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21ST ASIAN CONGRESS OF SURGERY TOKYO, JAPAN

It is my pleasure to announce that the 21st meeting of the Asian Congress of Surgery (ACS) will be held at the Tokyo International Forum in Tokyo, Japan. The previous meeting in Japan was held in 1991. We are greatly honored to manage this valuable meeting in Department of Digestive Surgery, Nihon University School of Medicine.



The theme of the upcoming ACS is, *"Stay Meticulous! Stay Innovative!"* I always consider my two highest priorities to be meticulousness, and to achieve careful surgical techniques, and innovation, entailing the development of new techniques and findings.

The 21st ACS will be held in conjunction with the 79th Annual Congress of Japan Surgical Association (JSA). The clinical standpoint of ACS and the JSA is very close but we have differences in surgical techniques and treatment among the countries. The cross-talk sessions between ACS and JSA across various fields of clinical surgery are sure to provide an excellent opportunity to consider new perspectives. I believe this joint meeting will be inspiring not only to younger surgeons but also to senior specialists.

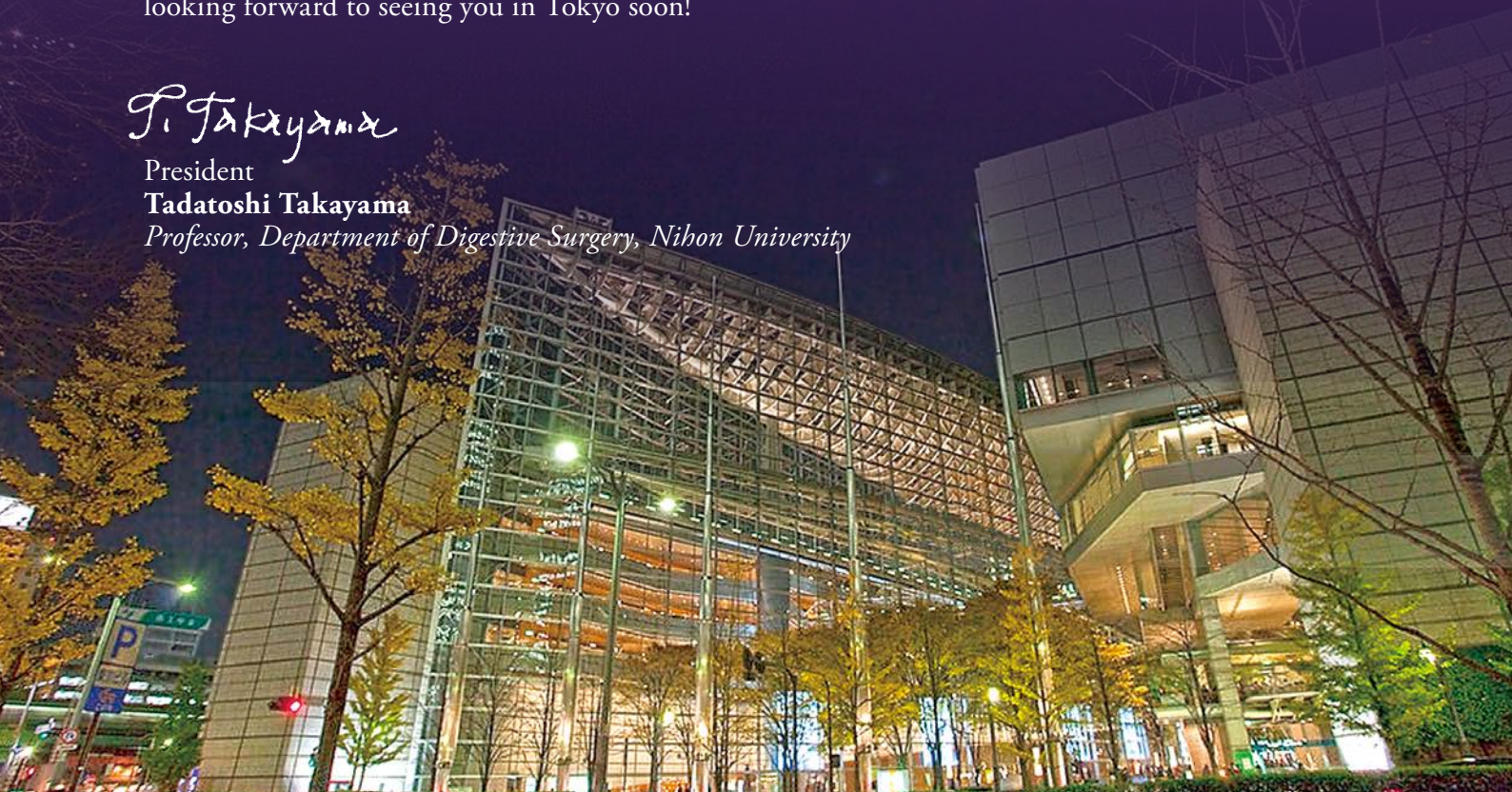
Reserve 22 to 23 November 2017 in your schedule to indulge yourself in a broad scope of surgical issues among various surgical specialists. The autumn is one of the lovely seasons in Japan. We are looking forward to seeing you in Tokyo soon!

