

**REPORT ON THE 3<sup>rd</sup> JAPAN-ASEAN MEN'S HEALTH & AGING  
CONFERENCE 1-3 RD DECEMBER 2008**  
*(29-30 NOV PRECONGRESS WORKSHOPS)*

This Congress was jointly organized by the Society for Men's Health (Singapore), the Singapore Urological Association and the International College of Surgeons (S'pore Section) and spearheaded by Congress President Prof Peter Lim & Scientific Chairmen Prof E Kesavan & Dr Teoh Seng Hin. The 3rd Japan-Asean Congress started 2 days earlier with Workshops on (1) Andrology, (2) Sexual Dysfunction Counseling (3) Faecal Incontinence, (4) Incontinence & Urodynamics, (5) Aesthetic Dentistry which were held at the Changi General Hospital & National University Hospital on 29-30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2008. Additionally on 29<sup>th</sup> November a Public Forum on Men's Health, was held at the Tan Tock Seng Hospital for the lay Public. Attendance clocked were 100 at Tan Tock Seng Hospital, 92 at National University Hospital & 56 at Changi General Hospital.

On 1<sup>st</sup> December, Prof K Satku, Director of Medical Services, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Singapore officiated the opening of the Conference expressing full support of the Ministry of Health Singapore for the Men's Health cause and movement to improve Men's Health Services. A full turnout of 286 Doctors from 17 Countries attended and another 100 lay people for the "Great Debate" on Men's Health, a special feature of the Conference. . The full Program of the Event is attached. On 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the official Banquet of the Congress was graced by His Excellency Makoto Yamanaka, Ambassador of Japan. At this event, Prof Peter Lim who is also the President of the International College of Surgeons in Singapore conferred upon Prof Satku, Director of Medical Services (Singapore) the prestigious Honorary Fellowship of the International College of Surgeons. The social program of the night included Japanese, English & local songs sung by semi-professional singing doctors much to the delight of the Japanese & overseas doctors.

The important VIP's attending the conference were Prof Akihiko Okuyama, Prof Dato Tan Hui Meng – the founding Presidents & Advisors, Prof Siegfried Meryn, President of the International Society for Men's Health. Prof Mikio Namiki, Prof Nam Cheol Park, Prof PG Adaikan, Prof Y Kumamoto, Prof Arif Adimoelja & Ms Carolyn Earl were amongst many other prominent advocates for Men's Health present & contributing in respect of lectures etc. The Council Member from Thailand could not attend as all air-travel out of Thailand was disrupted due to political problems in that country.

The meeting was an outstanding success which drew abundant complimentary remarks from all who attended and attesting to the excellent high standard of academia, evidence-based data presented and research papers. The Singapore Urological Association Best Paper Award was given to a paper submitted by Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- (1) Congress Program**
- (2) Congress Opening Ceremony**
- (3) Congress Speakers Night**
- (4) Official Banquet**