

President's Message 會長的話

President Tom Peng
彭誠浩會長

I became BFA president on behalf of the Chinese Taipei Baseball Association on April 13 this year. I am honored to accept the job with the full support of all member countries and gladly opened a new page for the BFA.

To think about how to take over and bring the BFA into a new era, I summoned my new team and asked them work extra hard to bring even more enthusiasm to the work of the Association.

At the first executive committee meeting in Taipei on July 29, I gave a formal report to all executive committee members regarding the newly launched BFA website. I also humbly asked Hong Kong executive committee member Allan Mak to use his professional editing experience for the Hong Kong Baseball Association to assist the BFA to issue its first official periodical. I gratefully thank Mr. Mak who accepted this task at short notice. Once again, I would like to express gratitude to him and his entire editing team. **Asian Baseball Cheers (ABC)** would not have successfully seen the light of day this year without them.

ABC belongs to all member countries and at the moment it will be published as a quarterly. People will be able to be fully informed about the work of the BFA as well as news from member countries and the IBAF, MLB, and NPB. We hope that all member countries will find it informative and interesting. If you have any news about baseball in your country, please send it to us so your brothers and sisters in baseball will know the situation in your country. Finally **Asian Baseball Cheers** is a new and exciting development for the BFA, and I truly wish all member countries can work together because the BFA is one big Asian baseball family.

今年4月13日，在日本東京召開的會員大會中，本人代表中華台北棒球協會參選亞洲棒球總會會長的改選，在與會會員國的全體支持下，接受了會長的職務，同時，也開啟新的亞洲棒球總會新的一頁。

要如何繼往開來，讓新的總會帶給會員國新的感受，誠浩集合了新的幹事部，要大家抱著戰戰兢兢的心情，規劃出每一項務實的工作項目，以讓亞洲棒球總會能夠展現全新的熱忱。

在7月29日於台北召開的第一次執行委員會議中，誠浩除了向全體執委報告亞洲棒球總會官方網站歷史性地正式上路運作外，也委託香港的執行委員麥年豐先生，藉著他和香港棒球總豐富出色的編輯經驗，替亞洲棒球總會規劃官方刊物的誕生，非常感謝麥執委當下接受這突如其來的重任，當然，也不負重任地讓這份“亞棒風采”如期於今年問世了，再次感謝麥執委，以及香港棒總的這批編輯小組。

“亞棒風采”是屬於亞洲棒球總會所有會員國的，目前規劃是每季出版，透過這份刊物可讓我們了解到亞洲棒球總會的推動工作，以及會員國的相關動態，同時，對於國際棒總甚至美國職棒、日本職棒等國際棒球的重要訊息，我們也將以另一種方式呈現，期待會員國能珍惜觀賞外，並不吝惜提供各自棒球文圖訊息，以讓大家能更瞭解彼此動態。總而言之，“亞棒風采”是亞洲棒球總會新的嘗試，希望能讓會員國更多互動，而緊密地結合，因為亞洲棒球總會不就是一個亞洲棒球大家庭。

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 CHINESE TAIPEI	CHINESE TAIPEI BASEBALL ASSOCIATION	www.ctba.org.tw
 JAPAN	BASEBALL FEDERATION OF JAPAN	www.baseballjapan.org/eng/index.html
 KOREA	KOREAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION	www.korea-baseball.com/
 CHINA	CHINESE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION	http://baseball.sport.org.cn
 HONG KONG	HONG KONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION	www.hkbaseball.org
 DPR OF KOREA	BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION OF DPR KOREA	
 MONGOLIA	MONGOLIAN BASEBALL NATIONAL FEDERATION	
South-West Asia	Name of Organization	Website
 IRAN	IRAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION	www.ifsafed.com
 IRAQ	IRAQI BASEBALL FEDERATION	
 AFGHANISTAN	To be advised	
Central Asia	Name of Organization	Website
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 UZBEKISTAN	UZBEKISTAN BASEBALL FEDERATION	
South-East Asia	Name of Organization	Website
 THAILAND	AMATEUR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION OF THAILAND	www.baseball.or.th
 INDONESIA	INDONESIA AMATEUR BASEBALL & SOFTBALL FEDERATION	www.perbasasi.com
 MYANMAR	MYANMAR BASEBALL FEDERATION	
 BRUNEI	BRUNEI AMATEUR SOFTBALL & BASEBALL ASSOCIATION	
 PHILIPPINES	PHILIPPINE AMATEUR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION	
 SINGAPORE	SINGAPORE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION	http://sbsa.org.sg/
 CAMBODIA	To be advised	
 MALAYSIA	FEDERATION OF BASEBALL MALAYSIA	http://baseballmalaysia.wordpress.com/
South Asia	Name of Organization	Website
 INDIA	AMATEUR BASEBALL FEDERATION OF INDIA	www.baseballindia.org
 NEPAL	NEPAL BASEBALL FEDERATION	www.nepalbaseball.org.np
 PAKISTAN	PAKISTAN FEDERATION BASEBALL	
 SRI LANKA	SRI LANKA AMATEUR BASEBALL & SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION	www.srilankabaseball.lk



