After a great success of APDW2009, this is the second time APDW is being held in Taiwan. I am very grateful to Professor Jaw-Town Lin, the President of APDW2015, and all the colleagues of the Gastroenterological Society of Taiwan, the Taiwan Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, the Taiwan Surgical Society of Gastroenterology, and the Taiwan Association for the Study of the Liver, for their relentless efforts to hold the meeting. The theme of this APDW2015 is entitled “Advances in Digestive Medicine”, and we owe our colleagues of Taiwan very much, for coming up with very appropriate and attractive topics under the theme. Indeed, we are all aware that a number of papers with profound impacts on global scale are published from Taiwan in top-ranking journals such as Gastroenterology and Gut. Such a remarkable international contribution can only be achieved by highly-motivated gastroenterologists in Taiwan. Indeed, all the papers were presented and discussed in English during the annual Taiwanese Digestive Disease Week (TDDW) for several years. This time, the TDDW will be merged with the APDW and, thus, I am quite confident that the standard and quality of the presentations in the APDW will be further enhanced.

Taiwan is well-known for the warm hospitality, excellent food and beautiful landscape. I do hope all of you visiting Taiwan for APDW2015, will be stimulated by the novel findings, encouraged by intellectual interactions and overwhelmed by their impeccable camaraderie. I can also assure you that you will enjoy fascinating charm of Taiwan which was named as “Ilha Formosa”, meaning the beautiful island.

Professor Kentaro Sugano
President, APAGE
MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
PROFESSOR VAROCHA MAHACHAI
Dear Colleagues,

It is my privilege to serve a second term as an Editor of the APDNews under the presidency of Professor K L Goh last year and now under Professor Kentaro Sugano. Since the start of the year 2015, there have been endless activities in the Asia-Pacific region. The APAGE single topic on inflammatory bowel disease was held in Islamabad, Pakistan, along with the National Congress of the Pakistan Society, in April 2015. The joint meeting of WGO and Gastroenterological Society of Australia was held in Brisbane, Queensland, at the end of September 2015. With the anticipated opening of the AEC, the APAGE also endorses an important meeting ‘ASEAN Consensus on H.pylori Management in the Limited Resource Setting’, under the guidance of Professor Kentaro Sugano, which will be held in Thailand, in November 2015; this activity has received partial support from JGHF. The upcoming APDW2015 conference under the leadership of Professor Jaw-Town Lin, will be held in Taiwan, on 3rd to 6th December 2015. May I bid you a warm welcome.

As the Editor of APDNews, I have been given the opportunity to be aware of the activities in the Asia-Pacific region, and to realise the importance of how we all can progress further by collaborating to strengthen our network. In spite of the global economic downturn, the scientific activities need to go on and be enhanced to maintain our academic excellence. The APDNews will continue to serve a bridge of communication and a platform for the exchange of new ideas and information among our APAGE members, to further cement our relationship. Last but not least, my word of appreciation goes to Ms Molly Kong and Ms Michele Theng for their continuous secretarial support.

Editor-in-Chief, APDNews & President, Gastroenterological Association of Thailand
The Asian-Pacific Digestive Week 2014 was held at the Nusa Dua Convention Centre in Bali, Indonesia, from 22nd to 25th November 2014. With the theme "Harmony of Advanced Medical Sciences, Technology and Best Practices in Gastroenterology and Hepatology", the APDW2014 attracted an unprecedented 2,900 delegates from 57 countries and received 900 abstracts from 38 countries. This cemented its place as the region’s premiere Gastroenterology and Hepatology congress, and confirming its vital role for the exchange of ideas and insights in the Asia-Pacific region. The trade support, with 49 companies participating in the event, further enforced its relevance in this region.

OPENING CEREMONY

The most popular recurrent programme is the Endoscopy Live Demonstrations. Filmed live from Hyderabad and Jakarta, and chaired by a panel of international experts, the sessions featured a series of difficult operations, demonstrating the latest in surgical techniques, as well as recent innovations in endoscopic technology to over 1,000 delegates in a densely packed meeting room.

