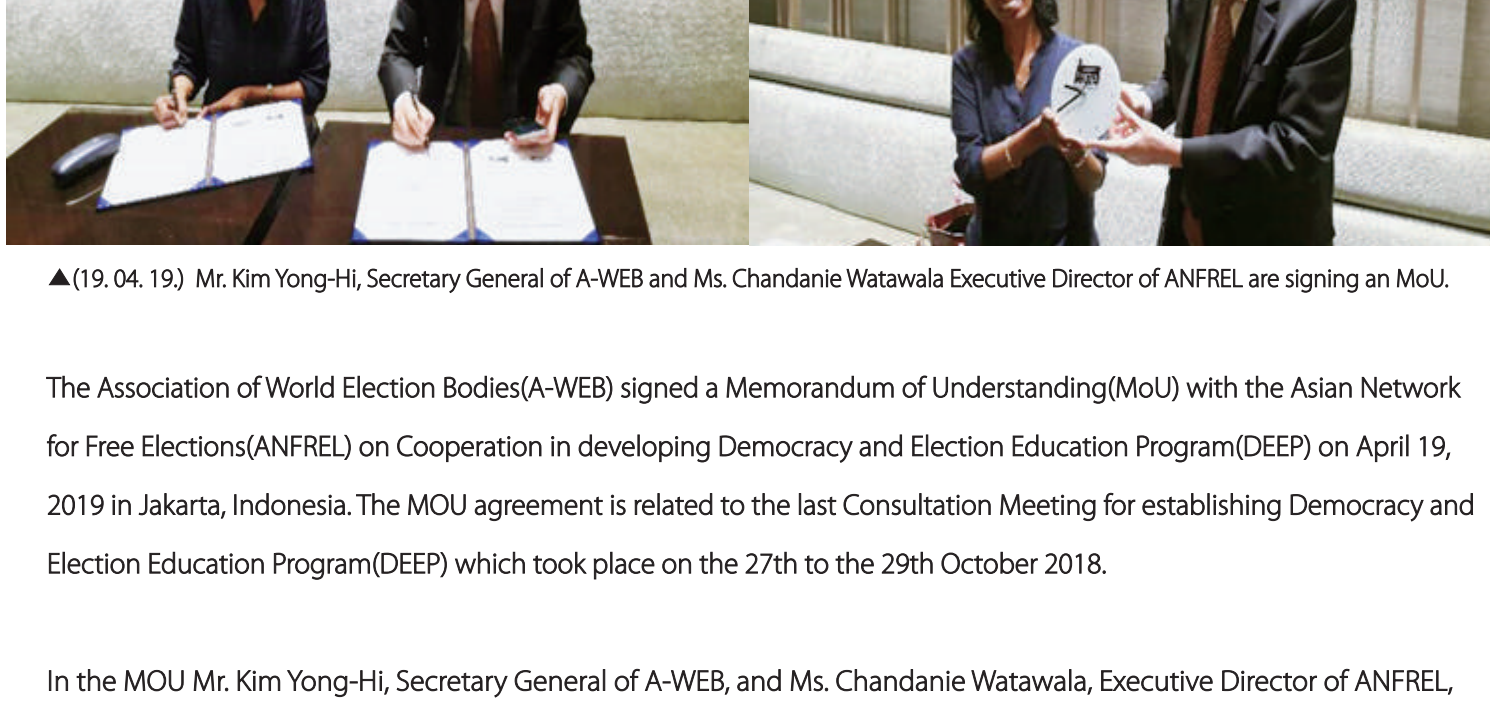


Signing of an MoU between A-WEB and ANFREL

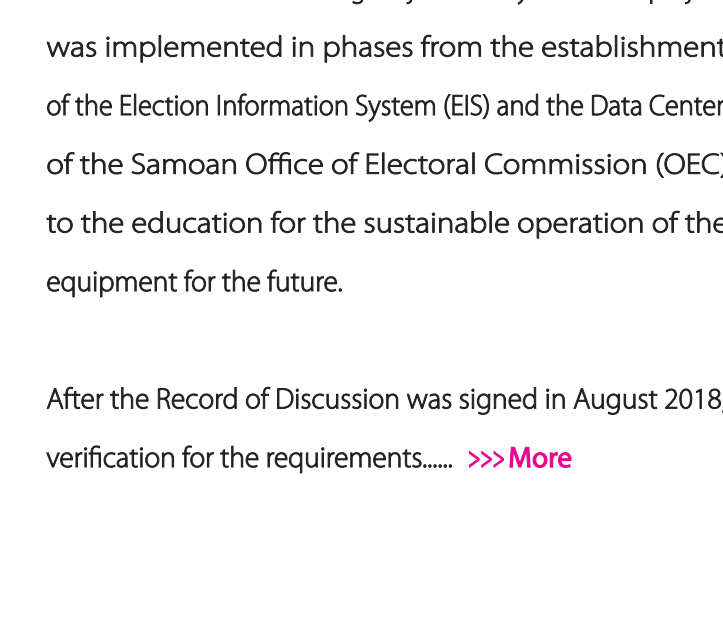


▲(19.04.19) Mr. Kim Yong-Hi, Secretary General of A-WEB and Ms. Chandanie Watawala Executive Director of ANFREL are signing an MoU.

The Association of World Election Bodies(A-WEB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) with the Asian Network for Free Elections(ANFREL) on Cooperation in developing Democracy and Election Education Program(DEEP) on April 19, 2019 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The MOU agreement is related to the last Consultation Meeting for establishing Democracy and Election Education Program(DEEP) which took place on the 27th to the 29th October 2018.

In the MOU Mr. Kim Yong-Hi, Secretary General of A-WEB, and Ms. Chandanie Watawala, Executive Director of ANFREL, promised each other to..... >>>[More](#)

Seminar on “The Challenges in Indonesia Election 2019”



A seminar on “The Challenges in Indonesia Election 2019” was held in Jakarta, Indonesia on April 16, 2019.

Mr. Seung Ryeol Kim, Advisor to Secretary General of A-WEB, participated in the seminar as a speaker to give a presentation on “Campaign Finance in Asian Countries” and mainly introduce the Political Party and Political Funds System of South Korea.

The details of the presentation are as follows:..... >>>[More](#)

Project For Improving the Election Management in Samoa

The Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) successfully accomplished the Samoan Office of the Electoral Commissioner Data Center and EIS Building Project in May 2019. The project was implemented in phases from the establishment of the Election Information System (EIS) and the Data Center of the Samoan Office of Electoral Commission (OEC) to the education for the sustainable operation of the equipment for the future.

After the Record of Discussion was signed in August 2018, verification for the requirements..... >>>[More](#)



▲ The Hand Over Ceremony of the Project (May 29th 2019)

Fijian Elections Office Information Security Intensive Training



▲ Commemorative Photo after the Closing Ceremony of the Program

The Fijian Elections Office Information(FEO) Security Intensive Training Program, led by the Project Department of the Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB), was held from 8th to 16th of May 2019. This Program is a intensive follow-up course in Information Security Training that was held on March 2019 in Fiji. With the great passion for learning new skills and knowledge, the Program was successfully ended up.

Based on the courses conducted in Fiji this March, the follow-up Program provided hands-on training of ‘Cyber Incidents Response System’, ‘Network-Hacking Protection’, and ‘Web-Vulnerabilities Diagnosis with Security Setting’, along with specialized laptops with over 17 IT programs installed. The trainees were able to not only analyze actual hacking cases, but also deal with cyber attacks by accurate diagnosis of the attacks and configuration scenarios for security..... >>>[More](#)

International Symposium – Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Office of the Electoral Commissioner



