

Message From CMAAO Council Chair

On behalf of the Confederation of Medical Association in Asia and Oceania (CMAAO), it is my great pleasure to welcome all delegates to Macau on the occasion of the 48th CMAAO Council Meeting in 8–10 November, 2012.

CMAAO was primarily established to exchange information on health care, improve medical sciences and seek solutions for prominent issues in the Asia and Oceania region. With over 50 years of history, CMAAO has grown as a powerful regional organization with 18 members, positioning itself as an important channel to concentrate capacities and efforts of the region to contribute to the promotion of people's health.

In recent years, CMAAO has strengthened its function of establishing policies on variety of issues from advocacy to medical ethics. This provides a significant link of collaboration between World Medical Association (WMA) and CMAAO. I think we can be proud of what we have achieved in the past years.

CMAAO meetings have served as major platforms to lead this development and we have another great opportunity to contribute to the continuous growth of CMAAO in Macau. The 48th Mid-term Council Meeting is especially meaningful as it will be recorded as the last Mid-term Council Meeting in the history of CMAAO. To strengthen up policy-making function and effective decision-making, CMAAO will have General Assembly annually and thus Mid-term Council Meeting ends its duties.

At the last Mid-term Council Meeting, we have many important agenda ahead of us. We will complete revision of Constitution and Bylaws and discuss better ways to operate General Assembly. I think discussion and results of this meeting will bring massive changes in the operation of CMAAO. Changes from inside of the organization will give us power and strength to stay the course.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank the Macau Medical Association for hosting this meeting and their hard work and efforts for preparing for the meeting.

My best wishes for wonderful time in Macau. Thank you very much.



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