T. Takayama

President

Tadatoshi Takayama

Professor, Department of Digestive Surgery, Nihon University





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21st Asian Congress of Surgery

in conjunction with

79th Annual Congress of Japan Surgical Association

22-23 November 2017

Tokyo International Forum
Tokyo, Japan

Deadlines:

Abstract Submission: 30 June 2017

Early Bird Registration: 31 August 2017

*“Stay Meticulous!
Stay Innovative!”*



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20TH ASIAN CONGRESS OF SURGERY

HONG KONG

The 20th Asian Congress of Surgery was held in conjunction with The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd) and The College of Surgeons of Hong Kong (CSHK) Conjoint Scientific Congress 2015. It took place on 11-13 September 2015 at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre (HKCEC). Dr. Albert Chan was the Congress President, and the theme of the Congress was "Surgery for Tomorrow's Asia".

On 11 September 2015, the Congress started with an Opening Ceremony with a parade of the President, Councilors, and Past Presidents. This was immediately followed by the plenary lectures given by three renowned speakers who were conferred honorary ASA membership.

The scientific program encompassed a wide spectrum of symposia on the latest surgical treatment strategies and advances in different surgical subspecialties in order to achieve the best patient-outcomes. Apart from symposia and free paper sessions, a nursing session was incorporated into the program to acknowledge nurses' contributions to the surgical field.



*GB Ong Lecture Orator –
Professor Shew-Ping Chow*



*Law-Lui Lecture Orator –
Professor Katsuhiko Yanaga*

*Dr Wing-Man Ko, BBS, JP,
Secretary for Food and Health,
HKSAR, Guest of Honour of the
Opening Ceremony*



*Professor London Ooi and Dr Albert Chan,
Immediate Past President and Incumbent
President of the ASA*



*Professor London Ooi
conferring honorary
membership on RACS
Foundation Orator –
Professor David Watters*

NAMED LECTURES

Law Lui Lecture

Training of HPB Surgeons for the Future

Katsuhiko Yanaga, *Japan*

RACS Foundation Lecture

Universal Access to Affordable Safe Surgery

David Watters, *Australia*

GB Ong Lecture

The Maturation of a Surgeon

Shew-Ping Chow, *Hong Kong*

The Council Meeting of the Asian Surgical Association (ASA) took place on 11 September 2015, in which Dr. Shintaro Yamazaki of Nihon University, Japan, made a bid for the 21st Asian Congress of Surgery in 2017 which met with the approval of the President and the Councilors.

The Welcome Reception, also called the “Hong Kong Night”, was held at the Renaissance Harbour View Hotel. In addition to a spectacular view over the Victoria Harbour, the guests were welcomed by great local food and cultural booths demonstrating Chinese rainbow calligraphy and flour doll making. During the reception, Professor London Ooi, the outgoing President, handed the President’s Medallion over to Dr. Albert Chan, the incoming President.

The Congress Banquet on the 12th September 2015 was held in the HKCEC, in conjunction with the RCSEd/CSHK Conjoint Diploma Conferment Ceremony 2015 and the CSHK Silver Jubilee Annual Dinner. It was truly a joyous event where surgeons from around the world came together, exchanged expertise, and celebrated for a fruitful meeting.

