

Dates of Meeting:

2-10-1952 – 12-10-1952

Type of Meeting:

Asia and Pacific Rim Peace Conference

Place of Meeting:

Beijing

Attendance:

Thirty-seven countries were represented by 367 delegates, 96 non-voting and 37 observers, including Japan, Britain, and the United States. Soong Ching Ling chaired the Peace Conference

Major Agenda Items:**Speeches/Reports:****Other Decisions and/or Actions:**

- The conference condemned the United States for halting the Korean truce talks and called for the repatriation of prisoners of war in accordance with the 1949 Geneva Convention
- The resolutions at the end of the conference called for the end of Japanese "remilitarization" and the withdrawal of all foreign troops and military bases from Japan
- the decision to set up the Peace Liaison Committee of the Asian and Pacific Regions were approved. Song Ching Ling was elected chairwoman of the Committee.
- A Public Notice to the People all over the World
- A Letter to the United Nations
- A Resolution on the Question of National Independence.

Remarks:

1. The gathering took place against the backdrop of the Korean War and the growing Cold War between the communist East and capitalist West. It coincided with the heyday of positive Sino-Soviet relations. Delegates, mainly affiliated with domestic communist parties, travelled to Beijing from Canada, the United States, Guatemala, Colombia, Pakistan, India and Indonesia. Resolutions were passed, including a signed declaration by the Pakistani and Indian delegates supporting a negotiated settlement to any differences and the resolution of the Kashmir question "by the people of the Kashmir. Wikipedia
2. Three Australian delegates to the Asian-Pacific Peace Conference held in Peking earlier this month returned to Sydney by air yesterday. They were accompanied by 10 New Zealand delegates. The Australians are the Rev. V. M. K. James, Minister in charge of the Unitarian Church, Cathedral Place, Melbourne; Mr. Bruce Hart, a Sydney building worker; and Mrs. Nancy H. Lapwood. She was the lecturer in English at Peking University. She was born in China of Australian parents and has come to Sydney to see her mother before travelling on to London, where she will make her home. All the Australians travelled on British passports because of the refusal of the Australian Government to grant passports to delegates. The Rev. James said that five other Australian delegates remained in China to travel through parts which had only just been opened to foreigners. Mr. Ross F. Howard, N.S.W. field worker of the Unitarian Fellowship of Australia, said in Sydney last night that Mr. James went to Peking as a delegate of the Australian Peace Council, not of the Unitarian movement in Australia.
3. On the evening of October 12 Peng Zhen presided over the last session of the conference. The conference, the first large-scale international conference ever held in China since the founding of the People's Republic, not only promoted the peace movement in Asia and the Pacific region, but also played a great role in breaking up the blockade imposed by the United States, letting the people in various countries know about new China and strengthening China's relations with other Asian and Pacific countries.

Telegram to the Peace Conference of the Asian and Pacific Region (October 2, 1952)

Source: *RMRB* (Oct 3, 1952), 1. Other Chinese Text: *XHYB*, 10 (Oct 1952), 53.

The Peace Conference of the Asian and Pacific Region:

The convening of the Peace Conference of the Asian and Pacific Region will be a tremendous contribution to the great common cause of the people of Asia, of the Pacific region, and of the entire world in safeguarding peace. My sincere wishes for the success of this conference. (Signed as Chairman of the National Committee of the CPPCC and dated) .

Mao Zedong

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P-34087	Unnumbered photograph: One of the sessions of the Conference. Woman marked with an "X" is Mrs. Kay Gardner, a Canadian delegate.	
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	80821	Soong Ching Ling (right), leader of the Chinese delegation, talks with Daw Khin Chit, women's representative of Burma to the Peace Conference of the Asian and Pacific regions.
	80826	Viet-Nam delegates to the Peace Conference of the Asian and Pacific Regions meet the French youth delegation in Peiping. From left to right: Nguyen Xuan Thug, Chairman of the Viet-Nam Journalists' association and deputy leader of the Viet-Nam delegation; Robert Gerber, National Secretary of the Union of French Republican Youth and head of the French youth delegation; a hero of Viet-Nam People's Army; and a guerrilla heroine of Viet-Nam.
	80828	Yuan Ying (right), a famous Buddhist monk and member of the Chinese delegation to the Peace Conference of the Asian and Pacific Regions talks with Thakin Kodaw Hmaing (left), Chairman of the Burma Peace Committee and head of the Burmese Delegation, at the recess of the Conference Session.
	81234	Delegates of Korea and Japan exchange opinions in front of the Conference Hall. From left to right: Mun Yae Bong, Korean actress; Kenta Kaneko, Executive Committee member of World Federation of Trade Unions and member of the All-Japan Metal Workers' Union; and Kanemou Nakamura, acting-chief of the Japanese delegation to the Peace Conference of the Asian and Pacific Regions.
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- CIA-P-34084 81251 Dr. Gyan Chand, deputy leader of the Indian delegation gives a supplementary report on "The Development of Economic Relations."
- 81267 Saifuddin Kitchlew, leader of the Indian delegation to the Peace Conference of the Asian and Pacific Regions reports on the Cultural Exchange at the third day's Session of the Conference, 4 October 1952.
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- 81277 Suroso, member of the Indonesian delegation reports on "The Development of Economic Relations" at the third day's Session of the Conference, 4 October 1952.
- 81283 Finlay Mackenzie, Canadian delegate gives a supplementary report on "The Development of Economic Relations" at the third day's Session of the Conference, 4 October 1952.
- CIA-P-34085 81284 Finlay Mackenzie, Canadian delegate gives a supplementary report on "The Development of Economic Relations" at the third day's Session of the Conference, 4 October 1952.
- 81310 The Viet-Nam delegation presents a banner to the Peace Conference of the Asian and Pacific Regions at the third day's Session of the Conference, 4 October 1952.
- 81318 Delegates of India and Pakistan to the Peace Conference of the Asian and Pacific Regions study the Conference reports.
- 81320 Delegates of India and Pakistan to the Peace Conference of the Asian and Pacific Regions study the Conference reports.
- 81323 Mrs. Monica Felton (third from left), winner of the International Stalin Peace Prize is warmly welcomed by delegates to the Peace Conference of the Asian and Pacific Regions.
- 81325 Mrs. Monica Felton (first from right), winner of the International Stalin Peace Prize talks with a group of women delegates to the Peace Conference of the Asian and Pacific Regions.
- 81346 Delegates of China and Japan to the Peace Conference of the Asian and Pacific Regions talking outside of the Conference Hall. First from right: Kuo Mo-jo, Chairman of the China Peace Committee and deputy leader of the Chinese delegation; second from left: Kiyoshi Ozawa, representative of the Congress of Industrial Unions of Japan.
- CIA-P-34086 81521 Mrs. Eva Sanderson, Vice-President of the Canadian Peace Congress and leader of the Canadian delegation, addresses the Conference at its fifth day's Session, 6 October 1952.

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