7	13	9
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	4	2	0	2	17	9	8	6
PALESTINE	4	1	0	3	7	10	-3	3
GUAM	4	0	1	3	1	28	-27	1

SCORE	
PALESTINE	0-4 (0-0) MALAYSIA
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	9-0 (4-0) GUAM
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	4-3 (2-3) PALESTINE
GUAM	0-14 (0-7) INDONESIA
MALAYSIA	1-1 (0-0) GUAM
INDONESIA	3-2 (2-2) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
MALAYSIA	3-2 (1-0) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
PALESTINE	0-2 (0-1) INDONESIA
GUAM	0-4 (0-3) PALESTINE
INDONESIA	1-5 (0-5) MALAYSIA

GROUP C	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
QATAR	4	3	1	0	9	4	5	10
OMAN	4	2	1	1	5	3	2	7
IRAQ	4	1	2	1	4	2	2	5
BAHRAIN	4	1	1	2	2	6	-4	4
LEBANON	4	0	1	3	2	7	-5	1

SCORE	
QATAR	2-1 (2-1) IRAQ
BAHRAIN	1-0 (0-0) LEBANON
LEBANON	1-2 (0-1) OMAN
BAHRAIN	1-1 (0-1) QATAR
OMAN	2-0 (1-0) BAHRAIN
IRAQ	0-0 (0-0) LEBANON
IRAQ	3-0 (0-0) BAHRAIN
QATAR	2-1 (0-1) OMAN
LEBANON	1-4 (0-1) QATAR
OMAN	0-0 (0-0) IRAQ

GROUP D	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
SAUDI ARABIA	4	4	0	0	19	2	17	12
INDIA	4	3	0	1	13	3	10	9
KUWAIT	4	2	0	2	8	5	3	6
MYANMAR	4	1	0	3	8	11	-3	3
MALDIVES	4	0	0	4	0	27	-27	0

SCORE	
KUWAIT	6-0 (2-0) MALDIVES
MYANMAR	0-6 (0-4) SAUDI ARABIA
KUWAIT	1-0 (0-0) MYANMAR
MALDIVES	0-5 (0-2) INDIA
SAUDI ARABIA	9-0 (4-0) MALDIVES
INDIA	3-0 (1-0) KUWAIT
MYANMAR	1-4 (0-4) INDIA
SAUDI ARABIA	2-1 (2-0) KUWAIT
MALDIVES	0-7 (0-4) MYANMAR
INDIA	1-2 (0-1) SAUDI ARABIA

GROUP E	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
YEMEN	3	3	0	0	18	0	18	9
BANGLADESH	3	2	0	1	4	5	-1	6
SINGAPORE	3	1	0	2	2	8	-6	3
BHUTAN	3	0	0	3	0	11	-11	0

SCORE	
YEMEN	8-0 (5-0) BHUTAN
BANGLADESH	2-1 (1-1) SINGAPORE
SINGAPORE	0-6 (0-3) YEMEN
BHUTAN	0-2 (0-1) BANGLADESH
SINGAPORE	1-0 (1-0) BHUTAN
YEMEN	4-0 (3-0) BANGLADESH

GROUP G	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
AUSTRALIA	3	3	0	0	36	1	35	9
CHINA PR	3	2	0	1	21	3	18	6
CAMBODIA	3	1	0	2	4	19	-15	3
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	3	0	0	3	0	38	-38	0

SCORE	
CHINA PR	9-0 (4-0) CAMBODIA
AUSTRALIA	23-0 (10-0) NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	0-11 (0-7) CHINA PR
CAMBODIA	0-10 (0-3) AUSTRALIA
AUSTRALIA	3-1 (1-1) CHINA PR
CAMBODIA	4-0 (3-0) NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

GROUP I	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	3	3	0	0	18	1	17	9
LAOS	3	2	0	1	7	4	3	6
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	3	1	0	2	3	7	-4	3
HONG KONG	3	0	0	3	2	18	-16	0

SCORE	
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	3-0 (0-0) LAOS
HONG KONG	1-2 (1-1) KYRGYZ REPUBLIC
LAOS	5-0 (2-0) HONG KONG
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	0-4 (0-1) ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	11-1 (4-0) HONG KONG
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	1-2 (0-1) LAOS

GROUP F	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
VIETNAM	3	3	0	0	12	0	12	9
THAILAND	3	2	0	1	6	4	2	6
CHINESE TAIPEI	3	1	0	2	5	9	-4	3
NEPAL	3	0	0	3	2	12	-10	0

SCORE	
THAILAND	3-0 (1-0) NEPAL
VIETNAM	4-0 (1-0) CHINESE TAIPEI
CHINESE TAIPEI	1-3 (1-1) THAILAND
NEPAL	0-5 (0-4) VIETNAM
CHINESE TAIPEI	4-2 (2-1) NEPAL
THAILAND	0-3 (0-3) VIETNAM