**Baseball
Federation of Asia**

A New Direction for the Baseball Federation of Asia

– BFA

President Tom Peng announces the launch of the BFA website and new tournament scheme

The first Executive Committee (EC) meeting was held on Monday, July 29 in Taipei and chaired by President Tom Peng. Discussion focused on the development of baseball in the region, particularly China and West Asia. Plans of training camps, seminars and umpire schools were introduced and Olympic reinstatement campaign strategy in Asia was discussed in detail.

All the EC members from China (Ms Wei Shen, VP), Chinese Taipei (Mr. Tom Peng, President and Mr. Huawei Lin, Secretary General), Hong Kong (Mr. Allan Mak, Member-at-Large), Korea (Mr. Jong-Up Kim, VP), Japan (Mr. Yoshinobu Suzuki, VP), Philippines (Mr. Tom Navasero, Member-at-

Large), and Thailand (Mr. Vutichai Udomkarnjananan, Member-at-Large), plus Kazuhiro Tawa – Senior Adviser and Syed Khawar Shah – West Asia Development Executive Director joined the meeting.

A new BFA website (<http://www.baseballasia.org/>) was launched in September and the newly recruited BFA secretariat, Mr. Richard Lin (Director, Administration), Mr. Calvin Chih-shien Yeh (Director, Training Dept.), Mr. Charles Yang (Chairman, Technical Dept.), Mr. Howard Tsai (Director, International Affairs), Ms. Aki Huang (Assistant Director, Administration), and Mr. George Yeh (Assistant Director, Game Dept.) was warmly welcomed by the EC.

Baseball Cheers 棒球風采

Baseball: An Up-and-Rising Sport in Hong Kong

Philip Li

Chairman of the Hong Kong Baseball Association

Baseball is an up-and-rising sport in Hong Kong, an international metropolis with a population of seven million.

Since its inception, the Hong Kong Baseball Association (HKBA) has been instrumental in organizing and

promoting baseball activities in Hong Kong for more than 20-years. At present, it has 34 affiliated clubs or associations and 90 baseball teams playing the open leagues, school leagues and children's games. Besides participating in the international

games and regional games respectively organized by the IBAF, BFA and countries or regions relatively advanced in baseball, the HKBA also organizes international and regional invitational games. The notable ones are:



The Phoenix Cup – Hong Kong International Women's Baseball Tournament (《鳳凰盃》香港國際女子棒球錦標賽), which is endorsed by the IBAF and has been played annually since its inception in 2008, attracts players from Asia, Oceania, North America and Europe. The upcoming Phoenix Cup will start its first four-day game on 14 February 2014 (<http://www.hkphoenixcup.com>)



The Hong Kong International Baseball Open (香港國際棒球公開賽), a men's tournament arose out of the Zhujiang Cup to increase the number of participating countries



From Left: Chairman Philip Li, President Tom Peng, Ms Shen Wei,
Secretary General of Chinese Baseball Association
左起：李永權主席、彭誠浩會長、中國棒球協會秘書長申偉女士



and regions, was pilot-launched last December with the participation of four countries and regions from Asia and North America. For its upcoming games in 20-23 December 2013, players from Asia Pacific, North America, Europe and Middle East will come to play the game (<https://www.facebook.com/hkibo.fans>).



Zhujiang Cup (《珠江盃》), started off in 2000 as a competition for men from the cities along the Zhujiang River (Pearl River) in China. The Cup was extended to children in 2003 and held in alternate years for children and men. Independent websites have been set up for the above games. The HKBA warmly invites interested parties to take part in these international games.

THE HONG KONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Profile

Official name: The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited
(Incorporated as a non-profit-distributing limited-by-guaranty company under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance)

Year of establishment: 1993

Membership: The Association is member of:

- (i) Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China
- (ii) International Baseball Association
- (iii) Baseball Federation of Asia
- (iv) PONY Baseball/Softball Association

Mission: The Association is committed to providing the best possible service to Hong Kong people who love baseball.

Vision: Being Hong Kong's sole National Sport Association of Baseball, largely funded by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, the HKBA strives to make Hong Kong a "Star City of Baseball".

