

# The 8th CONGRESS OF C.M.A.A.O.

(Held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia — April 5–7, 1973)  
Host: The Malaysian Medical Association

## GENERAL REPORT

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## SCHEDULE OF THE CONGRESS:

### THURSDAY APRIL 5:

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Registration of delegates and observers adjacent to the Lecture Hall in the School of Nursing and Radiography, Gen. Hospital, Jalan Pahang, Kuala Lumpur.

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—Business of Council of C.M.A.A.O. in Lecture Hall in the School of Nursing and Radiography, General Hospital, Jalan Pahang, Kuala Lumpur.

1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.—Lunch at General Hospital Canteen.

2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—Business Meeting of Council C.M.A.A.O. (Contd.)

4:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—Tea General Hospital Canteen.

5:30 p.m.—Official Opening of 8th Congress of C.M.A.A.O. by the Honourable Minister of Health, Yang Berhormat Tan Sri Lee Siok Yew. Group Photographs of C.M.A.A.O. Officials, delegates and observers.

8:00 p.m.—Dinner by the Honourable Minister of Health (by invitation).

### FRIDAY APRIL, 6:

9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.—Scientific Meeting on Brain-drain Problems.

11:00 a.m.—11:30—Coffee Break.

11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—Scientific Meeting on Drug Addiction Problems.

1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.—Lunch at General Hospital Canteen.

2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—Scientific Meeting on Environmental Sanitation and Pollution Problems.

4:30 p.m.—Opening Ceremony of the M.M.A. HOUSE, by Yang Amat Berhormat, the Prime Minister of Malaysia Tun Haji Abdul Razak bin Datuk Hussein followed by Tea with M.M.A. Members.

8:00 p.m.—Informal Dinner Fellowship with M.M.A. Members at Dewan Tunku Rahman.

### SATURDAY APRIL, 7:

8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—Golf and Sight-seeing.

1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.—Lunch at General Hospital Canteen.

2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.—Concluding Session of C.M.A.A.O.

3:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—Tea with M.M.A. Members.

4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.—M.M.A. Symposium on “Medical Education in Malaysia.”

8:00 p.m.—Formal Dinner with M.M.A. Members and Guests at Hilton Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.



SOME OF THE DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS TO THE 8TH CONGRESS OF THE CONFEDERATION OF MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS IN ASIA AND OCEANIA.

*Seated (L-R) Datuk Dr. Keshmahinder Singh (Chairman Organising Committee), Sir Geoffrey Newman-Morris (Vice-President-Elect.), Professor A.A. Sandosham (President), Dr. Ramon R. Angeles (President-Elect.), Dr. H. Kumagai (Councillor).*

## BUSINESS MEETINGS

### (FIRST SESSION)

#### (Part I)

The First Session of the 8th Congress was held on April 5, 1973 from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon in the Lecture Hall, School of Nursing and Radiology, General Hospital, Jalan Pahang, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

(1) At about 11:10 a.m. the first Session was Opened with the cordial greetings of the Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Ramon R. Angeles, who announced that this is the First Session of the 8th Congress of the CMAAO. He then introduced and requested

Prof. Arthur A. Sandosham of the Malaysian Medical Association, CMAAO President, to preside the Meeting.

President Prof. A. A. Sandosham expressed his warm welcome to the members of the Council and the many Delegates/Observers who are able to come and attend the 8th Congress. He then called the Meeting to Order.

The Secretary-Treasurer introduced the Members of the CMAAO Council, after which, the Chief-

Delegate of each Member-Association present introduced himself and the Members of his delegation and observers and the country they represented. These was met with spontaneous applause. The Member-Associations who sent delegations were the (1) Australian (2) Indonesian (3) Japan (4) Korean (5) Malaysian (6) Philippine and the (7) Hong Kong (as guests-observers) Medical Associations. (*Their names are listed separately*). Unable to send delegates, for one reason or another, are the (1) Burma (2) China (3) Iran (4) Pakistan and (5) Thailand Medical Associations.

At this juncture, President Sandosham suggested a modification of the Agenda, i.e., after the Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the 7th Congress held at Seoul, Korea, last October 13-15, 1971, that we consider first the membership-application of the Hong Kong Medical Association. This modification was Approved.

(2) *Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the 7th Congress Held October 13-15, 1971 in Seoul, Korea.*

Dr. Angeles, the Secretary-Treasurer, announced that copies of these Minutes were already furnished each member-association. However, he submitted again copies (Blue Folder) of these Minutes for final consideration in this 8th Congress.

A recess and Coffee-Break for 15 minutes was observed, after which the Session was resumed.