GROUP H	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
TAJIKISTAN	2	2	0	0	5	0	5	6
AFGHANISTAN	2	1	0	1	5	2	3	3
MONGOLIA	2	0	0	2	0	8	-8	0

SCORE	
MONGOLIA	0-3 (0-2) TAJIKISTAN
AFGHANISTAN	5-0 (3-0) MONGOLIA
TAJIKISTAN	2-0 (1-0) AFGHANISTAN



GROUP J	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
UZBEKISTAN	2	2	0	0	17	2	15	6
KOREA REPUBLIC	2	1	0	1	12	3	9	3
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	2	0	0	2	0	24	-24	0

SCORE	
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	0-14 (0-8) UZBEKISTAN
UZBEKISTAN	3-2 (0-1) KOREA REPUBLIC
KOREA REPUBLIC	10-0 (5-0) BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

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### GROUP STAGE

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
THAILAND	3	2	1	0	11	5	6	7
KUWAIT	3	1	2	0	11	6	5	5
IRAQ	3	1	1	1	9	5	4	4
OMAN	3	0	0	3	3	18	-15	0

SCORE	
IRAQ	2-3 (2-1) THAILAND
KUWAIT	7-2 (2-0) OMAN
OMAN	0-5 (0-3) IRAQ
THAILAND	2-2 (1-1) KUWAIT
THAILAND	6-1 (4-0) OMAN
KUWAIT	2-2 (1-2) IRAQ

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
UZBEKISTAN	3	3	0	0	17	3	14	9
TAJIKISTAN	3	2	0	1	14	11	3	6
BAHRAIN	3	0	1	2	8	14	-6	1
TURKMENISTAN	3	0	1	2	9	20	-11	1

SCORE	
UZBEKISTAN	8-0 (3-0) TURKMENISTAN
BAHRAIN	3-4 (1-1) TAJIKISTAN
TURKMENISTAN	4-4 (3-2) BAHRAIN
TAJIKISTAN	2-3 (1-3) UZBEKISTAN
TAJIKISTAN	8-5 (4-2) TURKMENISTAN
UZBEKISTAN	6-1 (2-0) BAHRAIN

GROUP C	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	3	3	0	0	24	1	23	9
INDONESIA	3	2	0	1	11	8	3	6
CHINESE TAIPEI	3	0	1	2	3	15	-12	1
LEBANON	3	0	1	2	3	17	-14	1

SCORE	
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	5-0 (3-0) INDONESIA
LEBANON	1-1 (1-1) CHINESE TAIPEI
INDONESIA	7-2 (3-0) LEBANON
CHINESE TAIPEI	1-10 (0-6) ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
CHINESE TAIPEI	1-4 (0-3) INDONESIA
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	9-0 (4-0) LEBANON



GROUP D	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
JAPAN *	3	2	0	1	9	2	7	6
VIETNAM *	3	2	0	1	8	4	4	6
SAUDI ARABIA *	3	2	0	1	7	4	3	6
KOREA REPUBLIC	3	0	0	3	1	15	-14	0

SCORE	
JAPAN	1-2 (1-2) SAUDI ARABIA
VIETNAM	5-1 (3-1) KOREA REPUBLIC
KOREA REPUBLIC	0-6 (0-3) JAPAN
SAUDI ARABIA	1-3 (0-1) VIETNAM
KOREA REPUBLIC	0-4 (0-2) SAUDI ARABIA
JAPAN	2-0 (1-0) VIETNAM



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**QUARTER-FINALS**

	SCORE	
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	8-1 (4-0)	VIETNAM
JAPAN	3-2 (0-0)	INDONESIA
THAILAND	3-2 (1-0)	TAJIKISTAN
UZBEKISTAN	3-0 (1-0)	KUWAIT



**SEMI-FINALS**

	SCORE	
UZBEKISTAN	1-2 (1-0)	JAPAN
THAILAND	0-5 (0-1)	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

**3RD/4TH PLACING**

	SCORE	
THAILAND	2-8 (1-4)	UZBEKISTAN



**FINAL**

	SCORE	
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	2-3 (1-1)	JAPAN

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## PRELIMINARY ROUND

EAST		
SCORE		
SYDNEY FC (AUS)	5-0 (1-0)	KAYA FC-ILOILO (PHI)



## PLAY-OFF STAGE

EAST		
SCORE		
CHANGCHUN YATAI FC (CHN)		WINNER OF PS1
VISSEL KOBE (JPN)	4-3 a.e.t. (3-3,1-1)	MELBOURNE VICTORY (AUS)
ULSAN HYUNDAI FC (KOR)	3-0 (1-0)	PORT FC (THA)
DAEGU FC (KOR)	1-1 a.e.t. (0-0,0-0) 3-2 PSO	BURIRAM UNITED (THA)