The 21st Asian Congress of Surgery will be held in conjunction with the 79th Annual Congress of Japan Surgical Association, in Tokyo, Japan on 22-23 November 2017. The President will be Professor Tadatashi Takayama. Enquiries regarding the forthcoming Meeting in Tokyo can be directed to 21acs@convention.co.jp. We look forward to another exciting and innovative Congress.



Dr Albert Chan presenting the ASA flag to Dr Shintaro Yamazaki who represented the Organizing Committee of the 21st ACS



The Nursing Session



The Council and Past Presidents of the ASA



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Albert Chi-yan Chan, Hong Kong

(President, 2015-2017)

Dr Chan obtained his MBBS degree in King's College London, University of London in 2001 and attained his fellowship with the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh and the College of Surgeons, Hong Kong in 2008. He became a faculty member of the Division of Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic Surgery, & Liver Transplantation in 2009, and was promoted to the Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery, The University of Hong Kong in 2016. He is specialized in living donor liver transplantation and oncological liver surgery, especially in salvage liver transplantation, ALPPS, and laparoscopic hepatectomy.



He was involved in the first auxiliary living donor liver transplantation, the first dual graft and the first donor interchange liver transplantation in Hong Kong. He also pioneered the adoption of ALPPS for HCC and performed the world's first pediatric ALPPS for hepatoblastoma in October 2013. Moreover, he advocated the application of 3D laparoscopy for major hepatectomy and conducted the first full 3D laparoscopy animal workshop for liver and pancreatic surgery in Asia in January 2017.

He has published a number of book chapters and over 100 articles in peer-reviewed journals including Annals of Surgery, Liver Transplantation, and Surgery. He has delivered numerous invited and plenary lectures in various locoregional as well as international meetings, and is a member of the editorial board for the World Journal of Surgery.

Besides his presidency of the Asian Surgical Association, he is also a scientific committee member of the APPLE association, a council member of the Hong Kong Society of Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery, and Hong Kong Society of Transplantation. He is also a panel member of the acute-on-chronic liver failure consortium of the Asia-Pacific Association of Study of Liver (APASL) and a member of the State Key Laboratory for Liver Research in The University of Hong Kong.

Keng-Wee Chang, Malaysia

(Council Member, 2015-2017)

Dr Chang Keng Wee is the Past-Master of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia (2011-2013). He graduated from the University of Malaya in 1979 and subsequently obtained his Fellowship from the Royal College of Surgeons of Glasgow in 1983. He was awarded Fellowships of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia in 1997, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (ad hominem) in 2012, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh in 2013, and Academy of Medicine of Singapore in 2013. He received Honorary Fellowship from the College of Surgeons of South Africa in 2012 and Royal College of Physicians in Ireland in 2014.



Dr Chang is a Consultant General Surgeon, with special interest in Upper GI and HPB surgery, at the Gleneagles Hospital in Kuala Lumpur.

He is actively involved in both undergraduate and postgraduate medical education. He was Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Malaya Medical Centre until 1996 and Adjunct Professor of Surgery in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences of the UCSI University in Kuala Lumpur (2012-2013). He was Honorary Consultant at the University of Malaya Medical Centre (1996-2011). He is Examiner for the Malaysian Conjoint Masters of Surgery and MRCS Examinations of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. He was examiner for the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland from 1999 to 2001.

He was President of the College of Surgeons of Malaysia from 1999 to 2000 and President of the Asian Surgical Association from 2003 to 2005. He has been Council Member of the Asian Surgical Association since 2015.

Hanafiah Harunarashid, Malaysia

(Council Member, 2015-2017)

Associate Professor Hanafiah Harunarashid is currently the President of the College of Surgeons Academy of Medicine Malaysia. He graduated from the University of St. Andrews in 1990 with a BSc in Medical Science and obtained his MBChB 1993 with double distinctions from the University of Edinburgh Medical School. Dr Hanafiah did his basic surgical training in Edinburgh and Ipoh Malaysia and obtained his Fellowship from both the Royal College of Surgeons Ireland and Edinburgh in 1998. He later underwent Higher Surgical Training in Vascular and Endovascular Surgery based at the prestigious Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh rotation and obtained his United Kingdom Intercollegiate Fellowship examination (FRCS) in 2007.



