



Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce & Industry

The Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CACCI) is a regional non-governmental association principally composed of the national chambers or associations of commerce and industry in Asia and the Western Pacific.

With a current membership from 27 countries or independent economies, it cuts across national boundaries to link businessmen and promote economic growth throughout the Asia-Pacific region. CACCI is a non-governmental organization granted consultative status under the United Nations.

The Head Quarter of CACCI is in Taipei, Taiwan.

History

In February 15-20, 1965, representatives of chambers of commerce and other trade organizations from various countries in Asia gathered in Manila for an Asian Conference of Chambers of Commerce under the theme 'Asian Progress Through Economic Co-operation.'

CACCI First Plenary session

The conference was significant to Asian businessmen and to the region's population, not only for the study it made on vital and current economic problems of Asia, but also because it ushered in the unification of chambers of commerce in the region. It was the first step towards a potent regional economic cooperation. A resolution creating a Select Committee was approved during the conference to prepare the preliminary work in formalising the organization.

In September 1965, just a few months after holding the conference, the Select Committee met in Hong Kong to discuss the establishment of the Confederation of Asian Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Less than a year later – on May 2-6, 1966 – CACCI held its inaugural conference in Taipei with 10 national chambers represented. The first officers were elected and the First Council Meeting was held. Since then, CACCI has been holding regular biennial conferences with concurrent themes and annual council meetings.

Membership

National Chambers / Unions / Federations of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the following member countries:

Australasia	East Asia	Southeast Asia	South Asia	Central Asia
Australia	Hong Kong	Cambodia	Bangladesh	Azerbaijan
New Zealand	Japan	Indonesia	India	Georgia
Papua New Guinea	Korea	Malaysia	Nepal	Iran
	Mongolia	Philippines	Pakistan	Tajikistan
	Taiwan (2 Chambers)	Singapore	Sri Lanka (2 Chambers)	Turkey
	Russia	Vietnam		Uzbekistan

Organizational Structure

The governing body at CACCI is a Council composed of the presidents or representatives of each Primary Member. The Council meets at least once a year and administers the affairs of the confederation, pursues its objectives, implements its policies, and promulgates rules and regulations in accordance with the CACCI Constitution.

It elects from among its representatives the following officers of the confederation, each for a term of two years or until their successors have been elected:

President, seven **Vice-Presidents**; and an **Honorary Treasurer**.

- The President serves as the chief executive and presiding officer of CACCI. He appoints, with the approval of the Council, a Director General and a Deputy Director General. The Director General, assisted by his Deputy, forms a staff for the operation of the CACCI Secretariat.
- There is an **Advisory Board** whose members include the past presidents of CACCI. It suggests measures for the improvement of the association and its structure; offers solutions to problems whenever they arise; and gives advice on matters where such is sought by the officers of the Confederation.
- There is a **Budget Commission** which prepares and presents the Annual Budget of the Confederation, reviews the income and expenditures, and formulates ways and means of providing the financial requirements of CACCI.

Activities:

As a regional organization of chambers of commerce and industry, CACCI recognizes the value and importance of providing services and projects aimed not only at complementing the services of the local, state or national chambers that form part of its constituencies, but also at promoting cooperation among Asia Pacific businessmen.

CACCI believes that, given the many challenges faced by its members, its principal role is to be a steward of private business. It does this by demonstrating its effectiveness and reliability as a mechanism to help improve the welfare of the business sector. It strives to be an instrument in bringing about a private sector that possesses greater capabilities to spur sustainable economic growth for the region.

To help its members meet the challenges of globalization and at the same time take advantage of the opportunities it offers, CACCI has been providing supplementary services to its member chambers and their respective constituencies who are expanding beyond their territories and reaching out into the global market. These services include activities designed to promote regional cooperation and are focused on a number of areas:

- Annual Conferences
- CACCI Presidential Visits
- CACCI Summits
- Alliances with other Leading International Institutions
- Policy Advocacy
- Publications
- Training Programs
- Product and Service Councils
- CACCI Awards
- CACCI Foundation

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