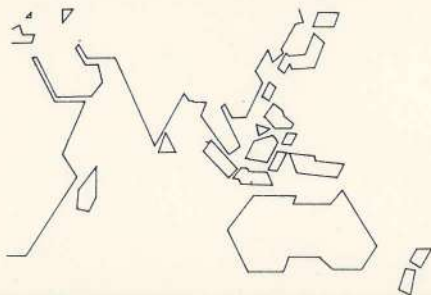


AMDA NEWSLETTER

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NINTH ASIAN MEDICAL STUDENTS' CONFERENCE IN TAIWAN



Left to right are: Mr. Yoshihiro Takashima, 3rd year student of Osaka University Medical School, President of AMSA Japan - 1988; Mr. Hitoshi Fujiwara, 3rd year student of Osaka Uni. Med. School, Secretary of finance of AMSA Japan - '88; Mr. Yoshito Maeno, 3rd year student of Osaka Uni. Med. School, General Secretary of AMSA Japan - '88.

9th Asian Medical Students' Conference will be held in Taiwan, hosted by Kaohsiung Medical College, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, R.O.C. (Republic Of China) from first August through tenth August 1988.

The purpose of this ten - day conference is to promote social interaction and cultural interflow. The AMSC also offers a best opportunity for Asian Medical Students to exchange their views and ideas on medical issues. It will be a rare chance for students to share their experience in dealing with medical matters under different social contexts.

Since Asia is a developing region, the medical service has also been rapidly improving. The theme of this year is " Present Status and Future Prospects of Medical Service ." In order to promote greater understanding of the progress of Medical Service in each country, it is strongly believed, the theme of this year will help to know more about the aspect. As in the past, each country is to present a paper concerning a specific and relevant topic.

This year's conference features Panel Discussion on six topics related to the theme of this year. Each participant can choose one or several topics to discuss based on his/her own interests.

The ten days conference is arranged in two places of Taiwan. In the beginning venue of the conference will be Kaohsiung Medical College, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, from 1st through 7th August. Further, from 8th through 10th August it will be held at National Taiwan University, Medical College, Taipei, Taiwan.

Registration fee is - New Taiwan \$ 3500 per participant.

FORMAT OF SCIENTIFIC PAPER:

- A) An abstract is required together with the scientific paper.
- B) 1. The paper should be typed, preferably on alternate lines.
2. Size of paper is of A4 type, i.e. 30 cm x 21 cm.
3. Margin of typed context is 2.5 cm on each of the left and right side, 4cm on the top and the same for bottom.
4. For diagrams or graphs, the intensity of darkness of the drawing should be noted. In addition, different colours of drawings cannot be discriminated after printing.

Scientific papers are to be submitted by 30th June 1988. The oral presentation will last for 25 minutes. Another 25 minutes will open to the floor for question and discussions.

PANEL DISCUSSION:

On panel discussion, one or more of the following six topics may be chosen:

1. The Primary Health Care in Rural Areas in your Country
2. The problems of Aging Population in your Country
3. Medical Ethics in your Country.
4. Improvement of Medical Insurance.
5. Progress in Computerized Medicine.
6. Requirements for an Adequate Postgradual Education.

It is for the first time in 9 years history of AMSC, a panel discussion is arranged. This is said to be the unique feature of this year's Asian Medical Students' Conference. This will help the participants to present their thoughts informally and interact with other participants who come from different countries of Asia and expected to result in a better interaction of cultural and academic topics.

HISTORY OF AMSC:

The Asian Medical Students' Conference was initiated in 1980 by the Association of Japan Medical Students with the co-operation of Ramathibodi Medical Students International Affairs Committee, Mahidol University Bangkok, Thailand.

In the subsequent years, the number of participating countries has increased and co-operation from other medical schools in Asia has been very encouraging. The first 3 conferences were held in Bangkok of Thailand, the 4th in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia, the fifth in Singapore, the 6th in Manila of Philippines, the 7th in Hong Kong and the 8th was held again in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia last year. The theme then was " Is the Medical Curriculum of your Country suited for the year 2000 ". About 90 students from 9 countries participated. Among them were: Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of China, Singapore and Thailand.

The 9th AMSC will be held in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Republic of China in this year. Mr. Chang Chau - Kay is the Chairman of the 9th Asian Medical Students' Conference Organizing Committee (AMSCOC) and Mr. Chuang Hung - Yih is the General Secretary of 9th AMSCOC.

Those who are interested to participate in the conference are requested to send an application mentioning their Bio-data and the sub-titles of their choice. The application form, which must be attached with two passport size black and white photos, is addressed to: " The Chairman of 9th AMSCOC, Chang Chau - Kay, Kaohsiung P.O. Box - 605, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, R.O.C.. Last date of receiving application form is 30th April 1988.

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EVENTS:

□□ A meeting of AMDA members was held recently in Sukanami Hospital chaired by AMDA president Dr. Shigeru Sukanami to discuss the preparation of 10th anniversary celebrations of AMSA - AMDA in 1989 in Japan. The proposed meeting is hoped to serve the purpose of establishing an intimate relationship among the doctors.

The meeting is thought to be held adjacent to the dates of AMSC which is planned to be held in Japan in the next year. The final approval of the celebration will be done in the coming 5th annual meeting of AMDA in Bangkok in the second week of August, 1988 with the opinion and consent of all other AMDA members.



Photo of a portion of Seto - Ohashi viewed from Hitsuishi-Jima area

□□ **Welcome to Okayama !!** Seto - Ohashi, the prestigious project of Japanese technology which will be inaugurated on April 10, is attracting visitors from within Japan and outside Japan. This bridge connects Honshu and Shikoku, the two main Islands of Japan. To commemorate this, Expo '88 Okayama is being held from March 20th to 31st August. It is a compound bridge 12306 meters long built above the inland sea and earth which has 6 main bridges of which 3 are suspension bridges, 2 are cable stayed bridges and 1 is truss bridge, all are double deck bridges. On the strait section from Mt. Washu to Ban-nosu area the bridge is 13.1 km. long.

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