

REPORT OF AUSF 1st ASIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CARD) SEMINAR

AUSF Medical and Health Promotion Commission

1. SEMINAR DATE:

18-22 October, 2025, Ulaanbaatar city, Mongolia

2. SEMINAR TOPICS:

Challenges faced by University sports federations in Central Asian countries and strategies for their resolution

3. VENUES: Ulaanbaatar Hotel, Ulaanbaatar

4. PARTICIPANTS : 36 ppl from 10 countries and regions (on-site)

	Countries/ region	Male	Female	Subtotal
1	Tajikistan	1	0	1
2	Kazakhstan	4	0	4
3	Uzbekistan	2	0	2
4	Turkmenistan	1	0	1
5	Kyrgyzstan	2	0	2
6	Mongolia	7	8	15
7	China	1	2	3
8	Chinese Taipei	1	4	5
9	Thailand	2	0	2
10	Singapore	1	0	1
		22	14	36

6. MINUTES OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH PROMOTION COMMISSION MEETING

Since this is the first edition of the event, the theme was primarily determined by the local organizing committee. Due to the limited preparation time for the speakers, the discussions mainly focused on understanding the current situation and challenges in Central Asia. For the next edition, it is hoped that the Commission can play a more active role in shaping the program. The topics should be jointly decided by the Commission and the local organizing committee, with a stronger emphasis on university health promotion and sports medicine.

7. TOP 3 CHALLENGINGS OF UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT IN CENTRAL ASIA

- **Budget:** Most university sports federations have limited budgets, which are primarily allocated by their governments. Under the policy of “no medal, no budget,” funding is mainly directed toward sports with higher chances of winning medals. Moreover, government resources are usually prioritized for the Olympic Games and the Asian Games. As a result, international university sports events often receive little to no financial support, making it difficult for these federations to participate due to the high cost of international travel, especially airfare.

- **Relationship with Government:** A number of participants mentioned that two ministries share authority over university sports — the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Sport. While most of the funding comes from the Ministry of Education, participation in international events must be approved by the Ministry of Sport. This overlapping jurisdiction often creates internal administrative challenges, resulting in frequent difficulties for them to participate in such events.

- **Facilities :** The lack of sports facilities results in an inadequate environment for both students and athletes to train and exercise, while sports professionals and related resources are unevenly distributed across the country, further limiting the overall development of sports.

8. CONCLUSION OF THE SEMINAR : AUSF Secretary General Seetow Cheng Fave encouraged the six member federations from Central Asia to establish a regional university sports federation to further enhance regional cooperation and communication. Once the federation is formally established, they may report its progress during the General Assembly. Seetow also emphasized that AUSF welcomes all members to submit proposals for consideration at the General Assembly, reminding them to do so before the submission deadline. During the meeting, members are encouraged to raise any questions or comments without hesitation.

Finally, he once again expressed appreciation to MSSF for taking on the hosting responsibility at the last minute. He noted that this event has set a positive example, and he hopes that AUSF will continue to strengthen its relationships with regional university sports federations through future events.

9. EVENT PHOTOS