WEST		
SCORE		
AL TAAWOUN FC (KSA)	1-1 a.e.t. (1-1,0-0) 5-4 PSO	AL JAISH (SYR)
BANIYAS (UAE)	0-2 (0-1)	FC NASAF (UZB)
SHARJAH FC (UAE)	1-1 a.e.t. (1-1,0-0) 6-5 PSO	AL ZAWRAA (IRQ)

## GROUP STAGE

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
AL HILAL SFC (KSA) *	6	4	1	1	11	5	6	13
AL RAYYAN SC (QAT) *	6	4	1	1	10	7	3	13
SHARJAH FC (UAE)	6	1	2	3	7	11	-4	5
FC ISTIKLOL (TJK)	6	1	0	5	5	10	-5	3

SCORE		
FC ISTIKLOL (TJK)	2-3 (1-2)	AL RAYYAN SC (QAT)
AL HILAL SFC (KSA)	2-1 (1-1)	SHARJAH FC (UAE)
AL RAYYAN SC (QAT)	0-3 (0-1)	AL HILAL SFC (KSA)
SHARJAH FC (UAE)	2-1 (0-1)	FC ISTIKLOL (TJK)
SHARJAH FC (UAE)	1-1 (1-0)	AL RAYYAN SC (QAT)
AL HILAL SFC (KSA)	1-0 (0-0)	FC ISTIKLOL (TJK)
AL RAYYAN SC (QAT)	3-1 (2-1)	SHARJAH FC (UAE)
FC ISTIKLOL (TJK)	0-3 (0-2)	AL HILAL SFC (KSA)
AL RAYYAN SC (QAT)	1-0 (0-0)	FC ISTIKLOL (TJK)
SHARJAH FC (UAE)	2-2 (2-0)	AL HILAL SFC (KSA)
AL HILAL SFC (KSA)	0-2 (0-2)	AL RAYYAN SC (QAT)
FC ISTIKLOL (TJK)	2-0 (1-0)	SHARJAH FC (UAE)

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GROUP B	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
AL SHABAB (KSA)	6	5	1	0	18	1	17	16
MUMBAI CITY (IND) *	6	2	1	3	3	11	-8	7
AIR FORCE CLUB (IRQ) *	6	2	1	3	7	10	-3	7
AL JAZIRA FSC (UAE)	6	1	1	4	4	10	-6	4

SCORE		
MUMBAI CITY (IND)	0-3 (0-1)	AL SHABAB (KSA)
AL JAZIRA FSC (UAE)	1-2 (1-1)	AIR FORCE CLUB (IRQ)
AIR FORCE CLUB (IRQ)	1-2 (0-0)	MUMBAI CITY (IND)
AL SHABAB (KSA)	3-0 (2-0)	AL JAZIRA FSC (UAE)
AL JAZIRA FSC (UAE)	1-0 (1-0)	MUMBAI CITY (IND)
AIR FORCE CLUB (IRQ)	1-1 (0-0)	AL SHABAB (KSA)
MUMBAI CITY (IND)	0-0 (0-0)	AL JAZIRA FSC (UAE)
AL SHABAB (KSA)	3-0 (2-0)	AIR FORCE CLUB (IRQ)
AIR FORCE CLUB (IRQ)	3-2 (1-0)	AL JAZIRA FSC (UAE)
AL SHABAB (KSA)	6-0 (2-0)	MUMBAI CITY (IND)
AL JAZIRA FSC (UAE)	0-2 (0-0)	AL SHABAB (KSA)
MUMBAI CITY (IND)	1-0 (1-0)	AIR FORCE CLUB (IRQ)

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GROUP C	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
FOOLAD KHOUZESTAN FC (IRN)	6	3	3	0	5	2	3	12
SHABAB AL AHLI DUBAI (UAE)	6	2	4	0	14	7	7	10
AL GHARAF (QAT)	6	1	2	3	7	14	-7	5
AHAL FC (TKM)	6	1	1	4	6	9	-3	4

SCORE			
FOOLAD KHOUZESTAN FC (IRN)	0-0 (0-0)	AL GHARAF (QAT)	
AHAL FC (TKM)	1-1 (0-0)	SHABAB AL AHLI DUBAI (UAE)	
SHABAB AL AHLI DUBAI (UAE)	1-1 (0-0)	FOOLAD KHOUZESTAN FC (IRN)	
AL GHARAF (QAT)	2-0 (0-0)	AHAL FC (TKM)	
FOOLAD KHOUZESTAN FC (IRN)	1-0 (0-0)	AHAL FC (TKM)	
AL GHARAF (QAT)	1-1 (1-0)	SHABAB AL AHLI DUBAI (UAE)	
AHAL FC (TKM)	0-1 (0-1)	FOOLAD KHOUZESTAN FC (IRN)	
SHABAB AL AHLI DUBAI (UAE)	8-2 (3-1)	AL GHARAF (QAT)	
SHABAB AL AHLI DUBAI (UAE)	2-1 (2-0)	AHAL FC (TKM)	
AL GHARAF (QAT)	0-1 (0-1)	FOOLAD KHOUZESTAN FC (IRN)	
FOOLAD KHOUZESTAN FC (IRN)	1-1 (0-0)	SHABAB AL AHLI DUBAI (UAE)	
AHAL FC (TKM)	4-2 (2-1)	AL GHARAF (QAT)	

