



December 17, 2011 — Upon the conclusion of its annual general meeting, delegates were taken on a tour of several furniture malls in the LeCong, Foshan area. The malls visited included LeCong International Exhibition Centre, The Louvre Furniture Mall as well as soon-to-open Foshan International Furniture Expo Mall

**NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF ASIAN FURNITURE ASSOCIATIONS**

Since the change of its name, Council of Asian Furniture Associations (CAFA; previously known as the Council of Asia Pacific Furniture Associations) has embraced new directions and vision, and the organisation continues to work closely with all its members to provide ample support and opportunities for all.

According to the CAFA council, the new name has helped to better bind members closer together for stronger ties. Programmes to bolster furniture design, marketing, safety standards, trade exhibitions and production technology are already on the agenda, and there is much to look forward to in 2012.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011 IN CHINA**

The 2011 CAFA annual general meeting was held on 17 December 2011 in LeCong, Guangdong, China. A total of 28 delegates representing CAFA's various member-associations attended the meeting. LeCong was chosen as the venue because it is a major furniture city in China.

During the meeting, delegates presented reports and updates on the furniture industry in Asia, which included current production, import and export values. Delegates also discussed the outlook of the furniture industry in the coming year as well as exchanged views on possible developments.

There were also updates on the progress of sub-committees. CAFA has several sub-committees covering various aspects of the furniture industry. Following are the sub-committees.



CAFA delegates gathering for photo after the annual general meeting



**DESIGN/EXHIBITION:** TFA/SFA  
**LECONG PROJECT:** MFIC  
**MARKETING/STUDY:** TFMA  
**MATERIAL STANDARDS:** ASMINDO  
**FURNITURE STANDARDS:** KFFIC/CNFA/IDAFIJ

The current Chairman of CAFA, Dr Lim Cheok Sin, encouraged all members to work together to benefit and support each other, and utilise all resources made available to CAFA.

**NEW MEMBERS**

CAFA is pleased to announce two latest members into the family during their last annual general meeting. China National Furniture Association (CNFA) is the latest member to join while Dongguan Famous Furniture Association (DFFA) was accepted as an associate member.

Looking towards the future, CAFA is looking to recruit furniture associations in India, Pakistan as well as other Asian countries into its membership. It is the aim of CAFA to have as many industry associations within the Asian countries as members.

**ABOUT THE COUNCIL OF ASIAN FURNITURE ASSOCIATIONS**

Council of Asian Furniture Associations (CAFA) was established in 1980 and now has more than ten members from countries and areas in Asia.

The organisation has committees covering Design, Raw Materials, Technology, and Marketing. The council works to tap and encourage cross-cultural exchanges aimed at promoting the growth of the furniture industry in the Asian region and beyond.

CAFA was organised to promote international cooperation among members based on mutual understanding and harmony for the promotion and development of the furniture industry in Asia. And thus, improving and increasing prosperity of the furniture industry for members. CAFA formally set up committees and actively develops and promotes the furniture industry in Asia.

**MEMBER-ASSOCIATIONS OF CAFA**

- China National Furniture Association (CNFA)
- Dongguan Famous Furniture Association (DFFA)
- Indonesia Furniture Industry & Handicraft Association (ASMINDO)
- International Development Association of the Furniture Industry of Japan (IDAFIJ)
- Korea Federation of Furniture Industry Co-Operative (KFFIC)
- Malaysia Furniture Industry Council (MFIC)
- Chamber of Furniture Industries of the Philippines (CFIP)
- Singapore Furniture Association (SFA)
- Taiwan Furniture Manufacturers' Association (TFMA)
- Thailand Furniture Industries Association (TFA)
- Association of Turkish Furniture Manufacturers (MOSDER)



Some delegates gathering for a photo during coffee break



Annual general meeting in progress with delegates covering various topics concerning the regional and global furniture industry



CAFA delegates visiting at the LeCong International Exhibition Centre