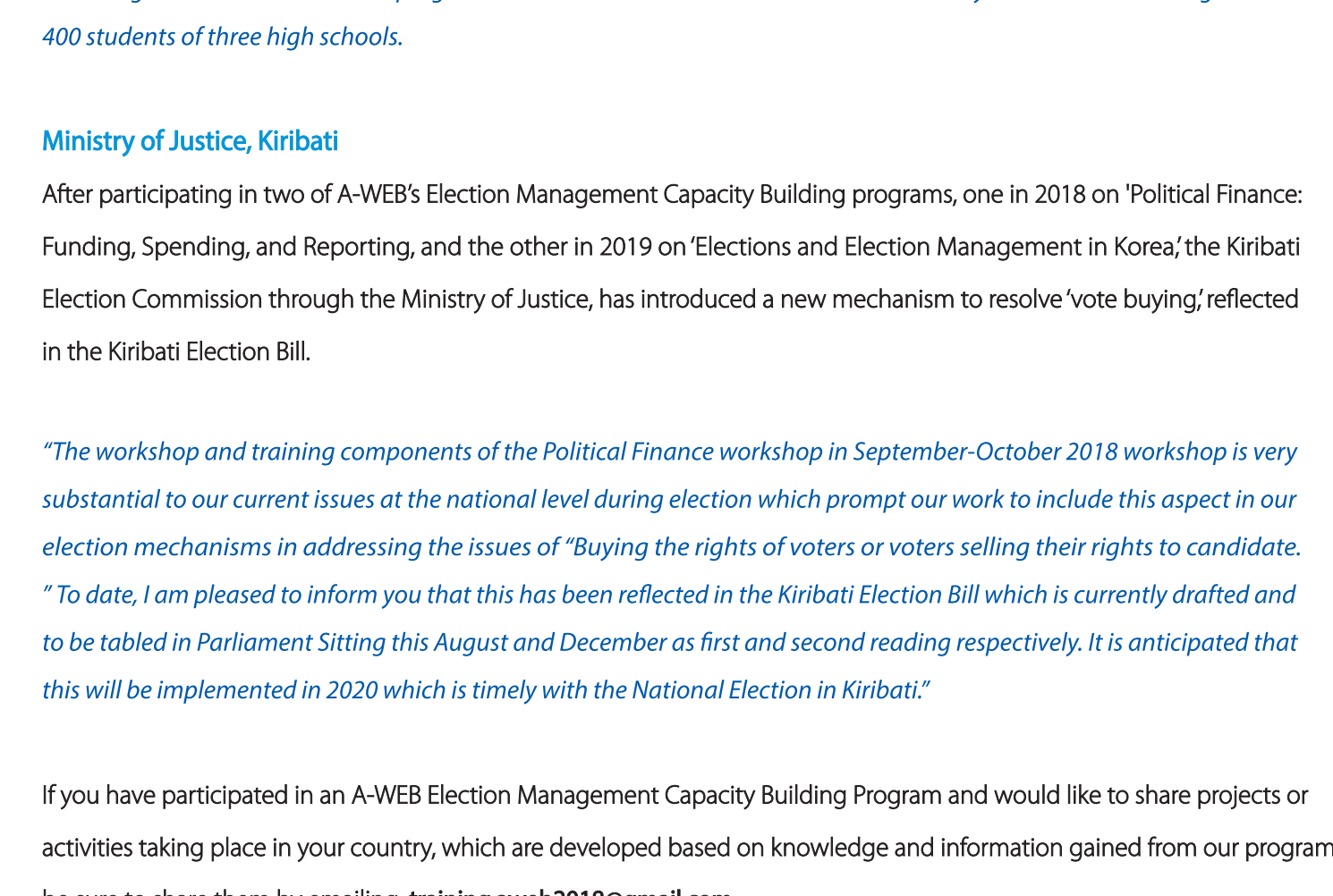
▲ M.J. Abdool Rahman, the Chairman of the OEC Mauritius, is giving an opening address.

The A-WEB representatives attended an international election symposium held by the Office of Election Commissioner (OEC) of Mauritius from June 17 to 18. The A-WEB representatives were officially invited by the OEC of Mauritius, who had applied for the A-WEB membership in January 2019, and the representatives were present at the symposium. In conjunction with the international election symposium, the 60th Anniversary of the Office of Election Commissioner was also held during the event.