The other six concurrent tracks with more than 90 sessions of high octane presentations and discussions also presented the most up-to-date medical advances of 2014, covering the various aspects of the liver, surgery, endoscopy, pancreas and nursing.

This record attendance resulted in the lecture halls being cramped to the rafters as delegates gathered to learn from our 196 faculty who shared their insights and experiences on the latest in research, development, as well as clinical practices. Among them are the JGHF Named Lecturers, the Tjipto Mangoenkosomo Named Lecturer established in honour of Professor Abdul Aziz Rani, the Congress President and the JGHF Emerging Leaders.

JGHF OKUDA LECTURESHP RECIPIENT
Professor Stephen Locarnini

JGHF MARSHALL AND WARREN LECTURESHP RECIPIENT
Professor Nageshwar Reddy

JGHF EMERGING LEADERS RECIPIENTS
Professor Yock-Young Dan

Professor Siew-Chien Ng

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Our congratulations goes to Dr Huatuo Zhu (in the picture on the left) who clinched the JGHF Young Investigator’s Award amidst stiff competition from 35 other young doctors with her excellent presentation on “BAHD1: Gatekeeper to Protect Us from Ulcerative Colitis?” This award aims to spur young scientists and clinicians to greater achievements and more in-depth research in the development of Gastroenterology and Hepatology in Asia-Pacific and beyond.

The faculty were hosted to a dinner Under the Stars, on 23rd November 2014, at the Coconut Garden of the Grand Hyatt, Nusa Dua, Bali. They enjoyed a sumptuous Balinese themed buffet under a clear November sky, the lovely performances showcasing the culture of wonderful Bali and the hands-on performance using the traditional Indonesian instrument, the Anklung, as they were led through a series of golden oldies to create beautiful music of the night.

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On National Day of Pakistan, 23rd March 2015, Professor Muhammad Umar received the highest Civilian Award of Pakistan – “Sitara-i-Imtiaz” – from the President of Pakistan, Mr Mamnoon Hussain, at the National Investiture Ceremony, in acknowledgment of his contributions in research and development in the field of gastrointestinal and liver disease in Pakistan.

Professor Muhammad Umar graduated from Rawalpindi Medical College with distinction in 1981. He was awarded the “President College Crest” in 1979, by the President of Pakistan, “President Gold Medal” in 1981, for his position in University Examination and “Best Rawalian Award” in 1985. Now, he is the Dean of Rawalpindi Medical College and Chief of Allied Hospitals and Nursing Schools of Rawalpindi. He is the author of many valuable books including national and international guidelines on hepatitis C. He also established a state-of-the-art Center for Liver and GI Diseases in Holy Family Hospital, Multi Organ Failure Centre (MOF), Department of Emergency and Critical Care (DEC) and Department of Infectious Diseases (DID) in Rawalpindi Medical College.
The World Gastroenterology Organization (WGO) and the Gastroenterology Association of Thailand (GAT) by the President, Professor Varocha Mahachai, one of the Steering Committee WDHD2015, under the leadership of Professor David.

Armstrong bring leading hospitals and companies together to raise awareness of GERD to the Thai medical and public communities in an occasion of World Digestive Health Day (WDHD) 2015 – Heartburn: A Global Perspective.

Gastroesophageal Reflux Diseases (GERD) has become increasingly common in this part of the world and the number of patients has increased two fold in the past five to ten years, and approximately 10% to 15% of patients who seek medical attention with symptoms of dyspepsia, have GERD. However, it is hard to say that the disease and the medical treatment are well-understood by health care providers and the public, and many patients perceive GERD as the simple symptoms and treat themselves on their own judgment without any awareness of recurrent nature and possible outcomes and complications which could be more serious and difficult to treat. Hence, this is a great opportunity to deliver a global event in Thailand. A series of both public awareness and scientific activities have boosted the GERD awareness during the month of May 2015, as follow:-

**HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY**

1. An academic symposium at Vibhavadi Hospital, Bangkok, on 26th May 2015. The topic is “GERD Pathophysiology and Management: What do we know and where should we go?”