GROUP D	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
AL DUHAIL SC (QAT)	6	5	0	1	17	9	8	15
AL TAAWOUN FC (KSA) *	6	2	1	3	13	12	1	7
SEPAHAN FC (IRN) *	6	2	1	3	8	12	-4	7
PAKHTAKOR (UZB)	6	2	0	4	10	15	-5	6

SCORE			
PAKHTAKOR (UZB)	1-3 (1-0)	SEPAHAN FC (IRN)	
AL DUHAIL SC (QAT)	1-2 (1-1)	AL TAAWOUN FC (KSA)	
SEPAHAN FC (IRN)	0-1 (0-0)	AL DUHAIL SC (QAT)	
AL TAAWOUN FC (KSA)	0-1 (0-0)	PAKHTAKOR (UZB)	
AL DUHAIL SC (QAT)	3-2 (0-1)	PAKHTAKOR (UZB)	
AL TAAWOUN FC (KSA)	3-0 (1-0)	SEPAHAN FC (IRN)	
PAKHTAKOR (UZB)	0-3 (0-2)	AL DUHAIL SC (QAT)	
SEPAHAN FC (IRN)	1-1 (0-0)	AL TAAWOUN FC (KSA)	
SEPAHAN FC (IRN)	2-1 (0-0)	PAKHTAKOR (UZB)	
AL TAAWOUN FC (KSA)	3-4 (3-1)	AL DUHAIL SC (QAT)	
AL DUHAIL SC (QAT)	5-2 (3-1)	SEPAHAN FC (IRN)	
PAKHTAKOR (UZB)	5-4 (3-1)	AL TAAWOUN FC (KSA)	

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GROUP E	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
AL FAISALY FC (KSA) *	6	2	3	1	5	4	1	9
FC NASAF (UZB) *	6	2	3	1	8	5	3	9
AL SADD SC (QAT)	6	2	1	3	10	11	-1	7
AL WEHDAT (JOR)	6	1	3	2	9	12	-3	6

SCORE			
AL SADD SC (QAT)	1-1 (0-1)	FC NASAF (UZB)	
AL WEHDAT (JOR)	1-1 (0-1)	AL FAISALY FC (KSA)	
FC NASAF (UZB)	2-0 (0-0)	AL WEHDAT (JOR)	
AL FAISALY FC (KSA)	2-1 (1-1)	AL SADD SC (QAT)	
AL SADD SC (QAT)	5-2 (1-2)	AL WEHDAT (JOR)	
FC NASAF (UZB)	0-1 (0-1)	AL FAISALY FC (KSA)	
AL WEHDAT (JOR)	3-1 (0-0)	AL SADD SC (QAT)	
AL FAISALY FC (KSA)	0-0 (0-0)	FC NASAF (UZB)	
FC NASAF (UZB)	3-1 (0-0)	AL SADD SC (QAT)	
AL FAISALY FC (KSA)	1-1 (0-0)	AL WEHDAT (JOR)	
AL WEHDAT (JOR)	2-2 (1-1)	FC NASAF (UZB)	
AL SADD SC (QAT)	1-0 (1-0)	AL FAISALY FC (KSA)	

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## GROUP STAGE

GROUP F	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
DAEGU FC (KOR) *	6	4	1	1	14	4	10	13
URAWA RED DIAMONDS (JPN) *	6	4	1	1	20	2	18	13
LION CITY SAILORS FC (SGP)	6	2	1	3	8	14	-6	7
SHANDONG TAISHAN FC (CHN)	6	0	1	5	2	24	-22	1

SCORE	
SHANDONG TAISHAN FC (CHN)	0-7 (0-3) DAEGU FC (KOR)
LION CITY SAILORS FC (SGP)	1-4 (1-3) URAWA RED DIAMONDS (JPN)
DAEGU FC (KOR)	0-3 (0-1) LION CITY SAILORS FC (SGP)
URAWA RED DIAMONDS (JPN)	5-0 (2-0) SHANDONG TAISHAN FC (CHN)
SHANDONG TAISHAN FC (CHN)	0-0 (0-0) LION CITY SAILORS FC (SGP)
DAEGU FC (KOR)	1-0 (0-0) URAWA RED DIAMONDS (JPN)
URAWA RED DIAMONDS (JPN)	0-0 (0-0) DAEGU FC (KOR)
LION CITY SAILORS FC (SGP)	3-2 (1-0) SHANDONG TAISHAN FC (CHN)
URAWA RED DIAMONDS (JPN)	6-0 (2-0) LION CITY SAILORS FC (SGP)
DAEGU FC (KOR)	4-0 (2-0) SHANDONG TAISHAN FC (CHN)
SHANDONG TAISHAN FC (CHN)	0-5 (0-3) URAWA RED DIAMONDS (JPN)
LION CITY SAILORS FC (SGP)	1-2 (1-0) DAEGU FC (KOR)

