The present issue of the JMAJ features the 29th Confederation of Medical Associations in Asia and Oceania (CMAAO) General Assembly and 50th Council Meeting held on September 24-26, 2014, in Manila, the Philippines, hosted by the Philippine Medical Association.

Of the 18 National Medical Associations (NMAs) of the CMAAO, 13 medical associations (Bangladesh, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand) took part in the meetings. The total number of participants in the General Assembly was about 70. Dr. Margaret Mungherera, President of the World Medical Association (WMA) and Dr. Robert Wah, President of the American Medical Association were invited as international guests.

At the 12th Taro Takemi Memorial Oration, Dr. Jaime C. Montoya, Professor V, Department of Medicine, University of the Philippines College of Medicine; Executive Director of the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development, gave a speech titled “Building a Regional Health Research and Innovation Network in ASEAN.” In a symposium which followed the Takemi Oration, each NMA delivered a presentation under the theme of “Health Database in an Information Society.” All of the participating NMAs gave their annual Country Report which followed the symposium.

At this General Assembly, there was no application for a new member to join the CMAAO.

New CMAAO President and Officers
Dr. Jose Asa Sabili (former President of the Philippine Medical Association) was installed as the 32nd President of CMAAO and received a Presidential medal from his predecessor, Dr. Vinay Aggarwal (former President of the Indian Medical Association). Dr. Rai Mra (President of the Myanmar Medical Association) was elected as President-Elect, and Dr. Prasert Sarnvivad (Medical Association of Thailand) was elected as the 1st Vice President. Dr. Dong Chun Shin (Korean Medical Association), Dr. Yeh Woei Chong (Singapore Medical Association) and Dr. Masami Ishii retained the posts of Chair, Vice-Chair of Council and Secretary General, respectively.
**Officers, Councilors, Secretary General and Advisors of CMAAO (2014-2015/6)**

**President:**
Jose Asa Sabili (Philippines)

**President-Elect:**
Rai Mra (Myanmar)

**Immediate Past President:**
Vinay Aggarwal (India)

**1st Vice President:**
Prasert Sarnvivad (Thailand)

**2nd Vice President:**
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**Chair of Council:**
Dong Chun Shin (Korea)

**Vice-Chair of Council:**
Yeh Woei Chong (Singapore)

**Treasurer:**
Yee Shing Chan (Hong Kong)

**Secretary General:**
Masami Ishii (Japan)

**Assistant Secretary General:**
Hisashi Tsuruoka (Japan)

**Councilors:**
Steve Hambleton (Australia)
Mahmud Hasan (Bangladesh)
Saint Saly (Cambodia)
Yee Shing Chan (Hong Kong)
Vinay Aggarwal (India)
Ihsan Oetama (Indonesia)
Yoshitake Yokokura (Japan)
Dong Chun Shin (Korea)
Nai Chi Chan (Macau)
Krishna Kumar (Malaysia)
Rai Mra (Myanmar)
Anjani Kumar Jha (Nepal)
Mark Peterson (New Zealand)
Maria Minerva P. Calimag (Philippines)
Yng Yng Bertha Woon (Singapore)
— (Sri Lanka)
Ching-Chuan Su (Taiwan)
Prasert Sarnvivad (Thailand)

**Advisors:**
Tai Joon Moon (Korea)
Yung Tung Wu (Taiwan)
Wonchat Subhachaturas (Thailand)
Shinichi Murata (Japan)
Program

DAY 1: Wednesday, September 24, 2014
11:00- Registration
11:30-12:30 Committee Meetings (if necessary)
13:30-14:30 Opening Ceremony and Inauguration of the new President of CMAAO
   1. Opening Dr. Dong Chun Shin
   2. Roll Call Dr. Masami Ishii
   3. Welcome Remarks Dr. Minerva P. Calimag
   4. Opening Address Dr. Vinay Aggarwal
   5. Inspirational Messages Dr. Margaret Mungherera
   6. Installation of the 32nd President of CMAAO 2014-2015 Dr. Robert Wah
   7. Inaugural Address by New President Dr. Jose Asa Sabili
   8. Presidential Award to the Outgoing President Dr. Vinay Aggarwal
   9. Group Photo
10. Adjournment
14:30-15:00 Coffee Break
15:00-17:30 Council Meeting chaired by Dr. Shin
   1. Roll Call by Dr. Masami Ishii, Secretary General
   2. Opening Remarks
   3. Report of Secretary General
   4. Approval of Minutes of the 28th CMAAO General Assembly and 49th Council Meeting
   5. Report of the Treasurer by Dr. Alvin Chan, Treasurer
   6. Venue and Dates of the 30th CMAAO General Assembly and 51st Council Meeting
   7. Membership Application (if any)
   8. Report of the Committees (if any)
   9. Other Business
10. Adjournment
19:00 Welcome Reception hosted by the Philippine Medical Association

DAY 2: Thursday, September 25, 2014
09:00-09:45 The 12th Taro Takemi Memorial Oration: Chaired by JMA Officer
Orator: Dr. Jaime C. Montoya
   Professor V, Department of Medicine, University of the Philippines College of Medicine
   Executive Director of the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development
   1. Introduction of Orator
   2. Memorial Oration titled “Building and Sustaining a Regional Network for Health Research
      and Innovation in South-East Asia”
   3. Presentation of Plaque to the Orator
   4. Adjournment
DAY 3: Friday, September 26, 2014

09:00-12:00  Plenary Session chaired by President
1. Approval of Minutes of the 28th CMAAO General Assembly held in New Delhi, India
2. Report of the Council Meeting by Chair
3. Approval of the Report of the Treasurer
4. Approval of the Report of the Committees
5. Discussion and adoption of the proposed CMAAO resolution on health database
   6.1 President-elect . . . to be appointed by the host NMA in 2015
   6.2 Two Vice Presidents . . . 1st Vice-President from the host NMA in 2016
      2nd Vice-President, optional
7. Venue and Dates of the 30th CMAAO General Assembly and 51st Council Meeting 2015
8. Venue and Dates of the 31st CMAAO General Assembly and 52nd Council Meeting 2016
9. Membership Applications (if any)
10. Other Business: Theme of the symposium for the CMAAO General Assembly in 2015
11. Closing Remarks
12. Adjournment

12:00-13:00  Lunch Break
14:00-18:00  City Tour hosted by the Philippine Medical Association
19:00  Farewell Dinner hosted by the Philippine Medical Association
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THE 29TH CMAAO GENERAL ASSEMBLY & 50TH COUNCIL MEETING