The following items were taken up and acted upon: (1) The Case of the inactive Member-Associations:

(a) *Burma Medical Association* – have not paid its membership dues since *the establishment of the CMAAO*. The Secretary-Treasurer said that their inactive status might have been due to the unsettled political situation in their country in recent years. The Council, after being enlightened, decided to consider the Burma Medical Association as still a member-association of the CMAAO and to give it more time to activate its membership. Approved.

(b) *The case of the Pakistan Medical Association*.—This Member-Association is also in arrears in membership dues. However, Dr. Keshmahinder Singh, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 8th Congress, announced that a letter from the President of the Pakistan Medical Association was received expressing its greetings to the Congress and also its regrets for not having been able to send Delegates. Since this is an indication that the Pakistan

Medical Association considers itself still a CMAAO Member, therefore they should still be carried in the Roster. Approved.

(3) The Secretary-Treasurer also announced that the funds of the CMAAO had been augmented by the *Voluntary Cash Contributions* of the:

(a) Australian Medical Association—gave cash donation of US\$300 aside from its membership fees; and the

(b) Japan Medical Association—Cash donation of US\$1,000.00, also aside from its membership fees. The above cash donations were gratefully accepted with thanks and met with a spontaneous applause.

The Council hopes that these generous cash donations will continue and be followed by other affluent Member-Association of the CMAAO.

The Secretary-Treasurer announced that as of this date we have more than P12,000.00 (Philippine Currency) in the Bank. Noted.

After some minor observations and corrections and upon motion duly seconded and with no objections the *Minutes of the 7th CMAAO Congress held Oct. 13-15, 1971 in Seoul, Korea, was unanimously APPROVED*.

(The *Annual Financial Report* of the Secretary-Treasurer and the proposed *Annual Budget* (for 1971-75) will be taken up in the next Session of the Reference Committees and the Council).

(3) Consideration and Action on the MEMBERSHIP-APPLICATIONS of the:

(1) Hong Kong Medical Association and (2) Sabah Medical Association:—

(Hong Kong Medical Association represented by Dr. Peter C. Y. Lee, President and Dr. Lee King Hong, Hon. Secretary of the Association).

At the outset, President Sandosham briefed the Council about his knowledge of the Hong Kong Medical Association. He made a distinction between the Hong Kong Medical Association and the B.M.A. Hong Kong Branch (British Medical Association) composed largely of armed forces physicians and expatriates; while the Hong Kong Medical Association (which is applying for CMAAO Membership now) is more representative of the Hong Kong physicians and has bigger membership. President Sandosham gathered these information when two years ago, he visited Hong Kong. On the basis of his observations, Dr. Sandosham strongly recommended that the Hong Kong Medical Association (represented by Drs. P. Lee

King Hong) be accepted as a newly-born member of the CMAAO.

Considering the various aspects of the application some discussions came out. Dr. Peter Lee, Hong Kong Medical Association President, volunteered the information that most of the members of the BMA Hong Kong Branch and the Hong Kong Medical Association, which he represents, are members "vice-versa" of both Associations.

After serious deliberations and discussions a motion, duly seconded, was presented to accept the membership-application of the Hong Kong Medical Association.

A standing vote was called resulting in 12+ YES Votes against 4—NO Votes.

The motion being carried, the Hong Kong Medical Association is now considered a new-born member-association of the CMAAO. There was rejoicing and applause.

Dr. Peter C. Y. Lee responded with thanks and pledged that the Hong Kong Medical Association will live up to expectations.

(2) The Application of the *Sabah Medical Association*, — The Sabah Medical Association of the Federation of Malaysia also submitted a membership application to the CMAAO.

President Sandosham volunteered the information that according to the CMAAO's Constitution, only one national Medical Association can be a Member-Association of the Confederation. Since Sabah is a state of the Federation of Malaysia and, therefore, part of Malaysia, it cannot be admitted into the CMAAO for it will be against our Constitution. Therefore, with deep regrets, the Sabah Medical Association cannot be a member-association of the CMAAO. APPROVED.

(3) Progress Report on the Invitation for the *New Zealand Medical Association to be a member-association of the CMAAO*. — Sir Geoffrey Newman Morris representing the Australian Medical Association reported that approaches are being made to invite the New Zealand Medical Association to be a CMAAO Member-Association, but because of difficulties in communications there has been no success yet. Dr. K. Singh, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 8th Congress, reported that an invitation to this Congress had been sent to the New Zealand Medical Association but there was no response. Noted.

(4) *Reports of the Chairman of Various Standing and Special Committees*:— "As in the past, because of communications difficulties and failure to receive replies, there are no reports submitted. Another reason perhaps, is because "the dates of this 8th Congress had been scheduled or advanced earlier than expected," Dr. R. Angeles, the Secretary-Treasurer, said.

Therefore, the matters to be taken up in the Congress will be discussed and settled "on the floor" by the Council.

