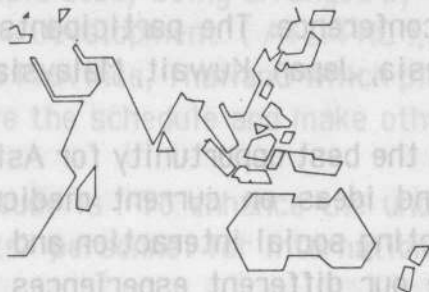


AMDA NEWSLETTER

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Asian Medical Students' Association (AMSA), from which initially AMDA was evolved, will hold eighth conference (8th AMSC) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia at the faculty of Medicine, University Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in the month of August 1987, commencing from 2nd to the 8th according to an invitation released by Mr. Fuad Ismail, General Secretary of 8th AMSC Organizing Committee.



Photo of First AMSA Conference held in Bangkok, Thailand, in August 1980 on "Community Health".

The Asian Medical Students' Conference was initiated in 1980 by the Association of Japan Medical Students with the cooperation of Ramathibodi Medical Students International Affairs committee of Mahidol University,

Bangkok, Thailand. In the subsequent years, the number of participating countries has increased and cooperation from other medical schools in Asia has been very encouraging. The first three conferences were held in Bangkok, the 4th in Kuala Lumpur, the 5th in Singapore and the 6th in Manila.

The 7th AMSA conference was held in HongKong last year. The theme then was : 'Mental Health in Asia'. About 150 students from 10 countries did participate in the last conference. The participants were from Australia, Republic of China, Indonesia, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

The conference offers the best opportunity for Asian Medical Students to exchange their views and ideas on current medical issues facing Asian nations apart from promoting social interaction and cultural interflow. It is the ideal place to share our different experiences in dealing with medical matters under different social contexts.

As in the past, each country is to present a paper concerning a specific and relevant topic. The theme for this year is : 'Is The Medical Curriculum of Your School/Country Suited for the Year 2000'. It is felt that this is one of the more important issues facing the medical students today.



Some of the AMDA 3rd Conference participants snapped under the 7th AMSC banner in HongKong in August 1986.

Sitting are (from right to left) Dr.Kohei Toda, RC of AMDA Japan;Mr.Osamu Kunii,Overall Chairman AMSA; Dr.Kenneth Hartigan-Go,RC of AMDA Philippines; and Dr. Euan Murugasu, RC of AMDA Singapore. Standing are (from right to left) Dr.Francisco P. Flores, AMDA Chairman; Dr. Hiromi Iwagaki, Medical Way Project Co-ordinator; Dr. Mami Hirota, member of AMDA Japan; Dr.Maria Lily R. Vasco, member of AMDA Philippines; Dr.Ma. Lourdes "GingGing" Nanagas, member of AMDA Philippines; Dr.Sharon M.Dizon, member of AMDA Philippines. Standing in the rear row are(from left to right) Dr. Arnold Lintag, member of AMDA Philippines; Dr. Shigeru Suganami, AMDA President and Dr. Alvin P. Mojica, member of AMDA Philippines.

THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IN THAILAND

AMDA Japan members are examining the details of participating in a Primary Health Care field study being arranged by The ASEAN Training Centre for Primary Health Care Development (ATC/PHC), Mahidol University, Salaya Campus, Nakornpathom Province, Thailand which plays the role of responsible organization to prepare the schedule and make other necessary arrangements for this field study.

Objective of the study is : To enhance the understanding of medical and health related students/ personnel for International Health on the following topics:

1. Health services delivery system in Thailand
2. Health problems and PHC strategies
3. Social problems and the new integrated rural development strategies on Basic Minimum Needs and Quality of Life (QOL) campaign

The study programme includes the following schedules :

- a) Orientation to Mahidol University, ATC/PHC and Orientation to the study programme
- b) Introduction to PHC in Thailand, Introduction to Rural Development and Thailand
- c) Cultural tour in Bangkok
- d) Field study in Bangkok slum areas
- e) Visits to Governor's Office, Provincial Medical Office and Regional Hospital
- f) Village study
- g) Report of Village study and Recommendations
- h) Pleasure trip to Pattaya Beach

Besides the above schedule, there will be Reception Party and Fare-well Party at ATC/PHC which will be specially arranged in the honour of the field study participants.

AMDA Japan, a branch of AMDA International, is objected to promote the development of PHC together with partners in each Asian Country; persuing improvement in health care level of Asian people and " Better Medicine for a Better Future in Asia ". More investigation and implementation of PHC is felt necessary both in the developing and developed countries including Japan.

There are also plans of taking part in another field study at Comprehensive Comunity Health Programme (CCHP), University of Philippines System, Bay, Laguna in Philippines which may be specially arranged by Dr.Octavious P. Daa, who is the officer-in-charge of CCHP, Bay, Laguna.

ASIAN MEDICAL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (AMSA)

THE FORMER SELF OF

ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL DOCTORS FOR ASIA (AMDA)

It was on 4th of August in 1980 that a long felt dream came into reality. A few medical students of Asia come closer; held discussion on medical issues to facilitate constructive interactions and promote better human relationship. Thus was born Asian Medical Students' Association more popularly now known as AMSA. In seven years AMSA came marching in a successful path attracting more participants from many Asian nations.

Some AMSA alumni who wished to offer something special to the suffering Asian brothers met in the name of Asian Medical Doctors' Association for the first time in August 1984 in India and in Bangkok. Next, they met in Manila; last year they met in HongKong and made more concrete decisions. The Asian medical doctors' association took a new name as ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL DOCTORS FOR ASIA and began working with more vigour, enthusiasm to realize " **Better Medicine for a Better Future**".



<<< Dr. Shigeru Suganami, President of AMDA-International addressing the 6th AMSC in Manila, Philippines

AMDA welcomes the energetic, ambitious young doctors to fulfil their dreams of serving Asia and enhancing good relations. Working on special projects, arranging field studies & training courses, circulating news letter are some of the activities, AMDA is involved in, now. AMDA-international holds an annual meeting, usually with AMSC, where participants of member countries meet and discuss, apart from the local meetings held with in each member countries. This year some of the AMDA companions will attend to the 8th AMSC as observers and alumni; some others will participate in the field studies of Primary Health Care in Thailand and in Philippines, though, initially it was planned to hold a common meeting in Malaysia.