2. An academic symposium with the teleconference (TC) to CME networks at Bangkok Hospital, on 27th May 2015. The topic is “From Theory to Practice: Managing GERD and Reflux Disease in 2015”.

There are more than 200 physicians, 100 nurses and pharmacists joined in these academic programmes with the good feedback from the audience and hospital management team.

**GENERAL PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITY**

1. A seminar at Siriraj Hospital, on 11th May 2015, with a meet-the-expert session, health check and healthy food workshop by nutritionist.

2. A public awareness week at Vibhavadi Hospital, during 22nd – 29th May 2015, with a seminar on GERD by doctors, food for GERD, and healthy living booths and activities.

3. A seminar ‘Food for GERD market’ at Bangkok Hospital, on 29th – 30th May 2015, with a GERD seminar by various specialist doctors, GERD check, GERD cooking show and healthy food market.

4. A seminar at Bumrungrad Hospital, on 30th May 2015, with a seminar and food for GERD workshop.

5. A seminar at Phayathai 1 Hospital, on 7th June 2015, with a two-hour meet-the-expert session and food for GERD workshop.

There are more than 1,000 Thai people participating in these public events with a lot of knowledge sharing, fun and friendly atmosphere. More than 90% of participants rated the events very good and will come back again.
The Malaysian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology held its Annual Scientific Congress on 21st to 23rd August 2015, at the Persada Convention Centre, Johor Bahru, Johor, Malaysia. It was very well-attended by delegates from around the country. Sixteen experts and speakers from around the world gathered here to share their knowledge and expertise. Our two distinguished speakers were Professor Kentaro Sugano from Jichi Medical University, Japan, and Professor Yogesh Chawla from Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, India.

Professor Ken Sugano is Chief Professor and Chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine, Jichi Medical University, and Deputy Director of Jichi Medical University Hospital. Dr Sugano is currently, the President of Asia Pacific Association of Gastroenterology. World renowned for his work in gastric cancer, he delivered the MSGH Oration entitled “Helicobacter Pylori and Gastric Cancer – A Balanced View”.

Professor Yogesh Chawla is Professor and Head of the Department of Hepatology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh. An authority in portal hypertension and with numerous publications on this, he delivered the Panir Chelvam Memorial Lecture, on “Non Cirrhotic Portal Hypertension”. In addition, he also gave a lecture on “The Role of Transient Elastography in Portal Hypertension”.

Professor Simon Travis is Group Head and Consultant Physician / Gastroenterologist at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, and a Fellow of Linacre College at the University of Oxford. He is President of the European Crohn’s and Colitis Organisation (ECCO). One of the leading experts in IBD, Prof Travis participated in the IBD Symposium where he spoke on “Mucosal Healing as the New Target in IBD Management – How Far and How Deep Should We Go?” In addition, Professor Travis also spoke in the Microbiota Symposium on the topic “Modulating the Gut Microbiota in IBD – Does It Work?”

Professor K Rajender Reddy is the Ruimy Family President’s Distinguished Professor of Medicine and Professor of Medicine in Surgery in the Division of Gastroenterology/Hepatology at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is the Director of Hepatology, Medical Director of Liver Transplantation, and the Director of the Viral Hepatitis Center. One of the leading authority in hepatology, Prof Reddy shared his knowledge on “Management of HCV Related Cirrhosis”. He also talked on “AGA Guidelines on Treatment and Prevention of HBV Reactivation During Immunosuppressive Therapy” at the Meet-The-Expert Breakfast session.