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GROUP G	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
BG PATHUM UNITED (THA)	6	3	3	0	11	2	9	12
MELBOURNE CITY FC (AUS)	6	3	3	0	10	3	7	12
JEONNAM DRAGONS (KOR)	6	2	2	2	5	5	0	8
UNITED CITY FC (PHI)	6	0	0	6	1	17	-16	0

SCORE	
BG PATHUM UNITED (THA)	1-1 (1-1) MELBOURNE CITY FC (AUS)
UNITED CITY FC (PHI)	0-1 (0-0) JEONNAM DRAGONS (KOR)
JEONNAM DRAGONS (KOR)	0-2 (0-0) BG PATHUM UNITED (THA)
MELBOURNE CITY FC (AUS)	3-0 (1-0) UNITED CITY FC (PHI)
BG PATHUM UNITED (THA)	5-0 (1-0) UNITED CITY FC (PHI)
MELBOURNE CITY FC (AUS)	2-1 (2-1) JEONNAM DRAGONS (KOR)
JEONNAM DRAGONS (KOR)	1-1 (0-0) MELBOURNE CITY FC (AUS)
UNITED CITY FC (PHI)	1-3 (0-3) BG PATHUM UNITED (THA)
MELBOURNE CITY FC (AUS)	0-0 (0-0) BG PATHUM UNITED (THA)
JEONNAM DRAGONS (KOR)	2-0 (0-0) UNITED CITY FC (PHI)
BG PATHUM UNITED (THA)	0-0 (0-0) JEONNAM DRAGONS (KOR)
UNITED CITY FC (PHI)	0-3 (0-1) MELBOURNE CITY FC (AUS)

GROUP H	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
YOKOHAMA F. MARINOS (JPN)	6	4	1	1	9	3	6	13
JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)	6	3	3	0	7	4	3	12
HOANG ANH GIA LAI (VIE)	6	1	2	3	4	7	-3	5
SYDNEY FC (AUS)	6	0	2	4	3	9	-6	2

SCORE	
HOANG ANH GIA LAI (VIE)	1-2 (1-2) YOKOHAMA F. MARINOS (JPN)
JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)	0-0 (0-0) SYDNEY FC (AUS)
SYDNEY FC (AUS)	1-1 (0-1) HOANG ANH GIA LAI (VIE)
YOKOHAMA F. MARINOS (JPN)	0-1 (0-1) JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)
JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)	1-0 (0-0) HOANG ANH GIA LAI (VIE)
SYDNEY FC (AUS)	0-1 (0-0) YOKOHAMA F. MARINOS (JPN)
YOKOHAMA F. MARINOS (JPN)	3-0 (2-0) SYDNEY FC (AUS)
HOANG ANH GIA LAI (VIE)	1-1 (0-1) JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)
YOKOHAMA F. MARINOS (JPN)	2-0 (1-0) HOANG ANH GIA LAI (VIE)
SYDNEY FC (AUS)	2-3 (1-0) JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)
HOANG ANH GIA LAI (VIE)	1-0 (1-0) SYDNEY FC (AUS)
JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)	1-1 (1-1) YOKOHAMA F. MARINOS (JPN)



GROUP I	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
JOHOR DARUL TA'ZIM (MAS)	6	4	1	1	11	7	4	13
KAWASAKI FRONTALE (JPN)	6	3	2	1	17	4	13	11
ULSAN HYUNDAI FC (KOR)	6	3	1	2	14	7	7	10
GUANGZHOU FC (CHN)	6	0	0	6	0	24	-24	0

SCORE	
KAWASAKI FRONTALE (JPN)	1-1 (0-1) ULSAN HYUNDAI FC (KOR)
JOHOR DARUL TA'ZIM (MAS)	5-0 (3-0) GUANGZHOU FC (CHN)
GUANGZHOU FC (CHN)	0-8 (0-5) KAWASAKI FRONTALE (JPN)
ULSAN HYUNDAI FC (KOR)	1-2 (0-1) JOHOR DARUL TA'ZIM (MAS)
ULSAN HYUNDAI FC (KOR)	3-0 (1-0) GUANGZHOU FC (CHN)
KAWASAKI FRONTALE (JPN)	0-0 (0-0) JOHOR DARUL TA'ZIM (MAS)
GUANGZHOU FC (CHN)	0-5 (0-1) ULSAN HYUNDAI FC (KOR)
JOHOR DARUL TA'ZIM (MAS)	0-5 (0-3) KAWASAKI FRONTALE (JPN)
ULSAN HYUNDAI FC (KOR)	3-2 (2-1) KAWASAKI FRONTALE (JPN)
GUANGZHOU FC (CHN)	0-2 (0-1) JOHOR DARUL TA'ZIM (MAS)
KAWASAKI FRONTALE (JPN)	1-0 (1-0) GUANGZHOU FC (CHN)
JOHOR DARUL TA'ZIM (MAS)	2-1 (1-1) ULSAN HYUNDAI FC (KOR)