It is the consensus of opinion that heretofore, the communications gap will be remedied or narrowed so that better or closer communications with the member-associations and the Council may be established. The President, Dr. Sandosham and the Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. R. Angeles made strong appeals in this direction. NOTED.

*Report of the President*. — Likewise, the President, Dr. Sandosham, confessed that he has no formal report to be submitted. NOTED.

## FIRST SESSION

### (Part II)

1. *Reports of the Chief Delegates (or Representatives) on the Activities and Problems of their Respective Medical Associations*:—

(1) *Malaysian Medical Association (M.M.A.)* — This is published in the Souvenir Program of the Malaysian Medical Association 13th General Meeting. Noteworthy is the Inauguration of the Malaysian Medical Association House (several storeys) at 124 Pahang Road, Kuala Lumpur, which was built through the generous donations of the Officers and members of the Association and civic-spirited of the Federation of Malaysia.

2. *The Philippine Medical Association (PMA)*. — Dr. P. Chua, Philippine Delegate and Councilor-at-Large of the PMA, submitted a written report of the activities and problems of the Association. He prefaced his report by reading a "Message" from the President of the Philippine Medical Association, Dr. Jose G. Tamayo, extending best wishes to the Congress and inviting the CMAAO to hold its next Congress in 1975 in Manila, with the Philippine Medical Association as host. Noteworthy are the increased of membership in the Association because of the

Medicare System; the problem of Narcotics and Drugs Addiction, Brain Drain, etc.  
(written Report submitted)

(3) *Japan Medical Association (JMA)*. — A formal report was submitted by Dr. H. Kumagai, Chief Delegate of the Japan Medical Association. He prefaced his report by reading a "Message" from Dr. Taro Takemi, President of the Japan Medical Association expressing best wishes to the Congress and his regrets for not attending it. (Written report submitted).

(4) *Korean Medical Association (KMA)*. — A formal report submitted by Dr. K. Park Delegate of the Korean Medical Association will be circularized later.

(5) *Hong Kong Medical Association (HKMA)*. — Dr. Peter Lee, President of the Hong Kong Medical Association submitted a verbal report of the activities of his Association. He made clarifications about the status of the British Medical Association (Hong Kong Branch) and the Hong Kong Medical Association, of which he is the President. He also stated that all Specialty Societies in Hong Kong is under one big umbrella called the "Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong" which admits only medical societies but not individual members. They are now on an active fund-raising campaign to raise funds for the Hong Kong Medical Association headquarters to be called a "Medical Center." It is hoped that by 1975, this Center will be completely built and may be available for international conferences like that of the CMAAO Congresses; they also have the problem of "Drug Addiction" that challenges the Hong Kong Medical Association members.

(6) *Australian Medical Association (A.M.A.)* — Sir Geoffrey Newman Morris, the lone Delegate of the Australian Medical Association and retired Chair-

man of the Federal Assembly, made a verbal report of the important activities and problems of his Association. He mentioned that with the new development, there are changes taking place in the system of the delivery of health care for the community. The A.M.A. is very much involved in the discussions and planning of the program under A.M.A. President Dr. Gavin Johnson — this is the reason why Dr. Johnson was unable to attend the CMAAO Congress. He mentioned that two politico-medical bodies exist now in Australia which, according to Sir Geoffrey, is unfortunate because there are disagreements and competition among these medical bodies, the (1) A.M.A. composed of various state branches of the British Medical Association (2) the Royal College of General Practitioners and (3) the General Practitioners Society, just recently established.

2. *Appointments of the Chairman and Members of the Various References Committees*. — The Council upon motion duly seconded and approved, decided that, except for the *Committee on Resolutions* and the *Committee on Nomination, and Election of Officers*, all items in the Agenda like the Annual Report of the Secretary-Treasurer (including the Annual Budget) and other matters will be discussed on the floor with the whole Council and Delegates participating in the discussions and decisions. A Committee on Resolutions was created composed of Dr. K. Menon (Malaysia), Chairman, with Drs. Peter Lee (Hong Kong) and H. Muroya (Japan).

*The Committee on Nominations and Elections*, composed of Dr. H. Kumagai (Japan) as Chairman and Dr. Keshmahinder Singh (Malaysia) Dr. Kunwon Park (Korea) as members, was created.

At about 12.30 p.m. the session was temporarily adjourned for the luncheon-break.

## SECOND SESSION

April 5, 1973

Time: 2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.  
Place: Kuala Lumpur General Hospital

(Part I)

1. *Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the First Session*. — Dr. Sandosham remarked that since there is only a short interval between the First

and Second Sessions, there is no need of reading and approving the Minutes of the First Session.  
APPROVED.