Dr Teik-Choon See is a Consultant Interventional Radiologist at Cambridge University Hospitals (Addenbrookes’ Hospital) NHS Foundation Trust, since 2005. He is currently the Head/Clinical Director in Imaging at Cambridge University Hospital. He chairs the East of England Interventional Radiology Group. A very active Committee Member at the Royal College of Radiology, Dr See took part in the GI Bleed Symposium where he spoke on “The Role of Radiology in GI Bleed” from the British perspective. He also participated in Portal Hypertension Symposium where he delivered a lecture on “TIPSS in Portal Hypertension”.

Professor Francis Chan is Professor of Medicine and Therapeutics, and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), in Hong Kong. His research work has revolutionized management guidelines worldwide, including those issued by the American College of Gastroenterology, the American Heart Association, and many European countries (Maastricht IV Consensus 2012). A world leading authority in NSAID/aspirin related peptic ulcer bleeding, he spoke on “Preventing Peptic Ulcer Disease Related Bleeding” in the GI Bleed Symposium.

Professor Khay-Guan Yeoh is Deputy Chief Executive (Academic Enterprise), National University Health System and Dean of the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore. He practises as a Senior Consultant at the Division of continued next page
Gastroenterology and Hepatology, National University Hospital (NUH). He was instrumental in the Colorectal Cancer Screening Programme in Singapore. Professor Yeoh chairs the National Colorectal Cancer Screening Committee of the Health Promotion Board, Ministry of Health, which recommends guidelines for the national colorectal screening programme in Singapore. Based on his experience in Singapore, he came to share his knowledge on “Colorectal Cancer Screening – The Challenges and Pitfalls” in the Colorectal Symposium.

Professor Uday Ghoshal is currently working as Additional Professor in the Department of Gastroenterology at Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGI), Lucknow. He is also the Faculty in charge of Gastrointestinal Pathophysiology and Motility Laboratory in the same department. He is the National Coordinator of Indian Society of Gastroenterology Task Force on irritable bowel syndrome. He is also the Chair of Epidemiology and Infection section of Asian IBS Consensus Team and Asian Dyspepsia Consensus Team. He lectured on “The Gut Microbiota in IBS: Friends or Foe” in the Microbiota Symposium. He then spoke on “Should Asian IBS Patients be Routinely Assessed for SIBO and Lactose Intolerance” in the FGID Symposium.

Professor Wai-Keung Leung is currently Clinical Professor at the Department of Medicine of the University of Hong Kong and the Deputy Director of the Intergrated Endoscopy Centre, Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong. He is also President of the Hong Kong IBD Society. Prof Leung was involved in the IBD Symposium where he spoke on “Optimizing Quality of Care for the IBD Patients in Evolving Economies”. He also interacted with the audience in the Meet-The-Expert Breakfast session on the topic “Obscure GI Bleed After a Negative Endocapsule – What Is Next?”

Professor Krishnakumar Madhavan is Professor and Head, Department of Surgery, National University of Singapore, Director of Singapore National Liver Transplant Programme and Co-Director, National University Centre for Organ Transplantation, NUHS. Prof Madhavan delivered a lecture on “Liver Cancer – When to Refer to a Surgeon” at the Meet-The-Expert Breakfast session. He then spoke on “The Role of Surgical Treatment in Portal Hypersion” at the Portal Hypertension Symposium.

Professor Lawrence Ho is Group Director (Research), National University Health System, Vice Dean (Research), School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, and a Senior Consultant, Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Department of Medicine, National University Hospital, Singapore. He is the current Chair of the Asian Barrett’s Consortium. As co-inventor for the ground-breaking technology of the Master and Slave Transluminal Endoscopic Robot (MASTER), he was part of the team who developed the world’s first flexible robotic endoscopy system, which was successfully used to perform endoscopic submucosal dissection in human patients. A leading expert in upper GI pathology, Professor Ho’s lecture title was “Non Cardiac Chest Pain”.

