

Inaugural Address*¹

It gives me immense pride to take the leadership of National Medical Associations of the CMAAO. It is a huge and challenging task to take the road of fulfilling the dreams of our past leaders to attain the highest possible practice of medicine in respective countries by sharing information and expertise.

CMAAO has become an integral part of the WMA. It has produced several WMA Presidents and served as venue of its General Assemblies and meetings. Though, faced with many challenges, CMAAO, through its Symposiums, has tackled several issues like health care insurance and reform system, infectious and social related diseases, traditional medicine, longevity, suicide prevention, child abuse, and health database and information technology. Through the Takemi Memorial Oration, the best speakers and themes from each country were presented and highlighted giving importance to topics which is attuned to prevailing situations. The Committee on Resolution, collated all the proposals and presented to the body. At the end of the discussions and deliberations during plenary session, resolutions were formulated pertaining to issues vital to existing conditions and problems within the region. The resolution serves as a guide for all NMA's on how to deal with the government and the medical practitioners in different countries.

CMAAO has played a tremendous role on the life of every medical practitioners in Asia and Oceania, realizing its mission and vision to promote cooperation and support in terms of knowledge, information technology, principle, cultural exchange and fellowship, and provide essential materials and moral support during calamities and disasters.

During my term, I will continue to promote camaraderie and professional partnership among physicians in member countries and to further strengthen linkages and collaboration within the National Medical Associations. There's a lot to be done and shared upon with regards to several areas of concerns like ethics and professionalism, physicians autonomy and patients privacy, emerging onset of new virus that affects the region, the different approach in private and public healthcare partnership and the prevalence of different communicable and non-communicable diseases. With our hands joined together, we can achieve our goals and purpose.

Allow me to thank our Secretary General, Dr. Masami Ishii and the leadership of the Japan Medical Association for efficiently hosting our Secretariat, Council Chair Prof. Dr. Dong Chun Shin, Treasurer Dr. Alvin Chan, my predecessor Dr. Vinay Aggarwal, Advisors Dr. Yung Tung Wu, Dr. Wonchat Subhachaturas, Dr. Tai Jai Moon, and Mr. Shinichi Murata for providing support on my leadership. Lastly, I would like to thank the leadership of the Philippine Medical Association through President Dr. Maria Minerva Calimag for giving me full trust and confidence, to my family, PMA staff and friends for the assistance and support.

Thank you very much and my warmest regards to everybody.

I love you all !

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