GROUP J	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
VISSEL KOBE (JPN)	4	2	2	0	10	3	7	8
KITCHEE SC (HKG)	4	2	1	1	7	6	1	7
CHIANGRAI UNITED (THA)	4	0	1	3	2	10	-8	1

SCORE	
KITCHEE SC (HKG)	1-0 (1-0) CHIANGRAI UNITED (THA)
VISSEL KOBE (JPN)	2-1 (1-0) KITCHEE SC (HKG)
VISSEL KOBE (JPN)	6-0 (4-0) CHIANGRAI UNITED (THA)
CHIANGRAI UNITED (THA)	0-0 (0-0) VISSEL KOBE (JPN)
CHIANGRAI UNITED (THA)	2-3 (1-0) KITCHEE SC (HKG)
KITCHEE SC (HKG)	2-2 (1-1) VISSEL KOBE (JPN)



#### ROUND OF 16 (EAST)

EAST		
SCORE		
DAEGU FC (KOR)	1-2 a.e.t. (1-1,0-0)	JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)
VISSEL KOBE (JPN)	3-2 (2-1)	YOKOHAMA F. MARINOS (JPN)
BG PATHUM UNITED (THA)	4-0 (2-0)	KITCHEE SC (HKG)
JOHOR DARUL TA'ZIM (MAS)	0-5 (0-3)	URAWA RED DIAMONDS (JPN)

#### QUARTER-FINALS (EAST)

SCORE		
VISSEL KOBE (JPN)	1-3 a.e.t. (1-1,0-0)	JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)
URAWA RED DIAMONDS (JPN)	4-0 (2-0)	BG PATHUM UNITED (THA)

#### SEMI-FINALS (EAST)

SCORE		
JEONBUK HYUNDAI MOTORS FC (KOR)	2-2 a.e.t. (1-1,0-1)1-3 PSO	URAWA RED DIAMONDS (JPN)

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## GROUP STAGE

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
JORDAN	3	3	0	0	6	0	6	9
INDONESIA	3	2	0	1	9	2	7	6
KUWAIT	3	1	0	2	5	6	-1	3
NEPAL	3	0	0	3	1	13	-12	0

SCORE	
KUWAIT	1-2 (1-1) INDONESIA
JORDAN	2-0 (0-0) NEPAL
NEPAL	1-4 (0-1) KUWAIT
INDONESIA	0-1 (0-0) JORDAN
JORDAN	3-0 (0-0) KUWAIT
INDONESIA	7-0 (2-0) NEPAL

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
PALESTINE	3	3	0	0	10	0	10	9
PHILIPPINES	3	1	1	1	1	4	-3	4
MONGOLIA	3	1	0	2	2	2	0	3
YEMEN	3	0	1	2	0	7	-7	1

SCORE	
PHILIPPINES	0-0 (0-0) YEMEN
PALESTINE	1-0 (0-0) MONGOLIA
MONGOLIA	0-1 (0-0) PHILIPPINES
YEMEN	0-5 (0-2) PALESTINE
PALESTINE	4-0 (2-0) PHILIPPINES
YEMEN	0-2 (0-1) MONGOLIA

GROUP C	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
UZBEKISTAN	3	3	0	0	9	0	9	9
THAILAND	3	2	0	1	5	2	3	6
MALDIVES	3	1	0	2	1	7	-6	3
SRI LANKA	3	0	0	3	0	6	-6	0

SCORE	
THAILAND	3-0 (2-0) MALDIVES
UZBEKISTAN	3-0 (1-0) SRI LANKA
SRI LANKA	0-2 (0-1) THAILAND
MALDIVES	0-4 (0-1) UZBEKISTAN
MALDIVES	1-0 (0-0) SRI LANKA
UZBEKISTAN	2-0 (2-0) THAILAND

GROUP D	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
INDIA	3	3	0	0	8	1	7	9
HONG KONG	3	2	0	1	5	5	0	6
AFGHANISTAN	3	0	1	2	4	6	-2	1
CAMBODIA	3	0	1	2	2	7	-5	1

SCORE	
HONG KONG	2-1 (2-0) AFGHANISTAN
INDIA	2-0 (1-0) CAMBODIA
CAMBODIA	0-3 (0-2) HONG KONG
AFGHANISTAN	1-2 (0-0) INDIA
AFGHANISTAN	2-2 (2-1) CAMBODIA
INDIA	4-0 (2-0) HONG KONG

GROUP E	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
BAHRAIN	3	3	0	0	5	1	4	9
MALAYSIA	3	2	0	1	8	4	4	6
TURKMENISTAN	3	1	0	2	3	5	-2	3
BANGLADESH	3	0	0	3	2	8	-6	0