Professor Seng-Gee Lim is Professor, Department of Medicine, National University of Singapore, Director and Senior Consultant of Hepatology Services, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, NUH, Expert Panel Member, Centre for Drug Administration (CPA) and Centre for Drug Evaluation (CDE), Ministry of Health, Singapore, Chairman, Singapore Hepatitis Conference (annual), inaugural conference 2014. He updated the audience on HBV management from the recent Singapore Hepatitis Conference.

Professor Ujjala Ghoshal is presently Additional Professor in Microbiology & Faculty in charge of Parasitology Section of the Department of Microbiology, Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow. She gave a lecture entitled “Current Techniques of Evaluating the Gut Microbiome”.

Dr Rajesh Sainani is a Gastroenterologist at Jaslok & HN Reliance Foundation Hospitals in Mumbai, India. An expert in gastrointestinal physiology and motility, Dr Sainani gave a lecture on “Esophageal Motility Disorder – When to Refer” in the FGID Symposium. He was also involved in the Meet-The-Expert Breakfast session on the topic of “Practical Use of Esophageal Manometry”.

Dr Jit-Fong Lim is a Colorectal Surgeon at Glenegles Medical Centre in Singapore. He spoke on “Lower GI Bleed” in the GI Bleed Symposium and “Colonic Polyp With High Grade Dysplasia – Endoscopic or Surgical Treatment?” in the Colorectal Symposium.

Dr Akhtar Qureshi is a Colorectal Surgeon at Sunway Medical Centre, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia. He is currently, also the President of the Malaysian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. He delivered a lecture on “Management of Perianal Fistulae” in the IBD Symposium.

In addition, we also had two case discussion sessions. Professor Razman Jarmin from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia presented several challenging cases of liver nodules with Professors Rajender Reddy, Yogesh Chawla, KK Madhavan and Teik-Choon See as panelists. It was a very educational and practical session. The second session was presented by Associate Professor Yeong-Yeh Lee from Universiti Sains Malaysia. Several interesting cases of upper GI disorders were presented. The panelists were Professors Uday Ghoshal, Lawrence Ho and Dr Rajesh Sainani.
The 15th Congress of Gastroenterology China (CGC 2015) and Chinese Congress of Digestive Diseases 2015 (CCDD 2015) were held successfully from 4th to 6th September 2015, in Tianjin, China. The Congress was jointly sponsored by Chinese Medical Association, Chinese Society of Gastroenterology (CSG), Chinese Society of Digestive Endoscopy (CSDE) and Chinese Society of Hepatology. 5,805 delegates from all parts of the country participated in this magnificent gathering, which was believed to be the broadest scientific event in scale, with the highest academic level in Chinese gastroenterology.

A total of 3,035 abstracts were submitted. 478 were received as posters and 143 as free paper presentations. The best abstracts were published on supplements of Chinese Journal of Digestion and Journal of Digestive Diseases. 15 plenary lectures, 8 CME reports and 6 essence reports were given. Apart from plenary lectures, there were 5 breakout sessions in CCDD and 19 sessions in CGC, including the “GI Nursing Care Session” and “Competition of Youth Endoscopy Video”, which were established in the Congress for the first time. The session of “Youth Oral Presentation in English” was set up by the Youth Committee of the CSG. In the “International Session”, essence studies from DDW 2015 and UEG Week were reported by international experts. Nearly 200 domestic senior experts and 18 international experts were specially invited. The Congress provided a unique opportunity to gain access to the latest and best scientific information and education in gastroenterology, hepatology and endoscopy.

CCDD 2015

Chairmen of CCDD 2015 were Prof Yang Yunsheng, Prof Li Zhaoshen and Prof Wei Lai. They gave the plenary speeches on the development and current challenges in digestive endoscopy, and the focus of big data in the research of hepatology, respectively. In the Opening Ceremony, Prof Fan Daiming, as the Honorary Chairman of the Congress, gave the speech of “Medicine and Science”. Prof John Allen, the former President of AGA, launched the lecture of “Scientific Drivers for Diplomacy”. President of World Gastroenterology Organization (WGO), Prof Jim Toulou, introduced the structure of WGO and its global strategy. The Chairman of Asian Pacific Digestive Week Federation, Prof Kwong-Ming Fock from Singapore, analyzed Asian Pacific GERD III. The Chairman of Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology, Prof Kentaro Sugano, from Japan, introduced a new acid suppressive therapy, namely potassium-competitive acid blocker. The Chairman-Elect of CSG, Prof Chen Minhu, introduced the present status of FODMAPS.