Objectives:

- promote baseball to people living in Hong Kong;
- provide training to baseball players;
- train and provide qualified coaches and umpires;
- raise Hong Kong's baseball standard to international level; and
- win international games

Activities:

- promoting baseball to all age groups;
- organizing local league games;
- organizing international and regional games;
- participating in international and regional games;
- providing squad training and beginners' training; and
- providing coach training, umpire training and scorer training

6th East Asian Games in Tianjin, China

第六屆天津東亞運動會





Champion 冠軍	Japan 日本
1st Runner-up 亞軍	Korea 韓國
2nd Runner-up 季軍	Chinese Taipei 中華台北
4th place 第四名	China 中國
5th place 第五名	Guam 關島
6th place 第六名	Hong Kong 香港
7th place 第七名	Mongolia 蒙古





From Left: Mr. Huawei Lin, President Tom Peng, Mr. Allan Mak

左起：林華華先生、彭誠浩會長、麥年豐先生

6th East Asian Games in Tianjin, China 第六屆 天津東亞運動會

Picture with Mr. Kenneth K.K. FOK,
Chef de Mission of the Hong Kong, China Delegation
與香港代表團團長霍啟剛先生合照



▼ Scorers 記錄組



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▼Technical Commission 技術官員



Team Chinese Taipei

中華隊陣容



This year's East Asian Games, Chinese Taipei team was composed of 19 amateur players and five minor league players. The team left for Tianjin on September 27 to practice and hopefully gain an East Asian Games gold medal.

In preparation for the 2013 East Asian Games and 2014 Asian Games, the Chinese Taipei Baseball Association held a selection and training meeting after the first division spring game this year to pick the top 30 players. The Chinese Taipei team began their training from end of May, and consecutively participated in the Dutch World Port Tournament, the Czech Republic and Canada World Baseball challenge. The players representing the Chinese Taipei team at the East Asian Games were as follows: Chih-Hsien Chiang, represented Chinese Taipei at the 2008 Beijing Olympics; Pin-Chieh Chen participated in the 2012 Asian Championships; Yao-Lin Wang played in the 2013 WBC; and Kuo-Hua Lo and Jin-De Jhang joined the Chinese Taipei team for the first time this year. Only Ming-jen Kuo and Xian-Zhi Chang have had professional baseball experience in Taiwan while the rest of the teams are less than 30 years of age. Coach Ming-Tsu Lu hopes his young and fast team will do well and plans to pick some talented youngsters to play in next year's Asian Games.

今年的東亞運動會，中華隊隊陣容是由19名業餘好手加上5名旅美小聯盟選手所組成，中華隊已在9月27日前往天津進行移地訓練，目標奪得天津東亞運金牌。

為備戰2013年天津東亞運以及2014仁川亞運，在今年的甲組春季聯賽結束後，中華棒協召開選訓會議，選出表現優秀的30名選手，從5月底開始進行集訓，並參加荷蘭港口杯、捷克邀請賽以及加拿大世界棒球挑戰賽，最後從中選出19名選手與旅外好手共同組成這次的東亞運代表隊。

旅外選手中，蔣智賢曾代表中華隊參加2008北京奧運，陳品捷去年參加2012年亞錦賽，王躍霖是今年WBC經典賽國手，羅國華與張進德則是首次入選中華成棒隊。

本次中華隊陣中除了有國內職業經歷的郭銘仁與張賢智之外，其餘選手皆不滿30歲，總教練呂明賜希望打造一支年輕且具有速度的球隊，明年的亞運會也將會從中挑選優秀的選手參加。



BFA and CTBA to create Win-Win situation

亞洲棒總與 中華棒協攜手雙贏

May 2013 saw the newest BFA officially take over under the mantle of the Chinese Taipei Baseball Association (CTBA). The Baseball Federation of Asia in Korea and the Baseball Federation of Japan had previously handled this task.

Due to the heavy workload and CTBA'S lack of personnel, the composition of the new BFA includes some people from outside the CTBA including university professors with professional baseball knowledge. In addition, two full-time employees have been hired to assist in the work of running the BFA.

Currently the offices of the BFA and CTBA are both located in the same building on the same floor, making it easy for the two organizations to work together. For example, the 2013 IBAF 12U and 18U World Cup hosted by the CTBA was fully assisted by BFA personnel. The CTBA also took the initiative to help the BFA for the Pan-Pacific Baseball Tournament (PPBT) to be held in 2014.

The two Taiwanese presidents of the BFA and CTBA were of one mind to make Asian baseball and Taiwan baseball grow and blossom in tandem. This must create a win-win situation for baseball as a whole.

