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Dear Members of ASROC (中華民國天文學會會員),

We just had an exciting and vivid election for the President of ROC (中華民國) yesterday. And here I want to report to you that ASROC (中華民國天文學會) also has a new president, i.e. me, to serve you for three years (2011 to 2014) since last June. Thanks to the tireless effort of our former president, Prof. CHANG Hsiang-Kuang (張祥光教授), our Society is in good shape and has been running smoothly. I do appreciate the decision of the Council (理事會) very much and I take this duty seriously; I will do my best to continue the growth of our Society and keep our Society healthy!

Using this opportunity, I would like to introduce you the members of the 24th Council, including both the trustee and audit members (理、監事會成員):

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This year, the major event of ASROC is the annual Scientific Assembly to be held at National Taitung University in Taitung (台東) on May 25 – 27. Taitung county is a pristine and beautiful place in Taiwan; with such a rare opportunity, we hope our members can visit this virgin land and enjoy Nature.



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One thing worth noting is that, because of (i) the 2012 *Doomsday* rumors which have been proliferating recently due the end of the Mayan calendar in December 2012, and (ii) most of the *Doomsday* scenarios are astronomy-related (such as collision of a comet with Earth, violent solar storms, etc.), we have invited two renowned experts, Director Michael Mumma of the Goddard Center for Astrobiology of NASA Astrobiology Institute in comet study and Dr. Jesús Galindo Trejo of the Institute of Aesthetic Research of National Autonomous University of Mexico in Mayan astronomy and Prophecy of Maya, as the keynote speakers of ASROC2012. We expect these two plenary talks will be intriguing and entertaining.

Perhaps you haven't noticed, ASROC has conducted a design contest for her official logo. The submission deadline was November 30, 2011 and was extended to December 10, 2011. We received 168 (一路發!) designs and many of them are very artistic and elegant. Shown above in this tentative letterhead of ASROC are just two *random* examples – taken from my own fun design and with a stolen idea. I can assure you that there are excellent designs better than what exemplified here. The Council will have a screening first and those design works survived the semifinal (準決賽, 初賽) will be presented in the General Assembly of ASROC2012 for all members to determine. So every member's vote counts and is important in the runoff (決賽) – do attend the General Assembly in this year's annual meeting.

Finally, ASROC has received 100 copies each of the 「2012 星象手冊」 and 「2011天文館學報」 from TAM (台北市立天文科學教育館) as before. However, ASROC has many more members so we will distribute them according to your background simply based on our naïve understanding (which may not be correct). Please forgive us if you didn't get what you'd like to have. I also apologize for only sending you this letter in English. I couldn't have it done in Chinese before the Chinese New Year and we feel it is important to have all member received the 1st Circular as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

In a few days, it will be Chinese New Year and this year it is the Year of Dragon. Here I wish you health, happiness and prosperity in the coming year!

Best Regards,
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