ADDRESS IN TAIWAN

I am honored and delighted
To have been invited
To address you today
In, I hope, the usual way.
I have now entered the fifth decade
Since the first Sharplan CO2 Laser was made.
And have been involved with Laser Surgery from it’s inception
In every surgical specialty without exception
So, for forty years, I have tried to devote
My time Laser Surgery to promote.
The last meeting in which I was present in Taiwan,
Was also attended by Theodore Maiman,
And, it was then that he told me that he remembers the day,
When he was accused of having invented the Death Ray,
And was delighted to see what we have revealed
But the application of lasers in the medical field.
On their application in surgery there is no doubt,
But it is worth mentioning what other applications are about.
Like their use in the treatment of infertility,
Or, in the treatment of cancer by PDT.
Or, in their value in the stimulation of wound healing,
Or, in various cosmetic procedures like skin peeling.
Like the hastening of recovery in nerves that are damaged,
And, how the treatment of pain and diabetes can be managed.
Now, their use in rehabilitation is on the increase,
So, Theodore Maiman can rest in peace.
And now, ladies and gentlemen, I wish to stress
That it is meetings like those of the APALMS
That have resulted in lasers being so widely used
And we must make sure that they are not abused.
Because there are those who to accept them have always refused
And their rejection should not be excused
And now, since surgery is my concern,
It was about the CO2 Laser that I wished to learn,
I found that with a focused beam one could excise
And, with a defocused one, vaporize
It’s application in surgery is quite unique,
Since it enables one to operate with a non touch technique.
And to perform an incision
With absolute precision,
Leaving the residual tissue undamaged,
So a primary repair of the wound can be managed,
While reducing bleeding and postoperative pain,
With simultaneous sterilization, an advantage again.
And now about the laser itself, a word,
It should be one that one can afford,
It should be portable and dependable,
And reclineable andsuspendable.
An RF excited laser of ten watts
With a hand piece producing very small spots,
Reflective optics being desired,
Will result in the laser that's required
Now, I think that it must be said
That, through meetings like this, the gospel is spread
So, I'm sure that you all join with me.
In congratulating Professor Chang, our President to be,
As well as his organizing committee
For arranging for us to meet in this delightful city,
Where we will not only enable our society to survive,
But lasers in surgery and medicine to thrive

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### Tribute from Professor Narong Nimsakul, M.D., F.I.C.S.
Honorary President, International Society for Laser Surgery & Medicine

I went to study the Laser Surgery from Prof. Isaac Kaplan in February, 1977, at Beilinson Hospital, Tel Aviv University, Israel; and ever since developed Father and Son relationship with Isaac.

We (more than 600 surgeons who were his students), will always remember Prof. Isaac Kaplan as Great teacher, Great Laser surgeon, and the Father of Laser Surgery.

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With Prof. Atsumi at the 6th ISLSM, Jerusalem, in 1985.  
At the 9th APALMS Congress in Pattaya, 2002.