Country Reports

THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF THAILAND

Wonchat SUBHACHATURAS

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Standing and Domestic Activities

1. Continuous Medical Education and research promotion.
2. Provision of scholarships for postgraduate study and research in Japan in collaboration with the Takeda Science Foundation.
3. Provision of the Research Grants to member.
4. Lecture tours on Special lectures, Continuing Medical Education and Medical Ethics.
7. Supply Accommodation for members at the club house.
8. Provide consultative support for members with professional legal problems.
9. Organize charity golf tournament for the fund raising.
10. Organize Post congress tours to study Health Care abroad.

International Activities

Participation at the International congresses and medical association meetings as invited and as a member.
• WMA
• CMAAO
• MASEAN
• National Medical Associations in Asia, Australia, Europe, North and South America.

Special Events

• Hosting the 1st International Summit on Tobacco Control in Asia and Oceania Region on February 25, 2010 at Rose Garden Riverside Hotel, Sampran, Thailand resulting in Sampran Declaration.
• Attending the WMA Congress and General Assembly 2010 in Vancouver, Canada. At this congress, Dr. Wonchat Subhachaturas, the President Elect of the MAT, was elected at the General Assembly to be the 61st President of the World Medical Association for period of 2010–2011, the ninth from Asia and the first from Thailand
• Organizing the 90th Anniversary Celebration of the MAT on September, 27–30, 2011.
• Exchange visit with the Chinese Medical Association on August 4–8, 2011 in Beijing.
• Promotion of community Tobacco Cessation Programs through the Thai Health Alliance Against Tobacco Network (THPAAT)
• Setting up health and rehabilitation visiting teams for the flood victims in collaboration with the Thai Health Professionals against Tobacco (THPAAT).
• Organizing the robes presentation to the priests at the temple with donation.

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This article is based on a presentation made as the Report of Activities by each NMA at the 27th CMAAO General Assembly, Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C., on November 11, 2011.
Commitment

The Medical Association of Thailand committed itself to host the 2012 General Assembly of the World Medical Association during October 10–13, 2012 in Bangkok.

Flood in Thailand 2011

The flood in Thailand this year, 2011 was the heaviest and the worst in the history of the country. Twenty-six provinces out of seventy-seven were affected mostly in the north and the central basin with the loss of 540 lives mostly from landslide, drowning and electric shock. More than 2 millions of the population have been the victims of the flood and more than 300,000 people were evacuated from their home places to the higher evacuation grounds. The estimated loss of the country could reach 1,000 billion Baht (31 Baht =1US$) in total. However, with the superb collaboration of the governmental and nongovernmental health organizations and institutions and massive health volunteers, no epidemics were detected so far.
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The Medical Association of Thailand
Under Royal Patronage

The standing activities of the Association

Continuous medical education and research

- The Medical Association of Thailand is organizing "90th Anniversary Celebration with the Annual Scientific Meeting on September 27-30, 2011" under the theme "MAT: Moving Towards the Future."
- Providing 6 scholarships annually, continue postgraduate studies to train in Japan under the collaboration of Takeda Science Foundation.
- Research Grant for Thai doctors 1 million Baht per year.
- Lecture tour or special lecture for continuing medical education.

The standing activities of the Association

Medical Ethics

- Publications in the Journal of The Medical Association of Thailand concerning medical ethics.
- Special lectures about medical ethics and matters concerning law and regulation to doctors and final year medical students (18 Medical Schools).
- Publishing regular topics or issues about medical ethics, in the Journal of Medical Association of Thailand and other medical journals.
The standing activities of the Association

Academic activities for supporting the members

- Publish a monthly journal of Medical Association of Thailand and distribute to all members by surface mail, electronic mail and website of MAJ.

Activities for supporting the members

- Up-date and review the member registration.
- Service and Accommodate the members for using medical club house in the office of the association.

Activities for supporting the members

- Distribution of the newsletter Bulletin to all the members every month.

Activities for supporting the members

- Set up a project to help and support members who has legal problem via legal advisory team. There are more than 60 Case/year to consult problem.
- Organize "Post-congress Tour" to visit and observe the healthcare management neighbor countries.

The standing activities of the Association

International activities

- Participation in the Medical Congress meetings and activities in the region as council member of CMAAO, MASEAN.
  - The 46th Mid-Term Council Meeting of The CMAAO Meeting in September 16-18, 2010 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
  - The CMAAO Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting on Task Shifting and Strategy for Continuous Development of Medical Practice March 2-4, 2012, Tokyo, Japan

-14th MASEAN Council Meeting September 24-26, 2010 at Yangon, Myanmar.

-14th MASEAN Mid-Term Meeting June 16-18, 2011 at Sayoy Homarin Hotel, Bandung, Indonesia.
1st International Summit on Tobacco Control and Oceania in Asia Region
February 25-27, 2010
Rose Garden Riverside Hotel, Samran, Thailand

International activities
- Attending the meeting of the other medical associations such as the WMA General Assembly, Annual Meeting of American Medical Association etc.
  - World Health Profession Alliance Regional Workshop on Counterfeit Medical Products Taipei, June 30 to July 1, 2011

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- 2010 Australian Medical Association National Conference May 28-29, 2010
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  - Annual Meeting of House of Delegation AMA June 18-21, 2011

The standing activities of the Association

Activities for the Public
- Be the leader in campaign of Tobacco Smoking Cessation Programme.

Thai Health Professional Alliance Against Tobacco (THPAAT)

1. Thai Physicians Alliance Against Tobacco
2. Thai Dentists Against Tobacco
3. Thai Pharmacists Network for Tobacco Control
4. Nurses Network for Tobacco Control of Thailand
5. The Medical Technology Professional Alliance Against Tobacco
6. The Physical Therapists Alliance Against Tobacco
7. The Public Health Professional Association
8. The Pulmonary Public Health
Tobacco-Smoking Cessation Conference

Thai Tobacco Cessation Workshop
May 6-8, 2010

Thai Health Professional Alliance Against Tobacco (THPAAT)

Meeting 2011
March 18, 2011

Walk-Run Rally on “No Tobacco Day” May 31st
Every year.

Committee Members of MAT received WHO Awards Medal 2010 in recognition of outstanding contribution to Tobacco Control
1. Prof.Dr. Somsri Pausawasdi
2. Assit. Prof. Dr. Suthat Rungruanghiranya
(He is also invited to be a guest speaker in Scientific Session on “Tobacco Cessation” from World Medical Association on October 19, 2011 at Montevideo, Uruguay.)

Activities for the Public

Produce the television programmes about the health education or health issues for the people, five times a week such as:
- Program “Health Club” broadcast at MCOT (Modern)
- Program “Clinic at Home” broadcast at Cable TV “CTH Channel” and 1PM Channel
- Program “Dr. On-Line” broadcast at Dr. TV Channel
National Health Activities
- Radio and Wireless

The standing activities of the Association
Current special activities
- Fund raising programme: Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Culture and Tradition Activities
- We organized the donation to the temple in Bangkok, Thailand.
Near Future Activities
The Medical Association of Thailand will host 2012
World Medical Association General Assembly in

Thank you