SCORE	
BAHRAIN	2-0 (2-0) BANGLADESH
TURKMENISTAN	1-3 (1-3) MALAYSIA
BANGLADESH	1-2 (1-1) TURKMENISTAN
MALAYSIA	1-2 (0-0) BAHRAIN
BAHRAIN	1-0 (1-0) TURKMENISTAN
MALAYSIA	4-1 (2-1) BANGLADESH

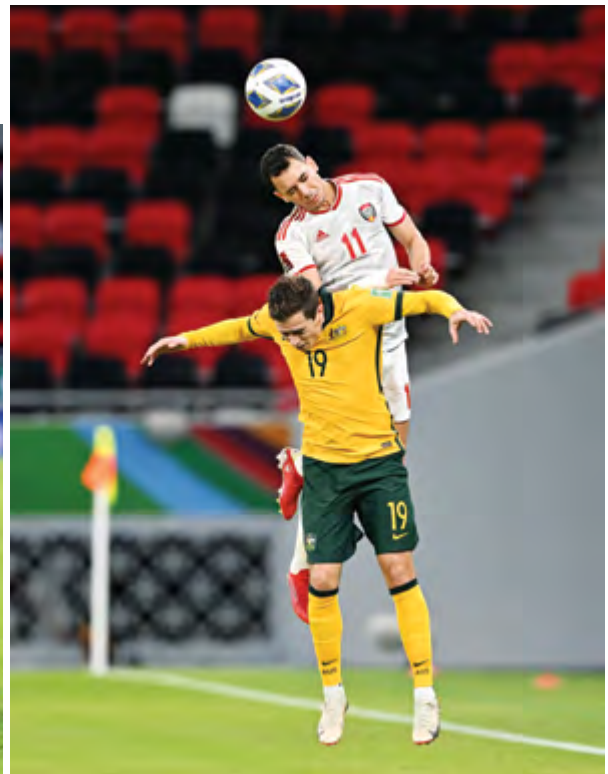
GROUP F	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
TAJIKISTAN	3	2	1	0	5	0	5	7
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	3	2	1	0	4	1	3	7
SINGAPORE	3	1	0	2	7	5	2	3
MYANMAR	3	0	0	3	2	12	-10	0

SCORE	
TAJIKISTAN	4-0 (1-0) MYANMAR
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	2-1 (0-0) SINGAPORE
SINGAPORE	0-1 (0-0) TAJIKISTAN
MYANMAR	0-2 (0-2) KYRGYZ REPUBLIC
MYANMAR	2-6 (0-3) SINGAPORE
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	0-0 (0-0) TAJIKISTAN

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SCORE		
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	1-2 (0-0)	AUSTRALIA



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### GROUP STAGE

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
UZBEKISTAN	3	2	1	0	8	1	7	7
TURKMENISTAN	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	3	0	2	1	3	4	-1	2
QATAR	3	0	2	1	3	9	-6	2

SCORE	
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	1-1 (0-0) QATAR
UZBEKISTAN	1-0 (0-0) TURKMENISTAN
TURKMENISTAN	2-1 (1-1) ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
QATAR	0-6 (0-3) UZBEKISTAN
UZBEKISTAN	1-1 (1-0) ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
QATAR	2-2 (0-0) TURKMENISTAN

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
AUSTRALIA	3	2	1	0	4	1	3	7
IRAQ	3	1	2	0	5	3	2	5
JORDAN	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	4
KUWAIT	3	0	0	3	1	6	-5	0

SCORE	
AUSTRALIA	2-0 (1-0) KUWAIT
JORDAN	1-1 (0-0) IRAQ
IRAQ	1-1 (0-1) AUSTRALIA
KUWAIT	0-1 (0-0) JORDAN
AUSTRALIA	1-0 (0-0) JORDAN
IRAQ	3-1 (1-1) KUWAIT

GROUP C	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
KOREA REPUBLIC	3	2	1	0	6	2	4	7
VIETNAM	3	1	2	0	5	3	2	5
THAILAND	3	1	1	1	5	3	2	4
MALAYSIA	3	0	0	3	1	9	-8	0

SCORE	
KOREA REPUBLIC	4-1 (1-0) MALAYSIA
THAILAND	2-2 (1-1) VIETNAM
VIETNAM	1-1 (0-0) KOREA REPUBLIC
MALAYSIA	0-3 (0-1) THAILAND
KOREA REPUBLIC	1-0 (1-0) THAILAND
VIETNAM	2-0 (2-0) MALAYSIA

GROUP D	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
SAUDI ARABIA	3	2	1	0	7	0	7	7
JAPAN	3	2	1	0	5	1	4	7
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	3	1	0	2	3	4	-1	3
TAJIKISTAN	3	0	0	3	0	10	-10	0

SCORE	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	1-2 (0-0) JAPAN
SAUDI ARABIA	5-0 (1-0) TAJIKISTAN
JAPAN	0-0 (0-0) SAUDI ARABIA
TAJIKISTAN	0-2 (0-1) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
SAUDI ARABIA	2-0 (0-0) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
JAPAN	3-0 (1-0) TAJIKISTAN