就誠如之前八年由韓國棒球主導的亞洲棒球總會，以及更之前日本棒協主導的BFA般，從今年5月正式運作的新亞洲棒球總會，係由中華台北棒球協會規劃接手的。

惟由於中華棒協業務繁多，人手不足，所以新的亞洲棒球總會除了部分人員由中華棒協兼任外，尚有幾位具有棒球專業的大學教授協助參與，並另聘兩位專職人員長期駐會工作。基本上，新的亞洲棒球總會已是一個獨立作業的團隊。

目前亞洲棒球總會與中華棒協的辦公地點都在同一大樓同一樓層，但不在同一區，既方便作業支援，又不失為兩單位的獨立性。之前，中華棒協甫舉辦完成的12U、18U世界盃大賽，亞洲棒球總會人員即全力支援；而亞洲棒球總會在積極規劃的2014年泛太平洋賽事，中華棒協也已主動參與。

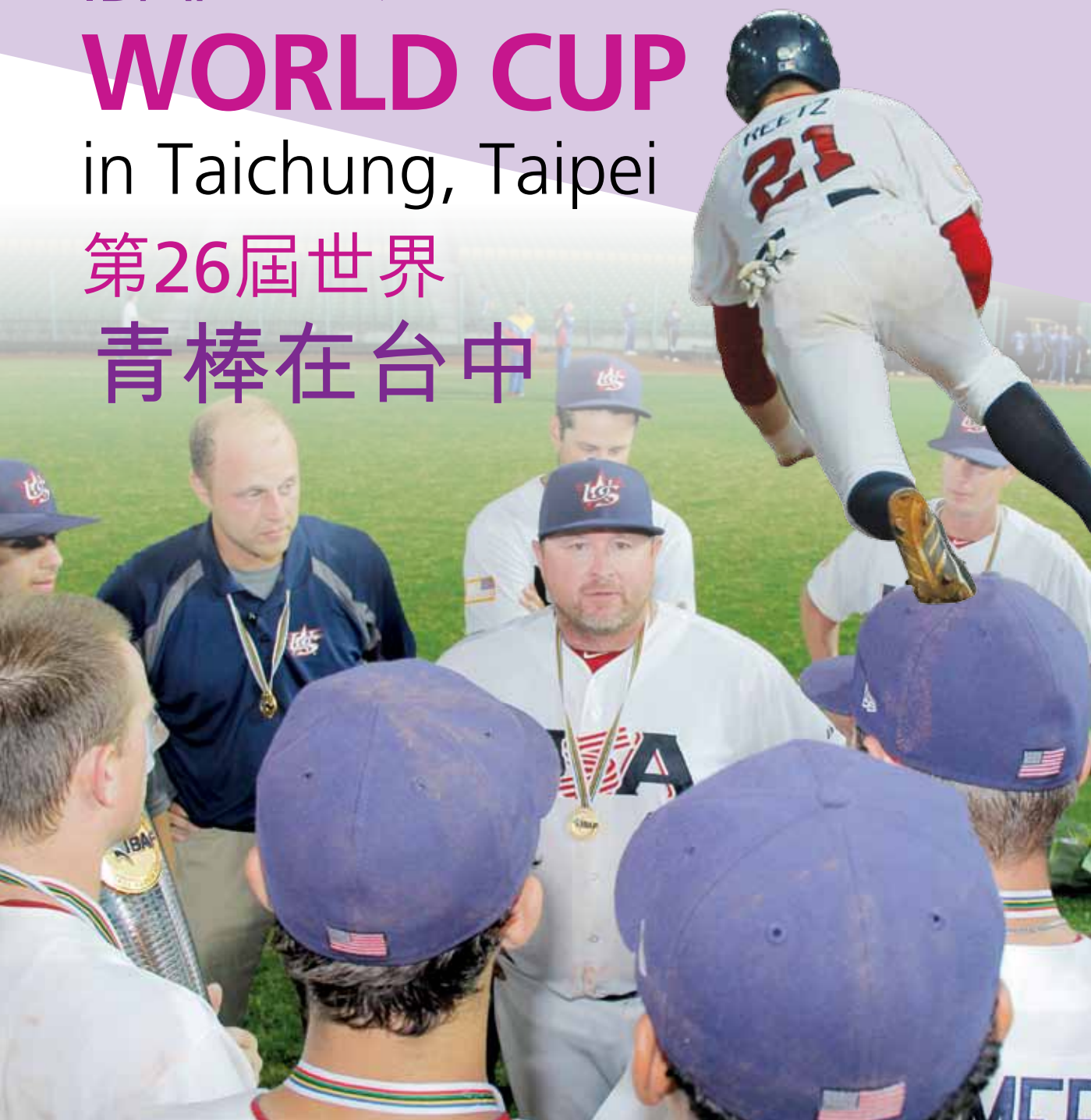
亞洲棒球總會彭會長與中華棒協陳理事長兩位台灣棒壇領導人早有共識，如何讓台灣棒球、亞洲棒球的共同成長，絕對需要兩會人員的攜手合作，始能走出一條雙贏大道。



IBAF XXVI 18U Baseball **WORLD CUP**

in Taichung, Taipei

第26屆世界
青棒在台中





Final Standing

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| 1 |  | U.S.A. (USA) |
| 2 |  | JAPAN (JPN) |
| 3 |  | CUBA (CUB) |
| 4 |  | CHINESE TAIPEI (TPE) |
| 5 |  | SOUTH KOREA (KOR) |
| 6 |  | VENEZUELA (VEN) |
| 7 |  | CANADA (CAN) |
| 8 |  | AUSTRALIA (AUS) |
| 9 |  | MEXICO (MEX) |
| 10 |  | COLOMBIA (COL) |
| 9 |  | ITALY (ITA) |
| 12 |  | CZECH REPUBLIC (CZE) |



II 12U BASEBALL WORLD CUP

第二屆世界少棒在台北





President of the 2013 IBAF 12U Organizing Committee passes the IBAF flag to the Deputy Mayor of Tainan City (臺南市副市長許和鈞先生), the host of next championship, through the IBAF President.

