



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA**

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NOMINATION OF THE COORDINATOR

1. The procedures governing the appointment of a Coordinator, as amended by the 30th Session of the Commission (2007) and approved by the Directors-General of FAO and WHO, are laid down in Rule IV of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

2. The amended Rule IV reads as follows:

"IV.1 The Commission may appoint a Coordinator from among the Members of the Commission for any of the geographic locations enumerated in Rule III.1 (hereinafter referred to as "regions") or for any group of countries specifically enumerated by the Commission (hereinafter referred to as "groups of countries"), whenever it may find, on the basis of a proposal of a majority of the Members of the Commission which constitute the region or group, that work for the Codex Alimentarius in the countries concerned so requires.

IV.2 Appointment of Coordinators shall be made exclusively on the proposal of a majority of the Members of the Commission which constitute the region or group of countries concerned. In principle, they shall be nominated at each session of the relevant Coordinating Committee established under Rule XI.1(b)(ii), and appointed at the following regular session of the Commission. They shall hold office from the end of this session. Coordinators may be reappointed for a second term. The Commission shall make such arrangements as may be necessary in order to ensure continuity in the functions of the Coordinators.

IV.3 The functions of the Coordinators shall be:

- (i) to appoint the Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee where such committee has been set up under Rule XI.1(b)(ii) for the region or group of countries concerned;
- (ii) to assist and coordinate the work of the Codex Committees set up under Rules XI.1(b)(i) in their region or group of countries in the preparation of draft standards, guidelines and other recommendations for submission to the Commission.
- (iii) to assist the Executive Committee and the Commission, as required, by advising them of the views of countries and recognized regional intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in their respective regions on matters under discussion or of interest.

3. In accordance with Rule V.1 of the Rules of Procedure, as amended by the 28th Session of the Commission (2005), the Coordinators serve as members in the Executive Committee, together with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons as well as seven further members elected on a geographic basis. The geographic locations enumerated in Rule V.1 are as follows: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and the South-West Pacific. The same Rule provides that not more than one delegate from any one country shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

4. At the time of writing, 23 countries in the Region of Asia are members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. These countries are:

Afghanistan	Malaysia
Bangladesh	Maldives, Republic of
Bhutan	Mongolia
Brunei Darussalam	Myanmar
Cambodia	Nepal
China	Pakistan
India	Philippines
Indonesia	Singapore
Japan	Sri Lanka
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	Thailand
Korea, Republic of	Viet Nam
Lao People's Democratic Republic	

5. The Commission, at its 38th Session (6 – 11 July 2015), appointed India as Coordinator for Asia (REP15/CAC, para. 185). India, having served for one term, two years by July 2017, will be eligible for re-appointment. India will have been holding office from the end of CAC38 until the end of the first regular session of the Commission (scheduled for CAC40 (CAC2017)), which follows the next session of the relevant Coordinating Committee. A full list of Coordinators for Asia since the establishment of the CCASIA is given in the table below.

6. The Committee is invited to nominate a Coordinator for Asia (one of the Member countries on the list above) for appointment by the 40th Session of the Commission (TBA, 1 – 5 July 2017).

Coordinators for Asia

Coordinator	Country	Year of appointment	CAC Session	Duration appointment
Dr K.O. Leong	Malaysia	1976	11 th CAC	from end of 11 th to 12 th CAC
Dr Arsenio M. Regala	Philippines	1978	12 th CAC	from end of 12 th to 13 th CAC
Dr D. Chadha	India	1979	13 th CAC	from end of 13 th to 14 th CAC
Prof A. Bhumiratana	Thailand	1981	14 th CAC	from end of 14 th to 15 th CAC
Prof A. Bhumiratana	Thailand	1983	15 th CAC	from end of 15 th to 16 th CAC
Dr Roestamsjah	Indonesia	1985	16 th CAC	from end of 16 th to 17 th CAC
Prof F.G. Winarno	Indonesia	1987	17 th CAC	from end of 17 th to 18 th CAC
Dr Pakdee Pothisiri	Thailand	1989	18 th CAC	from end of 18 th to 19 th CAC
Dr Azizan Ghazali	Malaysia	1991	19 th CAC	from end of 19 th to 20 th CAC
Dr Dai Yin	China	1993	20 th CAC	from end of 20 th to 21 st CAC
Dr Yuzo Hayashi	Japan	1995	21 st CAC	from end of 21 st to 22 nd CAC
Ms Kanya Sinsakul	Thailand	1997	22 nd CAC	from end of 22 nd to 23 rd CAC
Ms Kanya Sinsakul	Thailand	1999	23 rd CAC	from end of 23 rd to 24 th CAC
Malaysia		2001	24 th CAC	from end of 24 th to 26 th CAC
Republic of Korea		2003	26 th CAC	from end of 26 th to 28 th CAC
Republic of Korea		2005	28 th CAC	from end of 28 th to 30 th CAC
Indonesia		2007	30 th CAC	from end of 30 th to 32 nd CAC
Indonesia		2009	32 nd CAC	from end of 32 nd to 34 th CAC
Japan		2011	34 th CAC	from end of 34 th to 36 th CAC

Japan		2013	36 th CAC	from end of 36 th to 37 th CAC ¹
Thailand		2014	37 th CAC	from end of 37 th to 38 th CAC
India		2015	38 th CAC	from end of 38 th to 40 th CAC

¹ Japan stepped down from the position of Coordinator for Asia, following the election of Ms Yayoi Tsujiyama (Japan) as Vice-Chairperson of the Commission (Ref. REP14/CAC, para. 162)