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Recent Trend and Future of UAA

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Urological Association of Asia was established in 1990 in Fukuoka with objectives to promote urology in Asia, exchange knowledge and organize scientific symposia. Currently we have a system of member nation with approximately 20,000 urologists in 16 countries.

The Asian Congress of Urology (ACU) is our main event which is held bi-annually. In this meeting we encourage prominent Asian urologist as counterpart to overseas speakers so we can have a global perspective and balanced opinion of a particular urological problem. It could also give new information to many Asian urologists who, due to one or another reason, can not visit major urological meeting such as EAU, AUA, or SIU.

Beside ACU, the Asian School of Urology (ASU) organize a small team of speakers to visit less developed countries. This activity is usually in a form of specific symposia or workshop to transfer the knowledge and skill to local urologist. Another method is establishing fellowship center such as in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore with help of local government.

In the future, we hope that we can organize better ACU in term of scientific quality and attendance quantity. Of course we need more support not only from Asian urologist and resident but also from American as well as European urology community. We need to organize more visiting teams to areas where needed and establishing more fellowship centers especially on specific sub-speciality such as oncology, pediatric, reconstructive, and endo-urology. In regard of research activity, we hope that Asian urologist could play a major role especially in the field of popular urological problem in Asia such as stone, oncology, and infection. Beside that, we need to dig more information about the role of herbal medicine and Asian diet in urological diseases. If we can achieve this, hopefully Asian urologist could give better care and cure to their patients. Moreover, more Asian urologist could take part in International committee in an attempt to develop new treatment modality or management for urological problems.

It is obvious that UAA needs more participation from Japanese Urological Association (JUA) members, as one of the well established urological society in the world, in our main event as well as involvement in our visiting teams. Of course we believe that it is possible to open some fellowship center in Japan to train our urologist in new treatment methods and to improve their standard. We also hope that JUA could organize a research in collaboration with other Asian urologist.