Final Standing	
1	 U.S.A. (USA)
2	 CHINESE TAIPEI (TPE)
3	 JAPAN (JPN)
4	 VENEZUELA (VEN)
5	 PANAMA (PAN)
6	 MEXICO (MEX)
7	 BRAZIL (BRA)
8	 SOUTH KOREA (KOR)
9	 ITALY (ITA)
9	 RUSSIA (RUS)
11	 CZECH REPUBLIC (CZE)
11	 HONG KONG (HKG)
13	 PAKISTAN (PAK)
13	 PHILIPPINES (PHI)



Hong Kong Baseball Development in Four Decades 香港棒球四十春秋



Inauguration of HKBA on 26 March 1993
攝於1993年3月26日·香港棒球總會成立典禮

Laurence Lee

President of Hong Kong Baseball Association

李錦泉 香港棒球總會會長

On the twentieth anniversary of the Hong Kong Baseball Association, I would like to offer my sincerest congratulations. As one of the nine founders of the Association, I am filled with joy and gratitude. Joy – as if I witnessed my own child growing up. Gratitude – for seeing the child pull through illnesses, injuries and sleepless nights. In the first decade as a start-up, the road was rough. In the next decade, a breakthrough was made. Our men's baseball team participated in the Asian Baseball Championship – the highest level tournament in Asia – and competed with Japan, Korea, Taiwan and China, four of the top six teams in the world (the rest being USA and Cuba). Our women's baseball team made it to the world stage and participated in the IBAF Women's Baseball World Cup, winning international recognition. It has taken us twenty years but we have proven to be able to break out of Hong Kong and compete internationally. The twentieth anniversary is indeed a new milestone for the sport of baseball in Hong Kong.

The development of the Hong Kong Baseball Association over the past 20 years since its inception was mostly recorded in its quarterly publication "RUN", which has become an important source of information regarding the history of baseball in Hong Kong. However in the 20 years before the Hong Kong Baseball Association was formed, i.e., 40 ago, there were stories of baseball pioneers that have gradually faded in people's memory. Let me write about some of these stories from that era as a contribution to Hong Kong's baseball history as well as my tribute to the trailblazers, both deceased and living.

In post-war Hong Kong, compared to soccer, softball, basketball, or badminton, baseball experienced a slower recovery. In the early 1970s, the Recreation & Sport Service (RSS) organized the first training course for children's baseball. The person in charge was Mr. LAM Lang Ping of the RSS who had a passion for baseball himself. At the time, most of the participants came from lower income families where parents did not have time to take care of their children on holidays. When the first and only class graduated, Mr. LAM asked me if I could continue to lead the graduating participants, together with some new ones, to form a Chinese kids' team. He even promised to help us join and compete in the Hong Kong Little League which, at the time, consisted of teams with Western players only. Nonetheless, equipment, uniforms, joining fees, and end of year gatherings all added up to the cost. Fortunately the Hong Kong Little League agreed to waive all fees for us and even donated all (used) baseball equipment to us. As long we sent in the teams, no matter how many, the League would support us. This made a huge and lasting impact to our development. The graduation of the first-year (which was also the only year) class was held at Happy Valley and the Principal Recreation & Sport Officer of RSS Mr. Dicken YUNG was there for the presentation.

In the early 1980s, Shatin became Hong Kong's first satellite city transformed from being a rural area. The Senior Recreation & Sport Officer of RSS at the time, Mr. Jimmy CHOW, came up with the idea of "New City, New Sports". He suggested that Shatin district promote a little-known sport called baseball at its schools

