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BY E-MAIL

To : All ACBS Member countries

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to inform you that WPBSA, following a Board Meeting on October 6, 2010, have appointed me as the President of WPBSA, the world body governing the professional side of our sports. The news was conveyed to me over the weekend through a press release from the WPBSA Public Relations Officer. Mr. Zhang Xiaoning, President of the Chinese association, was also appointed as a WPBSA Board Member, which is indeed a great honour for Asia and both of us. This reflects positively on the importance of Asia at the highest levels of sports.

I take this opportunity to assure you that I shall work to the best of my ability for the development of our sports globally, especially throughout Asia. With I being member of the IBSF Board and President of ACBS, I shall endeavour to help WPBSA develop a mutually beneficial working relationship with the amateur world, which remains a highly important segment in any future plans to expand the game internationally.

To start with, there are plans now to increase the quota of Asian players qualifying for the future world professional Main Tours from three to seven each season. The best part of the plan is that two Q (Qualifying) School events will be staged in Asia, most probably in China, to qualify two players from each tournament to the future world professional Main Tours. If all goes well and as planned, we might see these Asian Q School events start as early as in 2011 to qualify players for the 2011-2012 season. These four places will be in addition to the three spots reserved for annual events -- the Asian and Asian Under-21 Snooker Championships.

Meanwhile, work is underway on a project to revive the World Snooker - Asian Centre of Excellence in Bangkok, so that we are able to offer training and evaluation courses to Asian coaches and referees. According to our plan, these courses will be conducted by the WPBSA certified coaches and referees and those passing will be given an official acknowledgement/diploma by the world professional body. This can help elevate the standards of players a great deal in a number of non-snooker powerhouses in Asia.

I shall be pleased to receive any constructive ideas from you to help the amateur and professional sides work even more cohesively in the future.

Yours sincerely

Sindhu Pulsirivong
President - ACBS

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