

# CMAAO General Assembly



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The 32<sup>nd</sup> Confederation of Medical Associations in Asia and Oceania 2017 (CMAAO) General Assembly and 53<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting was held at the Hilton Tokyo Odaiba, Tokyo Japan from 13-15 September 2017. The event was hosted by the Japan Medical Association.

A total of 17 countries were represented. The associations represented were Australian Medical Association, Bangladesh Medical Association, Chinese Medical Association, Hong Kong Medical Association, Indian Medical Association, Israel Medical Association, Indonesian Medical Association, Japan Medical Association, Korean Medical Association, Malaysian Medical Association, Myanmar Medical Association, Medical Association of Thailand, Nepal Medical Association, Pakistan Medical Association, Philippine Medical Association, Singapore Medical Association and Taiwan Medical Association. Also present was the President of World Medical Association, Dr Ketan Desai and Secretary General, World Medical Association, Dr Otmar Kloiber.

The morning of 13 September 2017 saw the start of the Council Meeting with the roll call of all the National Medical Associations. The election of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer for 2017-2019 was held, with Dr Chong Yeh Woei from Singapore

elected as Chairman, Dr Koh Kar Chai from Malaysia as Vice Chairman and Dr Alvin Yee from Hong Kong as Treasurer. It was then decided that the 33<sup>rd</sup> CMAAO General Assembly and 54<sup>th</sup> Council meeting 2018 will be held in Malaysia and the 34<sup>th</sup> CMAAO General Assembly and 55<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting 2019 in India. In the afternoon, we continued the meeting with the Assembly Ceremonial Session beginning with the welcome address by the President of the Japan Medical Association, Dr Yoshitake Yokokura and this was followed by the opening address by the President OF CMAAO, Dr Prasert Sarnvivad of the Medical Association of Thailand.

We had the privilege of being given a congratulatory message by the Minister of Health, Dr Katsunobu Kato and the Governor of Tokyo Metropolitan, Ms Yuriko Koike. Further congratulatory messages were delivered by the President and Secretary General of the WMA. Following the report by the President of CMAAO, Dr Prasert, it was continued by the installation and inaugural address by the incoming President, Dr Yoshitake Yokokura. The rest of the afternoon saw the presentation of country reports of the various National Medical Associations. The country reports basically informed the members present regarding the healthcare status, position of doctors and problems faced by them in the member countries.