



In the presence of Skål International World President Karine Coulanges and the Skål Asian Area President Marco Battistotti, the Asia congress was formally opened in front of delegates from 18 countries, representing the enormous diversity of members of a region that stretches from Mauritius to Guam. A region that comprises the Indian Ocean, the Middle East and the three divisions of West, East and SE Asia.

Karine Coulanges, President of Skål International, said "It is my great pleasure to be in Bali and join the Asian Area congress. I have met with the board and we had a very positive exchange of ideas on how we can take our great organisation into the future. A future where the Asia Pacific region will be more and more a driving force and a corner stone of Skål".

Joining President Karine was Mr. Nigel Pilkington (NZ), Skål International Director PR & Communications.

Also in attendance were National Presidents Amarjit Lidder (India), Patria Chiong (Philippines), Tsutomu Ishizuka (Japan) and Denise Scrafton (Australia).

The 3-day congress took place at the magnificent Nusa Dua Beach Resort & Spa, Bali. With 190 members the Bali club is one of the association's largest and most active clubs. Club President Bruce W Jellard, Club Secretary/Treasurer Malcolm Scott and IPP Urs Klee were on hand to welcome all delegates.

Skål's Asian Area comprises over 2000 members.

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