and invited Hong Kong Little League to organize courses. I was the Chinese representative among the directors of the Hong Kong Little League at the time. We sent out invitations to many schools in Shatin to participate in our program, but in those days, despite the high economic growth of the city, baseball was an unfamiliar sport that few people knew about. The result was that only Kei Kok Primary School under the leadership of its principal Mr. LU Kwong Fai, participated. Since then, every student baseball team in Shatin became a member of the Shatin Baseball Club of the Shatin Sports Association. The Shatin District Officer at the time, Mr. Donald TSANG Yam Kuen, was an ardent supporter of the concept of "New City, New Sports". In 1983, the Martin Team defeated the very strong Japanese youth team and snatched the crown from its usual recipient. The victory sent strong ripples in the community. The authorities in Shatin decided to name the longest bridge across the Shing Mun River, Martin Bridge to commemorate this victory. As a result of strong governmental support, the Shatin Baseball Club was able to have its own training ground in Tai Wai. We learnt from the technical excellence of Japanese baseball and their strong coaching style. Over time we got bigger and the teams in our association participated in the Hong Kong Little League matches at all levels and did very well. The Shatin Baseball Club certainly played a role in promoting baseball in Hong Kong and developing a number of excellent players and trainers representing Hong Kong. In the 1980s, all the matches of the Little League took place at King George V School (KGV) at the intersection between Homantin and To Kwa Wan. KGV had a huge lawn that could hold three Little League matches at the same time. It had a central location with expansive grounds. The 1980s to mid-1990s was the golden period for youth



Presentation by Principal Recreation & Sport Officer of RSS Mr. Dicken YUNG
首席康樂體育主任容德根先生親自頒獎

baseball in Hong Kong. During that time, a group of parents began to realize playing baseball was good for children's development. They began to ponder how youth baseball could be developed more systematically in order to develop the children's spirit, character, body, technique, and discipline and to allow more children in Kowloon participate in this sport. After years of investigation and discussion, a group of like-minded parents who shared in their passion for baseball and their generosity contributed time and money (we were not very wealthy but we were willing to do something good for society) in order to promote baseball in Hong Kong and let more people from different age groups, regardless of gender, to play the sport.

At long last, after a decade of conception, the Hong Kong Baseball Association was formed in March 1993. The Association just passed its 20 year mark, but baseball in Hong Kong has been developing for 40 years and has earned itself international recognition. Unfortunately, to date Hong Kong still does not have a dedicated standard baseball pitch, despite the city's reputation as a world metropolis. Four decades have passed. I wish those who worked hard for baseball in Hong Kong did not do so in vain. I also hope those who come after me will help the sport reach new heights. Today, I wish all the baseball lovers out there can have a home for training and for matches. As a senior baseballer, I sincerely request: Please give Hong Kong a baseball pitch, diamond-shaped, with beautiful green grass and red clay, like the one I dream of often.

This will mean forty years have not gone by for nothing.

香港棒球總會二十周年，我要向它致以最真摯的祝福。作為九位創會成員的其中一位，我的心情是欣慰又感恩：欣慰，是好像親眼見自己的孩子已經長成；感恩，是孩子在成長過程中，難免有病痛，受傷，有許多不眠之夜，但都一一熬了過去。開始頭十年，是創業期，路是艱難的；後十年，有了突破口：男棒參加了代表亞洲最高水平的《亞洲棒球錦標賽》，和世界六強中的亞洲四強：日、韓、台、中同場較量（另兩強是美國和古巴）；女棒則更走上了世界舞台，參加了世界盃女子棒球錦標賽，獲得了國際普遍讚譽。我們用了二十年，達成了衝出香港，走向世界的願景。二十周年是香港棒球運動的一塊新里程碑！

香港棒球總會從成立至今的二十年，所走過的路，大都記錄在季刊《上壘》內，成為香港棒球歷史其中一頁的重要文獻。只是再往後過去二十年的事，即距今四十年，那裡曾有多人為棒球拓荒的事蹟，就漸漸被忘懷了。下面我想寫一點那還未被忘懷的二十年，算是香港棒球史的遺補，也是對當年一起打拼的先行者，無論已逝或在世的，一個思念和敬意。

戰後的香港棒球運動相對起足球、壘球、籃球、羽毛球，恢復得比較晚。70年代初，康樂體育事務處，簡稱康體處，舉辦了第一屆兒童棒球訓練班，那是由署內一位非常熱愛棒球運動的林良平主任負責，參加的學員多數來自那些家長在假日無暇加以照顧的社會基層孩童。當結業時（只此一班），林主任向我提議，可否繼續帶領現有再加進新的小童，組成一支華籍兒童隊，並答應從旁幫助加入香港唯一由外籍人士組成的Hong Kong Little League（香港少棒聯盟），參加賽季賽事。由於球具、用品、制服、參賽費，並每年季終聚餐等費用，為數不菲。幸運的是最後得到少棒聯盟同意免除一切費用，並且提供一切棒球器材，（當然大部份都是用過的），只要我們有隊伍參加，不論多少隊伍都無限量支持。這對我們日後發展棒球，影響深遠。這第一屆，也是唯一一屆的結業禮，是在跑馬地草場內舉行，由當時首席康樂體育主任容德根先生親自頒獎。

直至80年代初，沙田成為香港首個從鄉村變成一個衛星城市。當年沙田區康樂體育主任周啓明先生構思“新城市，新運動”的理念，提議在沙田區發展少為人知的學校兒童棒球運動，邀請香港少棒聯盟合辦課程。當時我是少棒聯盟董事中的華籍代表。我們於是廣邀沙田區