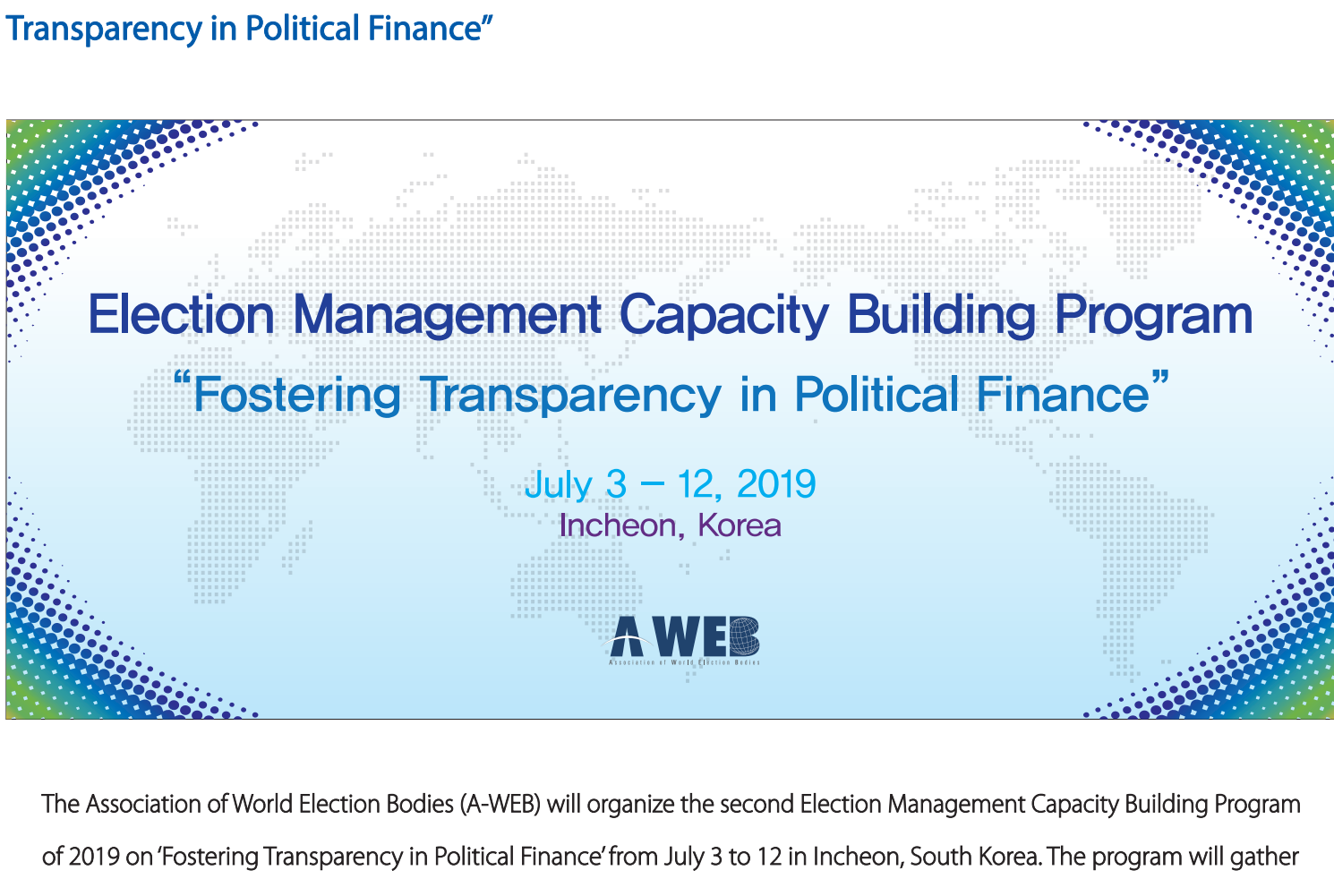
The event was co-hosted by the OEC, UNDP, and IOC (Indian Ocean Commission) in order to share the experience of electoral operation and management within the nations bordering southern Africa and the Indian Ocean. The OEC of Mauritius was granted membership as a temporary member to A-WEB after its membership application was approved during the A-WEB's 7th Executive Board Meeting in Bulgaria. The final decision on their regular membership will be made at the 4th General Assembly of A-WEB, which will be held in India this year.

The symposium covered various topics such as the reinforcement of regional democracy, enforcement of campaign funds within regulations, and ensuring independence from political pressure and influence. Experts from UNDP, IDEA, ECES, Commonwealth, and the Institute for Electoral Democracy at the University of Cambridge attended this event. The A-WEB member organizations, including the EC India, EC Maldives, EC Malawi, and EC South Africa took part in the event as well.

Additionally, Paramasivum Pillay Vyapoory, Gosk, the acting President of Mauritius, invited attendees of the symposium to a conference for the commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the OEC.