Associate Professor Hanafiah's was awarded the Young Investigator Award at the International Conference in Gastroenterology and Hepatology. Besides instigating the establishment of the National University of Malaysia (UKM) Vascular Unit, Dr Hanafiah pioneered the development of Advanced Surgical Skills Centre at UKMMC; a premier international surgical simulation centre aiming to modernize surgical training. He has been a Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon at the Department of Surgery, UKM Medical Centre since 2007. He is also the current Vice President of the Vascular Society of Malaysia and Chairman of the Education Committee ASEAN Federation of Surgical Colleges.

In 2015, he was awarded with the International Surgical Medal from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in recognition of his work and services to the field of surgery and was appointed as an International Surgical Advisor of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. His ambassadorial achievements had led to an award of the Kesatria Malaysia award from the Government of Malaysia in 2014 and knighted the Order of Negeri Sembilan (DBNS) in 2017, by the Ruler of the State of Negeri Sembilan, who is also the Royal Chancellor of the National University of Malaysia (UKM).

Narain Chotirosniramit, Thailand

(Council Member, 2017-2019)

Assistant Professor Narain Chotirosniramit serves as Chief of Trauma and Critical Care Unit, Department of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, Chiangmai University. He graduated from Faculty of Medicine Chiangmai University in Thailand in 1993. He received diploma of the Thai Board of General Surgery and the Thai Board of Emergency Medicine and also Thai Sub-board of Trauma Surgery.



In addition, he is an Executive Committee Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand (RCST). He is now National Course Director of ATLS Course and ASSET (Advanced Surgical Skills for Exposure in Trauma) Course. He has conducted several trauma care courses such as PHTLS, ASSET and Advanced Trauma Operative Approach in Thailand. He is also an active instructor in Definitive Surgical Trauma Care Course (DSTC) internationally.

He has extensive experience in teaching international trauma training courses in many countries such as Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Taiwan and Mongolia. His interests also include landscape photography during his numerous lecture trips to various parts of Thailand.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Pramook Mutirangura, Thailand

(Council Member, 2015-2017)

Dr. Pramook Mutirangura, Professor of Vascular Surgery in Mahidol University, Bangkok, was qualified by the Thai Board of Surgery in 1983 and the Fellow of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh since 1987. He also had post fellowship training in United Kingdom for vascular surgery at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh in 1987, kidney transplantation at the Royal Victoria Infirmary and Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne in 1988, and liver transplantation at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham in 1989.



Dr. Pramook Mutirangura was one of the pioneers of living-related kidney transplantation and orthotopic liver transplantation for both adults and children. He set up the procedure protocol for organ procurement in cadaveric donor to maximize the use of organs for transplantation from a single donor in Thailand.

He also developed complex arterial bypasses for complicated

critical limb ischemia in patients with very long arterial occlusive lesions of lower extremities successfully. His most outstanding complex arterial bypass was "Ascending thoracic aorto-bi-popliteal bypass" for the complicated and extensive aorto-iliac and femoro-popliteal occlusion, which has been recognized as the most extensive arterial bypass from thoracic aorta to bilateral lower extremities.

Dr. Mutirangura created the surgical innovation for the treatment of reperfusion injury successfully in severely acute lower limb ischemia entitled "Intraoperative venous drainage through hemodialysis" which was firstly used for the treatment of reperfusion injury successfully in a patient with saddle aortic embolism in 2002.

Dr. Mutirangura was elected as the President of Asian Society for Vascular Surgery (ASVS) in 2015. He was also the chairman of the international congress of this society in the same year. Currently, he has been appointed as the President of Thai Vascular Association since 2013 and the Vice President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand since 2015.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION – ASIAN JOURNAL OF SURGERY

The *Asian Journal of Surgery*, founded in 1978, is an indexed, peer-reviewed journal that is published quarterly. Today, the Asian Journal of Surgery is also the official publication of six other professional surgical associations in the Asia-Pacific region, including:

- Asian Association of Endocrine Surgeons
- Asian Association of Paediatric Surgeons
- Asian Society for Vascular Surgery
- Association of University Surgeons of Asia
- College of Surgeons, Academy of Medicine, Malaysia
- Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Surgeons of Asia

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