

Message From CMAAO Secretary General

Thank you for your participation in this meeting, which is the last CMAAO meeting in its history to be held in the form of a mid-term council meeting. I would also like to appreciate Dr. Nai Chi Chan and the members of the Macau Medical Association for their efforts in hosting this meeting.

From 2013 onwards, CMAAO will hold a General Assembly every year. This move is in accordance with the detailed regulations for enforcing Articles and Bylaws of the CMAAO which were amended through the efforts of CMAAO members at the Taiwan General Assembly held last year.

Last month, the World Medical Association (WMA) General Assembly was held in Bangkok, and many CMAAO members were also in attendance.

On the second day of the WMA General Assembly, a CMAAO dinner was held through the goodwill of Dr. Wonchat Subhachaturas, President of The Medical Association of Thailand and former President of the WMA. Many CMAAO members and staff attended, and ties of friendship were strengthened. Whenever I attend a WMA General Assembly, I cannot help but sense the presence and increasing solidarity of CMAAO members within the WMA.

The theme of this year's WMA General Assembly's scientific session was "Megacity-Megahealth?" As populations rapidly concentrate in large cities, healthcare infrastructure is unable to keep pace with it. Under such circumstances, "how public health can best be protected" is an issue that should be addressed by countries combining and sharing their experience and wisdom. A Speaker from Japan raised the issue of the importance of maternal and child health, and his introduction of activities to spread the Japanese-style maternity health record book system to developing countries drew the interest of participants.

The theme of the symposium of this year's CMAAO Mid-term Council Meeting is "Current Management of Malignant Diseases in the Asia and Oceania Regions." Cancer and other malignant diseases rank high amongst causes of death in any country. However, with the advancement of medical technology, each country is making efforts to clarify the pathology of these diseases, develop diagnostic and treatment methods, enhance the effectiveness of treatments, and research new anti-tumor drugs, contributing greatly to the improvement of patient prognosis.

The actual measures being taken in each country to address malignant diseases are to be reported during the symposium. I very much hope that this important information will be shared and put to good use in each country's endeavors in this field.

Last but certainly not least, I ask you all for your cooperation in making this Mid-term Council Meeting a very fruitful and successful gathering.

Thank you very much.

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