

## Report of the CMAAO Secretary General

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Let me report on my international activities as Secretary-General of CMAAO over the past year.

On March 10 and 11 of 2012, which was the one year anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami of March 11, 2011, the JMA held two events; a seminar to improve practical skills for rescue activities at disaster sites and a symposium on the theme of the role of medical associations in emergency rescue activities. For these special events, the JMA invited as speakers Dr. Amaral, the then President of the WMA, Dr. J. James of the American Medical Association and Chief Editor of “Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness,” Professor Michael Reich of the Harvard School of Public Health; and Dr. Stephanie Kayden of the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative and her colleagues, and both meetings produced fruitful results.

A discussion of these events will be published in the JMA Journal as well as posted on the JMA website for the convenience of members of CMAAO and the WMA to use and link as disaster medicine references.

In June, I attended a work group meeting in Rotterdam, the Netherlands for the revision of the Declaration of Helsinki. It was a satellite meeting to gather the opinions of researchers and other specialists in this field and I served as co-chair for one session in the meeting. After the meeting, I moved to Korea to speak at a symposium on the introduction of the DRG program at the invitation of the Korean Medical Association and delivered a presentation about our experiences in Japan as an example from other country.

I also attended the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War conference (IPPNW) and spoke on the theme of “Lessons Learned from the Activities of Japan Medical Association Team (JMAT) Following the Nuclear Accident: Fukushima Daiichi Power Plant after the Great East Japan Earthquake,” touching on how to make peaceful use of nuclear power in the medical field.

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Invited by Dr. Yorum Blachar, past president of WMA, I visited Israel to attend the international conference on medical ethics held by UNESCO in September. During the conference, in the capacity of Vice-Chair of the WMA and Secretary-General of CMAAO, I discussed the issue of education regarding medical ethics and bioethics with Dr. Amaral, Dr. Blachar and leadership of UNESCO, and we agreed that our two organizations will try to establish a closer relationship in the future.

During my stay in Israel, I called on Dr. Meir Zadok, Executive Director of the Israeli Academy of Sciences and Humanities, which is located in a place associated with Dr. Albert Einstein, and talked about the peaceful utilization of atomic power in the medical field and medical ethics.

In late September, I attended the WHO Western Pacific Regional Committee Meeting that was held in Hanoi, Vietnam. I also visited the Vietnam Medical Association and invited its president and other senior officers to join the membership of CMAAO. In addition, I asked the WHO and WPRO to work more closely with CMAAO in the future.

In October, the WMA General Assembly was held in Bangkok, hosted by the Medical Association of Thailand (MAT) under the strong leadership of Dr. Wonchat, Past President of the WMA. I believe that we were able to achieve many results in various fields. Through the kind generosity of the MAT, during the WMA General Assembly period we were able to hold a CMAAO dinner at the MAT office which was attended by about 70 people and enabled participants to further deepen our friendship.

This is a summary of my endeavors as Secretary-General of CMAAO over the past year to enhance the presence of CMAAO.

Thank you very much.