In breakout session of CME, presentations were given on early warning and prevention of colorectal cancer, new recognition of the fatty liver disease; induced differentiation therapy of liver cancer, rational use of traditional Chinese medicine, etc. In the international session, best studies from DDW, Gut and Gastroenterology, attracted considerable attention. In the session of CSDE, Prof Zhang Shutian, President-Elect of CSDE, introduced the development of endoscopic diagnosis...
in GI early neoplasms. Other progressions in endoscopic fields, including ERCP, capsule, enteroscopy, EUS and confocal endoscopy were also arranged as Keynote Speeches. At the same time, live endoscopy demonstration, such as EVL, ESD, POEM, ERCP EUS-FNA, SMT-EFR, NOTES, and other advanced procedures, received warm response from the audience. In the session of hepatology, hotspot issues, such as multiple targets in anti-HBV therapy, occult hepatitis B, reversal of hepatitis B fibrosis and application of the new generation sequencing in HBV infection, were widely discussed.

### CGC 2015

Firstly, President of CSG, Prof Yang Yunsheng, continued his lecture of “Gut Science” with the 2nd edition for CGC 2015, in which he inspired the origination of precision medicine from the precise Chinese herbs, addressed the modern concept and research domains of precision medicine, and raised precision gastroenterology, hepatology and GI endoscopy. He also put forward the concept of Chinese gut, which focused on characteristics of Chinese gut and difference of intestinal microbiota between Chinese and Westerners. Chairman of British Society of Gastroenterology, Prof Ian Forgacs and former Chairman of ASGE, Prof Kenneth Wang, also launched wonderful speeches on prevention and early detect of GI cancer and endoscopy in the 21st century.

There were 19 breakout sessions in CGC 2015, including GI Neoplasms, IBD, Minimally Invasive and Interventional Therapy, Hepatobiliary Diseases, Bio-Bank and Translational Medicine, Esophageal Diseases, Clinical Epidemiology, Pediatric GI, Geriatric Gastroenterology, Integrated Traditional and Western Medicine, Psychosomatic Medicine, etc. The session of GI nursing care was set up for the first time in order to meet the demand of more and more cooperation between nurses and endoscopists. All together, 197 Keynote Speeches, 143 Free Paper Presentations and 11 Case Discussions were arranged, covering nearly all the fields of gastroenterology, hepatology and endoscopy.

The session of Youth Oral Presentation in English has been successfully held for several years in CGC. This year, 14 Free Paper Presentations were selected and the presenters were required to give the speech and answer questions from the judge panel of experts, all in English. Awards were given to the best presenters, which helped to encourage youth researchers.

CSG also celebrated its 35th Anniversary during the Congress. Several commemorative activities were arranged. Memorial awards were presented to the outstanding Chinese gastroenterologists.

The three-day Congress gained wide accomplishments from the delegates and demonstrated the rapid progression and unique characteristics in Chinese gastroenterology to the world.
The Maastricht V consensus meeting was recently held in Florence, Italy, on 7th and 8th October 2015, gathering a total of 49 experts from around the world including four from Asian countries, to revise and update the consensus on H. pylori. Statements have been developed on the important issues:

1. Indications / Associations
2. Diagnosis
3. Treatment – How to treat
4. Prevention / Public Health
5. H. pylori and other Helicobacter, relationship with microbiota

The meeting was organised by EHMSG, chaired by Professor Peter Malfertheiner.
Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organising Committee, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the Asian Pacific Digestive Week (APDW), to be held in Taipei, Taiwan, from 3rd to 6th December 2015.