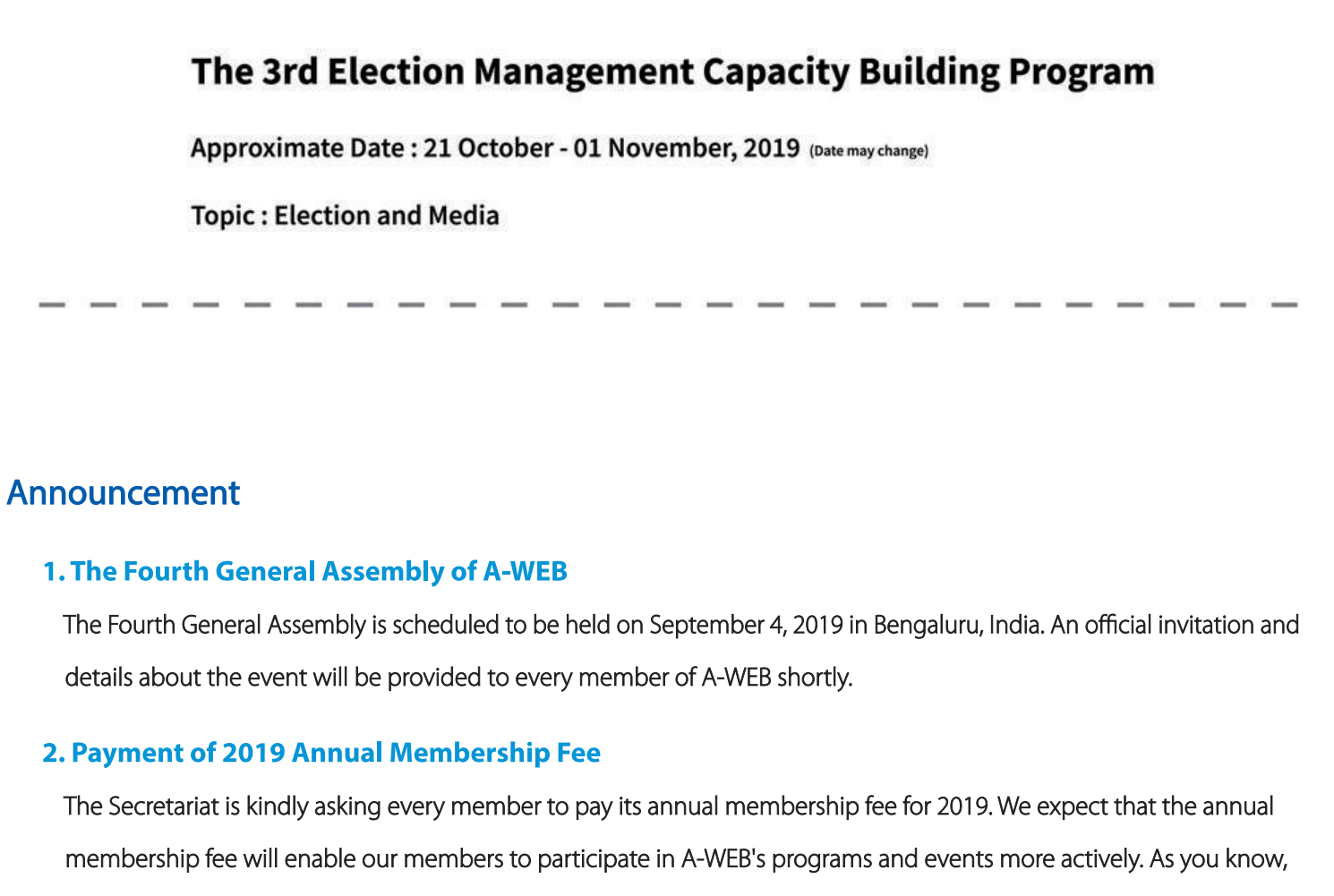


▲ The Chairman of the EC Malawi is expressing her appreciation on behalf of the attendees of the International Election Symposium.



▲ A commemorative photograph taken after the conference with the President of Mauritius

Successful Localization of Knowledge and Experiences from A-WEB's Election Management Capacity Building Program



▲ M.J. Abdool Rahman, the Chairman of the OEC Mauritius, is giving an opening address.

We are pleased to share amazing stories about meaningful outcomes of the Election Management Capacity Building Program. Some of Member EMBs that went through the program put the knowledge and information earned from the program into action. So we would like to present the stories to our members.

