

AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE ASIAN BIRD FAIR

In accordance with discussions held on 22 November 2009 at the 9th Thailand Birdwatching Fair in Samutprakarn, Thailand, and as confirmed on 14 March 2010 during the 11th Raptor Watch Week in Tanjung Tuan, Malaysia, the Bird Conservation Society of Thailand, Chinese Wild Bird Federation, Malaysian Nature Society, Nature Society of Singapore, Wild Bird Club of the Philippines and the Wild Bird Society of Taipei, hereinafter called the Founding Organizers, hereby agree to establish, support and promote an annual Asian Bird Fair.

The Asian Bird Fair will encourage friendship, collaboration and the exchange of experience and best practices among the bird clubs of Asia; foster bird-watching as an eco-tourism activity; highlight bird festivals, bird fairs and bird races in the region; and promote the host cities/countries—their natural beauty, wild bird conservation efforts, eco-adventure activities and cultural heritage.

The Asian Bird Fair will be held annually in a different city. It will be hosted by a bird club/society and will take place in conjunction with the club's/society's bird festival/fair. Where possible, the host club will identify and champion a local/regional cause to be determined and supported by the participating organizations.

To be chosen, the host club must meet the following minimum conditions:

- It must provide local transport from the airport to the festival venue and back.
- It must provide board and lodging for a minimum of two persons per club invited.
- It must provide a booth for each participating bird club.
- It must organize an optional post-festival birding trip.

Furthermore, the host should, to the extent possible:

- Work with the local government in the organization and staging of the event.
- Publicize the event.

The host should expect and encourage all founding organizers to participate in the festival. As far as this is possible, it is also urged to invite other Asian bird clubs to take part.



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