### QUARTER-FINALS

SCORE	
AUSTRALIA	1-0 (0-0) TURKMENISTAN
UZBEKISTAN	2-2 a.e.t. (2-2,1-1) 3-2 PSO IRAQ
KOREA REPUBLIC	0-3 (0-1) JAPAN
SAUDI ARABIA	2-0 (1-0) VIETNAM

### SEMI-FINALS

SCORE	
AUSTRALIA	0-2 (0-1) SAUDI ARABIA
UZBEKISTAN	2-0 (0-0) JAPAN

### 3RD/4TH PLACING

SCORE	
JAPAN	3-0 (2-0) AUSTRALIA

### FINAL

SCORE	
UZBEKISTAN	0-2 (0-0) SAUDI ARABIA

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## GROUP STAGE

EAST	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
COLLEGE OF ASIAN SCHOLARS (THA)	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	4
TAICHUNG BLUE WHALE FC (TPE)	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
ISPE WFC (MYA)	2	0	0	2	2	5	-3	0

SCORE	
ISPE WFC (MYA)	2-3 (1-2) TAICHUNG BLUE WHALE FC (TPE)
COLLEGE OF ASIAN SCHOLARS (THA)	2-0 (2-0) ISPE WFC (MYA)
TAICHUNG BLUE WHALE FC (TPE)	0-0 (0-0) COLLEGE OF ASIAN SCHOLARS (THA)



WEST	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
SOGDIANA-W (UZB)	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
BAM KHATOON FC (IRN)	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1

SCORE	
BAM KHATOON FC (IRN)	1-1 (0-1) SOGDIANA-W (UZB)
SOGDIANA-W (UZB)	1-0 (1-0) BAM KHATOON FC (IRN)





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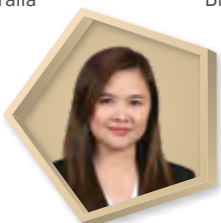
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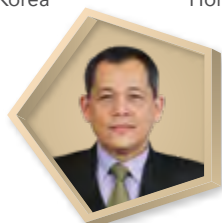
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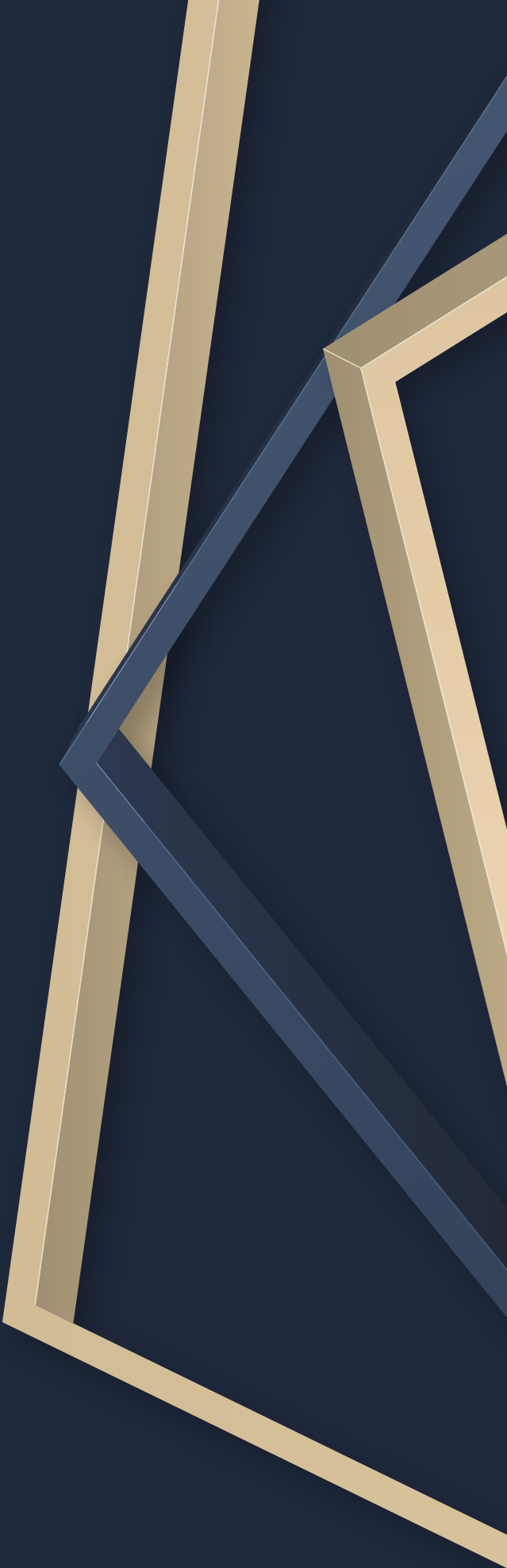
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