內學校參加。棒球在那時即使是經濟起飛的年代，仍然是一種極陌生的運動，認識者極少，結果只得區內基覺小學盧光輝校長率領其學生參加。其後區內所有學生組成的棒球隊，都參與“沙田體育會”轄下的“沙田棒球隊”。當年的沙田專員曾蔭權先生極力支持這“新城市，新運動”的構思。1983年沙田的“沙燕隊”打敗了實力超強的日本少棒隊，破天荒地取得了從來只由日本隊獨佔的冠軍桂冠。這在當年是一件轟動大事。沙田區有關部門決定以沙燕命名橫跨城門河最長跨河橋為“沙燕橋”。沙田棒球隊會由於得到政府大力支持，在大圍有專用訓練場，又虛心積極的吸取了日本棒球的技術精髓，紀律嚴明的教練風格，日漸壯大，參賽的隊伍覆蓋了少棒聯盟所有級別的賽事，戰績彪炳，雄踞一方。沙田棒球隊對推廣棒球，讓更多香港人認識棒球，並產生多名優秀的香港代表隊運動員和教練員，應受到歷史的肯定。

80年代，少棒聯盟的球季全部集中在何文田與土瓜灣交界的英皇佐治五世紀念學校(KGV)舉行。那裡有一塊大草場，可同時進行三場少棒賽事。因為地點適中，場地寬大優美。在80-90年代中，是香港少年棒球的“黃金盛世”。那些年間，有一群熱心家長開始認識少棒運動對兒童長成有具正面幫助，於是思考如何把少棒納入更有系統組織，從精神、品格、體魄、技術、紀律，培養好我們的下一代，讓更多香港九龍區兒童參加這種健康的運動。經過多年深思探索，長時間討論，最後集結了一群志同道合，熱愛棒球運動，絕無功利私念的家長，出錢出力出時間，（我們都不是很有錢的一群，但有肯為社會做點有益事情的傻瓜）務要把棒球在香港發揚光大，讓更多不同年齡性別的市民參加。

最後，這個歷十多年的偉大構思的果子“香港棒球總會”，在1993三月宣告正式成立。香港棒球總會走了二十年；嚴格來說，香港棒球運動走了四十年，在國際棒球界已經建立了聲譽。令人遺憾的是，香港至今竟沒有一個可固定使用的標準棒球場，這和擁有世界大都會的美名極不相稱。回望四十年，我願意當年先輩的努力沒有白費，汗沒有白流，後繼者把棒球推向了他們當年想都沒有想過的高峰；再看今天，我更願意香港廣大的棒球族群不再流落，練習和比賽無定所。作為一個年長的棒球員，我誠懇的請求：請給香港一個棒球場，鑽石形的，有美麗的綠草和紅土，這就是我在夜深人靜常常夢見的那一個。

四十春秋固無憾焉。

Asian Baseball Trivia

亞洲棒球記趣



中國棒球史略

亞洲職棒大賽，中國明星隊仍然在亞洲其他三個有標準職業球隊之後，但從球技比賽觀念和態度上看來，還是得承認大陸棒球水準持續進步中，實力正逼近台灣。

因而我花了點時間找資料，想了解這中國棒球的發展和變遷，讓台灣球迷認識一下，向來我們不視為對手的中國棒球，這五十多年來的進步。以下是中國棒球史的概述，今天還是先從開山鼻祖說起。

相傳中國鐵路之父詹天佑(圖)，在美國耶魯大學留學時，就曾將當地的留學生組成一支棒球隊。1881年，歸國留美、留日的學生把棒球運動帶回中國，以及當時在租界的教會學校和基督教青年會也產生了一些影響。只不過很難想像，長袍馬褂的清朝人，怎麼打棒球？

但北京彙文書院還是在1895年，成立了中國運動史上第一支棒球隊，那時甚至還沒有鐵路。1903年，棒球傳到湖南，稱為「野球」，顯然這一支的流派是日系的，不同於詹天佑的歐美系。湖南最早的球隊叫《揚子江野球隊》，是辛亥革命志士黃興所建，當時他在明德中學任教。1911年，湖南同盟會還在長沙成立野球會。1912、13年的《湖南教育雜誌》連載「「野球講義」」，棒球運動便在長沙部分學校推展開來。

而第一場正式的球賽是在1907年，北京彙文書院對通州協和書院，也就是說，棒球在中國開打，比中華民國的誕生

(1911年10月10日)早了四年。隔兩年，1909年9月詹天佑設計主持和勘探的京張鐵路才通車。1910年11月第一屆全國運動會在南京南洋勸業會會場舉行，到1914年棒球才列為全國性比賽；第一次參加國際性棒球賽，則是1915年的第二屆上海遠東運動會。30年代中日戰爭前，上海棒球會曾與日本三波總會在上海平涼路舉行友誼賽。