APDW 2015 will be centered on the theme “Advances in Digestive Medicine”. Recent progress in both gastrointestinal and liver research will be highlighted in the scientific programme. A large panel of experts from within and outside the Asia-Pacific region will share their experience and present their best in this Congress. It will offer a remarkable atmosphere for discussing groundbreaking research and progress in the field of digestive medicine, including Okuda Lectureship (by Professor Ed Gane), Marshall & Warren Lectureship (by Professor Jaw-Town Lin), “How to Achieve Global Control of HBV Infection” by Professor Mei-Hwei Chang, WGO Distinguished Global Lecture (by Professor Khean-Lee Goh), etc. At the same time, a live demonstration of therapeutic endoscopy will be conducted during the meeting, in order to encourage the development of these techniques in the Asia-Pacific region.

This Congress will undoubtedly be an excellent opportunity to provide all participants with knowledge of the most current developments in gastroenterology, hepatology, gastroenterological surgery, and endoscopy, and to provide fertile ground for sharing clinical experiences and basic research.

Again, we sincerely welcome all of you to take part in this important event and hope that all participants can benefit from this occasion to exchange views, visions and experiences with each other. Your participation will be a valuable contribution to the APDW 2015.

We hope you will enjoy your stay in Taipei!

Sincerely yours,

Jaw-Town Lin  
M.D., Ph.D.  
President  
Asian Pacific Digestive Week 2015  
The Gastroenterological Society of Taiwan
Welcome to the official website of the 7th Asian-Pacific Topic Conference (APTC2016), which will be held on 20th April 2016, in Tokyo, Japan. Through the conference, we provide encouragement to young brains in the dramatically growing Asian-Pacific region.

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The World Endoscopy Organization (WEO) has announced that it will hold the first World Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Congress, in spring 2017, in Hyderabad, India. “Technological advances in endoscopy over the past years have been spectacular” states Dr Nageshwar D Reddy, Congress President. “WEO’s congress will recognise these achievements and in parallel, address the increasing complexity faced by endoscopists today”.

Many emerging nations have few endoscopy training facilities and qualified healthcare professionals. Even so, there is a growing body of local endoscopic expertise. Sadly, the pioneers in these areas are often isolated by language or geographic barriers.

Dr Jean-Francois Rey, WEO President-Elect, has been appointed Scientific Chair of ENDO 2017. When asked what he personally felt about the congress, he enthused “A global platform for dialogue is essential and India is the perfect location. It is time to bring together the endoscopy community, to stimulate international exchange and to establish best practices. That is why ENDO 2017 is so important”.

Dr Rey said that the scientific committee’s goal was to disseminate the use of advanced endoscopy techniques across emerging regions and underserved areas and to support the development of practical guidelines adapted to local needs. Another key aspect they hope to achieve through an interactive programme is to provide participants with the tools needed to further their endoscopic practice and create an engaging atmosphere in which delegates can network and learn from one another.

Societies from all parts of the world, partner with WEO to work on multiple projects. To date, several associations have pledged their support: the Asian-Pacific Society of Digestive Endoscopy (APSDE), the Indian Society of Gastroenterology (ISG) and the Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy of India (SGEI), will be deeply involved in the development of the programme.

HYDERABAD: THE PERFECT SETTING TO KICK-START CHANGE

Hyderabad, capital of the newly-appointed state of Telangana, is home to the world-renowned Asian Institute of Gastroenterology (AIG), which will act as co-partner in this endeavour and head the local Organising Committee. AIG organises bi-annual international symposia, and participants from previous events can attest to the quality of the events held there.

Furthermore, Hyderabad is the ideal location in view of its proximity and direct connectivity to many Asia-Pacific cities, with a well-established network of hotels and a top-quality airport.

With such promising features, ENDO 2017 will be a landmark event and will set the stage for future world endoscopy congresses, achieving both immediate and lasting change.