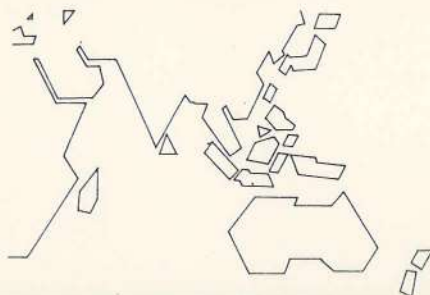


# AMDA NEWSLETTER

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## AMDA Conference -1988 in Thailand



Dr. Jintana Pootirat, Regional Co-ordinator of AMDA Thailand, presenting her research paper about "Medical Students' Attitude to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation".

Annual meeting of AMDA for the year 1988 is decided to be held in Bangkok on 12 -14, August. Dr. Jintana Pootirat, Regional Co-ordinator and Dr. Nipit Piravej, member of AMDA-Thailand will be making necessary arrangements with the help and advices of their friends as well as other members of AMDA Thailand.

An important item of the agenda will be a free discussion and planning for holding the 10th anniversary

celebrations of AMSA - AMDA in 1989 in Japan. It is being decided to hold the 10th anniversary celebrations of AMSA - AMDA in Japan, in 1989 August and officers of AMSA - AMDA Japan are working out the plans to host this programme and make it a splendid event.

Action programme for the future years for AMDA is intended to be approved at that time, for which a preliminary exchange of opinions are desired to be carried out in this year in Bangkok. Besides such a discussion there will also be academic presentations from participants of different member countries. August 12th, which is the birthday of the Queen of Thailand's Royal Family will also give a festival touch for the AMDA annual gathering. This year's gathering will be the 5th annual meeting of AMDA but it completes 9 years after beginning Mutual Friendship and Mutual Co-operation movement among the physicians and medical students of Asia.

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### AMDA QUESTIONNAIRE

Dr. Kohei Tohda, Regional Co-ordinator of AMDA-Japan has prepared a questionnaire on the basis of the discussions carried out among the members of AMDA Japan for the purpose of collecting opinion of all AMDA members inside and outside of Japan regarding the exchange programme and the 10th anniversary celebrations which is going to be held in Japan in 1989.

AMDA members, most of who are young doctors just graduated from the Universities are usually seen busy in the duties and trainings. AMDA which has its members from several nations of Asia finds it easier and convenient to collect the opinion and suggestions of its members through this questionnaire, the result which would be formally discussed to make a decision in this year's annual meeting at Bangkok. Therefore it becomes necessary that all the members freely write their opinions about these questions to enable the organizers to take a decision on a broad perspective.

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#### The Questionnaire:

- 1) On the exchange programme, can you make any program with some institute you relate? If you can, what kind of theme, how many days you can prepare and what expense it needs?  
( We hope you suggest any kind of idea about it. )
- 2) On the other hand, if you want to go and study in other Asian country, what kind of study do you want to do? Where and how many days do you want to study?
- 3) About the 10th anniversary of conference, what kind of theme and what kind of style is most effective for the conference? Now we are in the process of preparing it with AMSA.

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Your advices are eagerly awaited and please send your answers to:

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**Suggestions from Dr. Francisco P. Flores, Chairman of AMDA**

My answers to the ( above) questions:

1. YES. I can make a program with both Institutes I'm working with right now, the Department of Health and the University of the Philippines Institute of Health Sciences. But if my plans for masteral studies will push through, then, the program might have to be re-scheduled to June-August 1989.

- THEME :
- a. Health Care Delivery System in Rural Philippines
  - b. The Training of a Health Worker ( doctor, nurse, midwife ) for practise in rural Philippines
  - c. Control, prevention and management of common infectious diseases - Tuberculosis, Leprosy, Schistosomiasis, Malaria

DURATION : 1 week to 1 month

EXPENSES : Approximately \$ 10 per day ( very rough estimate )

2. I'm planning to take up masteral and possibly doctoral studies in public health. Other themes; hospital administration, industrial medicine, geriatric medicine, drug manufacturing. Not more than 1 month. Anywhere.

3. For the 10th anniversary:

- THEME:
- Career development for AMDA members
  - One common program for all AMDA members, like and AMDA day celebration
  - Planning/discussion on project proposals of respective members
  - Regular financial support from agencies

STYLE: Group discussions, planning groups/task force

NOTE: Always coordinate with AMSA

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**From Dr. Kenneth Hartigan - Go, RC of AMDA Philippines**

These are my thoughts about 10th AMSC anniversary conference when AMDA will also hold our conference:

1. DURATION: probably 1 week or 7 days

2. ACADEMIC PROGRAM:

- presentation of history of AMDA & AMSC
- exchange of information as regards medical source delivery; relate personal experience per country
- statistics of doctors
- some level of subspeciality career training
- scientific paper presentation among AMDA members

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3. THEME: " What I can do for Asia as a doctor "

4. CULTURAL PROGRAM:

- exchange of cultural show among AMDA members

5. If there is still time, I suggest:

a) hospital visit b) community center visit c) compiling all papers over the years for AMDA books, its history, members directory of addresses & telephone numbers

6. BUISNESS MEETING: Regarding exchange program and fellowships;

I think we must have already make prior arrangements with local college or universites with regards to fellowship program. I think buisness meeting must include how to raise money for AMDA use i.e. newsletter, scientific paper publication, communications and others. I also think the AMDA constitution as made during Hongkong meeting should be bought up for final ratification and agreement of all members.

May be we should have subcommittees such as secretariat, scientific programs, publication relations (for news papers, T.V. ) accomodations to work as early as this year.

These are my humble suggestions, please let me know your openions.

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## EVENTS:

□□ Dr. A.Husni Tanra, Regional Co-ordinator of AMDA-Indonesia, visited Japan on his way back to Indonesia from Seattle, washington, where he underwent a special training in the pain clinic. Further he travelled to Bangkok, Thailand and talked to Dr. Jintana Pootirat, Regional Co-ordinator of AMDA-Thailand.

□□ Mr.S.Shanmuganandan, Medical Geographis from India, visited Suganami Hospital and met AMDA president Dr. Shigeru Suganami.



Dr. Shanmuganandan, Reader in Geography in Madurai Kamaraj University India, visited Japan to present a paper in 6th world congress on "Smoking and Health". He delivered a lecture on Medical Geography in Okayama Uni. Med. School. AMDA President Dr. Shigeru Suganami arranged his visits to Asahigawaso and other places of interest. Mr. Shanmuganandan snapped at the famous "Kibitsu Gings" shrine in Okayama.

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