General Election Commission, Mongolia

After participating in A-WEB's 2018 Election Management Capacity Building Program on 'The Role of Voter and Civic Education in Promoting Political Participation,' which took place from May 9 to 19 in Incheon, South Korea, GEC Mongolia sent a letter to the Secretariat. In this letter it is described how the GEC of Mongolia implemented the Action Plan they presented during the program and created 2 new programs on civic education.

"Attending the A-Web Program implemented on May 2018 on voter education was crucial contribution for our planned activities that bring us tones of motivation, new idea, and found best methods how to implement them. Based on those we gained during the training programs we launched two programs named "Future Voter Program" intended to high school students and the other called "Young Voter Program" for the university students aimed to enhance their initial and theoretical knowledge about election." These programs were offered to 387 students of State University of Education of Mongolia and 400 students of three high schools.

Ministry of Justice, Kiribati

After participating in two of A-WEB's Election Management Capacity Building programs, one in 2018 on 'Political Finance: Funding, Spending, and Reporting, and the other in 2019 on 'Elections and Election Management in Korea,' the Kiribati Election Commission through the Ministry of Justice, has introduced a new mechanism to resolve 'vote buying,' reflected in the Kiribati Election Bill.

"The workshop and training components of the Political Finance workshop in September-October 2018 workshop is very substantial to our current issues at the national level during election which prompt our work to include this aspect in our election mechanisms in addressing the issues of "Buying the rights of voters or voters selling their rights to candidate. " To date, I am pleased to inform you that this has been reflected in the Kiribati Election Bill which is currently drafted and to be tabled in Parliament Sitting this August and December as first and second reading respectively. It is anticipated that this will be implemented in 2020 which is timely with the National Election in Kiribati."

If you have participated in an A-WEB Election Management Capacity Building Program and would like to share projects or activities taking place in your country, which are developed based on knowledge and information gained from our program, be sure to share them by emailing: training.aweb2018@gmail.com

Upcoming Event 2nd Election Management Capacity Building Program in 2019 “Fostering Transparency in Political Finance”

The Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) will organize the second Election Management Capacity Building Program of 2019 on 'Fostering Transparency in Political Finance' from July 3 to 12 in Incheon, South Korea. The program will gather 22 participants from 7 countries: Colombia, Georgia, Mongolia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, and Uganda. Participants will have the opportunity to compare and analyze different political systems; discuss current issues and share best practices on how to improve the political finance systems of their countries; and establish Action Plans to enhance transparency of their own political finance systems.

During this program we will be joined by guest lecturers from IFES (International Foundation for Electoral Systems) and OAS (Organization of American States), among others. Through this program, participants will have the chance to gain knowledge and experience from world renowned experts in the field of political finance.

The 3rd Election Management Capacity Building Program

Approximate Date : 21 October - 01 November, 2019 (Date may change)
Topic : Election and Media

Announcement

1. The Fourth General Assembly of A-WEB

The Fourth General Assembly is scheduled to be held on September 4, 2019 in Bengaluru, India. An official invitation and details about the event will be provided to every member of A-WEB shortly.

2. Payment of 2019 Annual Membership Fee

The Secretariat is kindly asking every member to pay its annual membership fee for 2019. We expect that the annual membership fee will enable our members to participate in A-WEB's programs and events more actively. As you know, the amount of annual membership fee is 10,000 USD. All annual membership fees paid by each member are managed separately. In other words, each member has its own account to ensure transparent management.

Please refer to the transaction information below for your payment.

Transaction Information for the Annual Membership Fee Payment

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(SWIFT Code : NACFKRSE)
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- Bank Phone Number : **+82-32-859-6010**
- Payee Name : **A-WEB**
- Payee Address : **A-WEB, 24th Floor, G-Tower, 175, Art center-daero, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon, Korea (Postal Code: 22004)**
- Payee Phone Number : **+82-32-455-7200**

*** (Notifying the Completion of Transaction)**
All members that have made the payment are required to send a copy of the remittance receipt (payment slip with information such as name of the sender, amount paid, and date of payment) issued by the bank to the A-WEB email, aweb201310@gmail.com, to inform the Secretariat of the completion of the transaction.