



# **Asian Surgical Association**

**NEWSLETTER**

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# The 25th Asian Congress of Surgery

## “Breaking Boundaries towards Personalized Therapies”

The 25th Asian Congress of Surgery (ACS 2025), held in conjunction with the Annual Conference of the World Association of Chinese Doctors, was hosted at MGM COTAI in Macau SAR, China, from October 24 to 26, 2025.

The theme of the congress, “Breaking Boundaries Towards Personalized Therapies,” underscores ASA’s commitment to advancing excellence and fostering innovation in surgical care. This inspiring event brought together over 400 participants from more than 20 countries, highlighting our global dedication to transforming surgical practices through cutting-edge solutions.



**Opening Ceremony**

- The inaugural highlight of the event was the G.B. Ong Lecture, delivered by Professor Rowan Parks, a distinguished Professor of Surgical Sciences at the University of Edinburgh and former President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd).
- His lecture, titled "Standards in Postgraduate Medical Education to Transform Surgical Practice," explored the critical standards and frameworks necessary to elevate postgraduate medical training and enhance surgical practice worldwide.



**Prof. Rowan PARKS presenting the G. B. Ong Lecture**



The second highlight of the event was the Asian Surgical Association Lecture, presented by Professor Jianxing He, President of the First Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical University and the Guangzhou Institute of Respiratory Health.

His lecture, titled “AI, Robots, Tubeless Surgery, Organ Transplant: Recent Advances in Thoracic Surgery,” provided valuable insights into the latest technological innovations and breakthroughs transforming the field of thoracic surgery.



**Prof. Jianxing HE presenting the ASA Lecture**



**Dr. Jose Antonio M. SALUD,  
President of ASA**

The third highlight of the event was the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Foundation Lecture, delivered by Professor Vincent Lam, Head of the Department of Clinical Medicine at Macquarie University, Australia.

His lecture, titled “Value of Surgery – The Rise of Robotics,” explored the latest advancements in robotic surgery and highlighted its growing adoption worldwide, emphasizing its transformative impact on surgical practice.



**Prof. Vincent Lam presenting the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Foundation Lecture**



The conference also featured a diverse range of scientific sessions led by leading experts from the Asian Surgical Association, providing valuable insights and discussions across various specialties.

Additionally, the free paper sessions offered members an excellent platform to showcase their innovations, share research findings, and engage in meaningful knowledge exchange with peers.



**Parallel Sessions**



The Congress dinner featured captivating performances by a renowned magician and traditional Portuguese dancers. The magician amazed attendees with impressive illusions, while the dancers showcased vibrant costumes and energetic moves, providing a lively cultural entertainment experience. This combination of performances made the dinner a memorable highlight of the event.



**Congress Dinner**



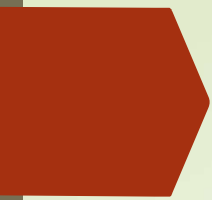
# Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Asian Surgical Association

- During the congress dinner, we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Asian Surgical Association. The organization was founded in 1967 through the vision of the late Professor Tan Sri G.B. Ong, aiming to create a platform for collaboration and knowledge exchange among surgeons in Southeast Asia. It was officially named the Asian Surgical Association in 1988, by which time its membership had expanded to include countries across Asia and beyond.
- The 50th Anniversary milestone honors the significant contributions of our members and reaffirms our dedication to advancing surgical practices throughout Asia and globally.



**Congress Dinner**





# ***Thank you for reading***

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