在大學棒球部分，由清華大學棒球隊執牛耳，早在1914年就是華北地區的棒球霸主。1914年《清華周報》有教師棒球隊和學生棒球隊比賽的場面。抗戰期間，昆明西南聯大的艱苦時期，清華大學《鐵馬》、《金剛》、《黑桃》三大體育會也有棒球隊，直到抗戰結束遷回北京，學校棒球隊在校內仍相當活躍。

和台灣相似的是，最早推動中國棒運的，都是旅日華僑。據《中國棒球史》一書的記載，僑居日本橫濱市的廣東中山人梁扶初(多巧！和國父孫文同鄉)，中學時是校隊捕手，畢業後被吸收到明治大學擔任一壘手。20年代將橫濱華僑組成一支中華棒球隊，在1922、1930年兩度奪得橫濱市社團業餘棒球錦標賽冠軍，轟動日本。

1932年，梁扶初回到中國，率領上海隊參加遠東運動會棒球錦標賽。1942年，太平洋戰爭爆發後，前往香港南華體育會任棒球隊教練，參加香港國際杯棒球聯賽，決賽時和美國海軍艦艇代表隊爭奪冠軍，以11：3獲勝，是該比賽第一支贏得冠軍的華人球隊。梁扶初被香港報紙譽為「神州棒球之父」。下篇再告訴大家梁扶初的棒球故事。

Source 資料來源：

<http://baseballdreamer.blogspot.tw/2005/12/blog-post.html>

(English translation will be seen next issue.)
(英文翻譯見下期。)

2013-2015 BFA and Major Tournament Schedule

亞洲棒球總會及大型賽事時間表



Date日期	Event活動	Place地點
2013. 11	Asian Cup (Western) 亞洲盃(西區)	Pakistan 巴基斯坦
End of 2014	Asian Cup (Eastern) 亞洲盃(東區)	Philippines 菲律賓
2014. 07	BFA 12U Baseball Championship 亞洲少棒錦標賽	Philippines 菲律賓
2014. 08	BFA 18U Baseball Championship 亞洲青棒錦標賽	Thailand 泰國
2014. 09. 19 ~ 10. 04	17th Asian Games 第17屆亞洲運動會	Incheon, Korea 韓國仁川
2014	IBAF 21U Baseball World Cup IBAF 21U 世界盃棒球錦標賽	TBC 待定
2014	IBAF 15U Baseball World Cup IBAF 15U 世界盃棒球錦標賽	TBC 待定
2014	IBAF Women's Baseball World Cup 女子世界盃棒球錦標賽	TBC 待定
2015	Asian Championship 亞洲棒球錦標賽	Dalian, China 中國大連
2015	BFA 15U Baseball Championship 亞洲青少棒錦標賽	TBC 待定
2015	IBAF III 12U Baseball World Cup 第三屆世界盃少棒錦標賽	Tainan, Taiwan 台灣台南

Always in OUR HEARTS 永留我們心中

It is with great sorrow that we received the news of our old friend Hector's passing. The international and Philippine baseball community has lost a good friend and long-term supporter.

We have known Hector for over two decades and when anybody thinks of Philippine baseball, Hector immediately comes to mind. His love, passion and commitment to baseball throughout the years have been something that continually amazes me and definitely it is entirely appropriate to remember him as the "godfather" of Philippine baseball.

We will always remember Hector with his distinctive yellow vest and his many cameras, which he used at every opportunity. Most important of all we remember him as our loyal friend from the Philippines.

The BFA family offers our heartfelt condolences to Hector's family and friends.



Hector C. Navasero – (1935 ~ 2013)



MANILA, Philippines—Hector Cruz Navasero, founder and pioneer of Philab, Servicing Science, Agriculture, Medicine and Sports; president of the Philippine Amateur Baseball Association for over 25 years, and a noted member of the Jaycee Senate Philippines, passed away on October 1. He was 78. Source: <http://amlan.gov.ph/hector-c-navasero-78/>.



From left: Dr. Jennifer Eagleton, Ms Josephine Fuh, Mr. Allan Mak, HKBA President Laurence Lee, Mr. Irving Chao, Ms Nicky To
左起：珍妮花·伊格爾頓博士，傅宏美女士，麥年豐先生，香港棒球總會會長李錦泉先生，趙耀靈先生，杜佩綺小姐

Asian Baseball Cheers (ABC) Editorial Team 《亞棒風采》編輯小組

The first working group meeting was held on 3 October 2013, Mr. Allan Mak introduced the "ABC" concept while other group members brainstormed ideas about the newsletter's structure and content as well as how to attract more people to concern our sport.

工作小組首次會議於 10月3日舉行。麥年豐先生簡介了《亞棒風采》的構思，各編委組員帶出會訊構圖及涵蓋內容，如何吸引更多關注我們的運動。