Dear Asian HEP Colleagues,

Re: Proposal for HEP Activity Sub-group to ACFA

In an email on September 15, 2022, to Yasuhiro Okada, ACFA Chair In Soo Ko re-opened the discussion of the relationship between ACFA and AsiaHEP, suggesting to the keep two organizations independent but in a revised structure. The aim of this proposal is to remove the duplication previously encountered between ACFA and AsiaHEP, whilst maintaining and enhancing a forum for the HEP community in Asia as a key part of ACFA.

Following an email between In Soo Ko to Yasuhiro Okada (KEK) a proposal has emerged that the HEP community in Asia form a sub-group of ACFA, rather than an independent organization, to carry out the previous role of AsiaHEP.

IHEP Director and KEK DG are invited as permanent members of the HEP subgroup.  A scientific secretary is appointed by the permanent members.

Membership in this sub-group may include but not be limited to HEP community members in ACFA.  The sub-group would include additional HEP community members so that each country across the Asia region active in HEP is represented. The HEP sub-group secretary keeps a list of members and their contacts.

ACFA HEP-related members call HEP sub-group meetings. Members or their delegates attend.

A report from the HEP sub-group would be a regular item of ACFA meeting agendas. A member of the sub-group or delegate is invited by the ACFA Chair to report meeting outcomes to a subsequent ACFA meeting. The scientific secretary may be asked to arrange the invitation.

We ask for your opinions on this proposal for a HEP sub-group to ACFA.

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