Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy



AASP Newsletter

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AASP Through The Years – a photo gallery of some of the major activities and events of the organization since the year 2001.

The AASP Vision

To be the most influential pharmacy organization in Asia

The AASP Mission

- To take on an active leadership role in the promotion of quality pharmacy education and research to improve health care in Asia
- To provide core curriculum and to promote academic standards among its members

You are invited to attend the 3rd AASP Deans Forum to be held at the Keio University, Tokyo, Japan on June 28-29, 2014. The theme is Regional Harmonization of Pharmacy Education in Asia. The formal

announcement will be

made available at the

6th AASP Conference.

More information will

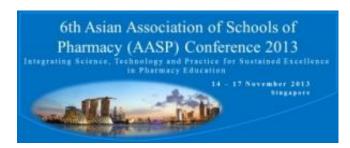
be posted at the

AASP website.

6th AASP Conference in National University of Singapore Integrating Science, Technology and Practice for Sustained Excellence in Pharmacy Education

As of the end of October, about 250 participants had registered for the 6th AASP Conference to be held at the Shaw Foundation Alumni House at the National University of Singapore (NUS) campus. It is hosted by the prestigious GEA-NUS Pharmaceutical Processing Research Laboratory (PPRL) of the Department of Pharmacy, NUS. The conference host is all set to provide a well-organized venue for the intellectual presentations, interactive discussion and sharing of expertise among pharmacy educators in Asia and beyond.

The new feature of the conference is the one-day preconference forum and workshops intended to stimulate and equip educators to effectively carry out their roles. The concurrent workshops will focus on: preceptor training, combining didactic education and practice, and IT-enhanced active learning. These workshops will be facilitated by renowned experts in these fields.



In this conference, participation of distinguished leaders from international organizations such as the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacv (AACP) and the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) would provide conference participants an update on the global direction of pharmacy education. The two-day conference proper will consist of plenary presentations and concurrent sessions on three main areas: pharmaceutics/ biopharmacy, pharmacy practice/education, and pharmaceutical chemistry/drug discovery. The concurrent sessions will feature oral presentations from various countries. Poster presentations will be exhibited during the conference and special awards await best presentations.

A tour of the GEA-NUS PPRL and the university campus is provided on the last day of the conference.

More information about the conference and other activities of AASP are available at the official website: http://www.aaspnet.org.

The JAASP's 2nd Issue is Now Available Online

Good News! A new venue for publishing original research articles by pharmacy educators and researchers is now available. The first issue of the Journal of the Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (JAASP) was formally introduced during the 2nd AASP Pharmacy Deans Forum in

Nanjing, China in June 2012 by Dr Malyn Chulasiri, Editor-in-Chief, from Mahidol University, Thailand.

The second issue is now available online at http://www.aaspjournal.org

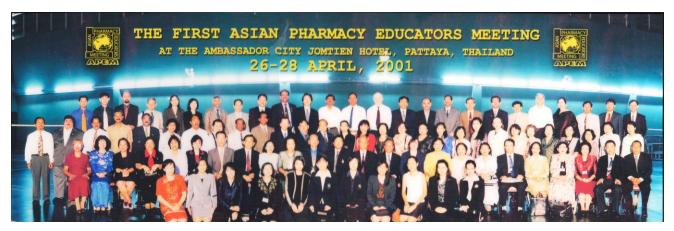


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AASP BIENNIAL CONFERENCES AND DEANS FORUMS

- 1st Conference: November 4-6, 2004, Beijing, China, "Pharmacy Education, Research and Practice in Asia"
- 2nd Conference: November 14-17, 2006, Bangkok, Thailand, "Regional Cooperation in Pharmacy Education, Research, and Services"
- 3rd Conference: October 25-28, 2007, Makati City, Philippines, "Congruence of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Practice, and Research"
- 4th Conference: June 11-13, 2009, Penang, Malaysia, "Cutting Edge Research & Quality Education Towards Excellent Pharmacy Practice"
- 5th Conference: June 15-17, 2011, Bandung, Indonesia, "Pharmacist as a Key Health Care Player. Interplay of Education, Science, and Practice" and 1st Deans Forum
- **2**nd **Deans Forum:** June 4-5, 2012, Nanjing, China, "Advances and Challenges in Clinical Pharmacy Education in Asia"
- 6th Conference: November 14-17, 2013, Singapore, "Integrating Science, Technology and Practice for Sustained Excellence in Pharmacy Education"
- **3rd Deans Forum:** June 28-29, 2014, Tokyo, Japan, "Regional Harmonization of Pharmacy Education in Asia"

Photo Gallery - AASP THROUGH THE YEARS



2001: The first pharmacy educators meeting in Thailand which paved the way for the establishment of the Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP), which will carry out the mission of leading the quality of pharmacy education in the Region. Below are some of the pictures taken during this historic event.





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2004: The inaugural conference at Friendship Hotel in Beijing, China with the first set of officers including Drs. Moses Chow (HK), Bhojraj Suresh (India), Paul Heng (Singapore), Iqbal Ramzan (Australia), Sindchai Keokitichai (Thailand), Ian Tucker (New Zealand), Rosemary Beresford (New Zealand), Motoko Kanke (Japan), Olivia Limuaco (Philippines), and Wu Chunfu (China). Not in the picture is Dr. Sumon Sakolchai (Thailand).







2005: The 2nd conference at Bangkok, Thailand with the officers and participants posing for a picture; A plenary session with the speakers and session chairs on stage; Transfer of presidency from Dr. Suresh to Dr. Heng.







2007: The 3rd conference at Makati City, Philippines with Pres. Paul Heng (Singapore) awarding the plaque of appreciation to the Keynote Speaker, Dr Masataka Mochisuki of Kyoritsu University (Japan); Poster presentation visited by the members of the Organizing Committee and AASP President; The new set of officers for 2008-2009.





2009: AASP Officers and Board of Directors holds 1-2 board meetings in a year. In picture was a meeting at Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam and another at Penang, Malaysia during the 4th conference.

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PAST ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS OF AASP

- Establishment of the Asian Schools of Pharmacy database
- Establishment of the AASP KKU office
- Outstanding Preceptor and Educator Awards in partnership with countryspecific sponsors
- Strategic Planning
- Restoration of official website
- One-day Seminars in various countries
- Who's Who in Pharmacy online database

Photo Gallery – AASP THROUGH THE YEARS





Picture at far left is a planning session at the Khon Kaen University in 2010; Next to it is a BOD Meeting in Bandung, Indonesia early 2011.



The 2nd Deans Forum in historic Nanjing, China at the China Pharmaceutical University in June **2012**. In addition to the plenary presentations, there were panel and small group discussions where experts facilitated the discussions. Awards were given to outstanding teachers.





Far left: Dr. Moses Chow joined the BOD Meeting in Mahidol University in Bangkok through Skype in 2012. Officers and KKU officials gather at the door of the new AASP Room in **2011**.



At Coimbatore, India with the participants and AASP Board of Directors after a pharmacy education seminar hosted by the Sri Ramakrishna Institute of Paramedical Sciences in November. **2012**.



The Board of Directors at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia posed for a picture after the meeting and school tour last June **2013**.