

## Inaugural Address from 30th President, CMAAO

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Distinguished guests of CMAAO, ladies and gentlemen,

This year marks a very special moment in Taiwan as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our country. It is a great honor to be here as the 30th President of Confederation of Medical Associations in Asia and Oceania. I welcome all the distinguished guests and wish you a very pleasant and memorable trip on this beautiful island Formosa.

Over five years as President of TMA, I have acted on three core values—humanity, professional innovation and medical quality. Guided by these principles, we work with various medical professional groups and jointly address challenges facing the medical community. We have set up several mechanisms, including National Health Insurance Hospital Response Taskforce, Taskforce to Improve Hospital Accreditation, Working Group on Health Education Promotion, Medical Law Think Tank and Medical Specialty Think Tank, etc. Under my leadership, TMA actively participates in the programs of World Medical Association and CMAAO. These are part of our efforts to manage crisis and explore Taiwan's opportunities in the international arena. Briefly speaking, we try to think globally and act locally.

I am delighted to witness admirable progress in CMAAO's recent campaigns on Tobacco Cessation, Drug Prescription, Climate Change and Health, Impact of Economic Crisis on Healthcare and Strengthening of Primary Care. In addition to taking on the responsibilities to maximize people's welfare in the region, CMAAO also plays a constructive role as a regional partner of WMA. I will also follow the footsteps of past presidents and by-laws to guide CMAAO to take a more active role and try to promote the membership and monitor and follow-up the implementation progress of resolutions. Furthermore, to achieve the "CPR" for CMAAO, that is through "COLLABORATION" to make strategy "PROACTIVE" and "REACH OUT" for unlimited resources in order to improve the healthcare environment and quality of CMAAO region.

We all know that currently 36 countries and territories exist in the Asia and Oceania region. On behalf of CMAAO, I would like welcome those not yet part of this wonderful family to join us. From the existing 18 member countries, we hope to expand our coverage in the near future, so that we can collectively improve the healthcare environment and quality in this region. I believe everyone here shares the same goal.

Finally, I wish the Congress and Council Meeting success.

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