2. *Reports of the Various Reference Committees.* — Since, except for the *Committee on Resolutions* and the *Committee on Nominations and Elections.* — No other Reference Committee had been created because the other matters in the Agenda will be discussed on the floor by the whole Council and the Delegates, the Council itself acted on the following items:—

(a) Before going to other Business, *the Report of the Secretary-Treasurer (including the proposed Annual Budget)* was presented for the consideration and approval of the Council. Some minor discrepancies and observations were noted and duly corrected, particularly, the proposed Budget which should be increased, to at least, 30% because of the increasing costs of administrative and operational expenses of the Secretariat. The consensus area: The possibility of increasing the membership fees and items in the Budget be studied and, if possible, presented to the Council, at least, 6 months before the next Congress.

The Financial Report and the proposed Budget as presented by the Secretary-Treasurer, upon motion duly seconded was *approved in principle* for final consideration and presentation in the next Congress. APPROVED.

(b) *Presentation of Resolutions.* — Before Resolutions were presented in this Congress, it is the feeling of the Council that further study and follow-up of some Resolutions approved during the 7th Congress in Seoul, Korea (some of which were discussed in the 8th Congress) be made first. APPROVED.

The following Resolutions were duly presented and acted upon, accordingly. (See separate list, Annex "A").

3. *Determination of the Place (Venue) of the 9th CMAAO Congress.* — The President, Dr. Sandosham announced that there is an Invitation-Letter from the Philippine Medical Association (PMA) President, Dr. Jose G. Tamayo, (Transmitted through Dr. P. Chua of the PMA) extending an invitation for the CMAAO to hold the next Congress — the 9th — in Manila, Philippines in 1975. The PMA will be the host. The President announced that there is no other invitation received so far and asked if there is anybody who would like to extend similar invitation, the Chair is still open. At this juncture, Dr. Peter C. Y. Lee, President, Hong Kong Medical Association stood up and proposed that the CMAAO accept the kind generosity of the Philippine Medical Association.

As to the Hong Kong Medical Association, he said perhaps by 1977 their own building or medical center will already be completed and they may be in a position to be the host by that time. Dr. Lee moved, and duly seconded by a Delegate from the Japan Medical Association that the CMAAO accept the invitation of the Philippine Medical Association to hold the 9th Congress in Manila, 1975, with the Philippine Medical Association as host. This was met with unanimous approval. APPROVED. There was a general applause while Dr. Sandosham expressed gratitude to the Philippine Delegation for transmitting the invitation-letter of their Association for the 9th Congress. He also stated that he had visited Manila, Philippines at least 3 times and he believes that Manila will be a good site for the next Congress. NOTED.

4. *Valedictory Address of Dr. A. A. Sandosham* (as Outgoing President). — Dr. A. A. Sandosham CMAAO President for 1971-1973 as outgoing President, stated that he has not much to say in his Valedictory Address. Nevertheless, he would like to bring out the following:

(a) An appeal to all member-countries of the CMAAO to establish continuous communications with the Secretariat in order to narrow or cover the communication gap among the members of the Confederation;

(b) That prompt reply or exchange of communications should be established throughout the year. He is cognizant of language difficulties among the member-countries but since English is our Official Language perhaps the language barrier is not so big, he said. Likewise, he urged the member-associations to submit information-materials of their respective association, for publication in our "CMAAO Newsletter." These are important, he said. If we want to have an active and vibrant CMAAO in this part of the world. NOTED.

In closing, Dr. A. A. Sandosham expressed his profound gratitude and thanks for giving him the opportunity to be the Confederation President (for 1971-1973), despite his shortcomings. Special mention were made of the Secretary-Treasurer Dr. R. Angeles, whose untiring efforts and interest in the CMAAO contributed much to its existence. Last, but not least, to the members of the Council, who in one way or the other, contributed their time and efforts to bring the CMAAO to its fruitful and continued existence.

Dr. Sandosham's Valedictory Address was met with general applause and approval. NOTED.

SECOND SESSION  
(Part II)

(1) *The Committee on Nominations and Election* – Composed of Drs. H. Kumagai as Chairman with K. Park and Dr. Sandosham, as members. After meeting for about 20 minutes, announced the Candidates for the Council for the year 1973-75 as follows:

President – Ramon R. Angeles, M.D. (Philippines)

Vice-President – Sir Geoffrey Newman Morris (Australia)

Secretary-Treasurer – Primitivo D. Chua, M.D. (Philippines)

Councillors:

Amino Gondohutomo, M.D. (Indonesia, 1973-1977)

Datuk Keshmahinder Singh, M.D. (Malaysia 1973-1977)

Hiroshi Kumagai, M.D. (Japan, 1973-1975)

Tong Soo Cho, M.D. (Korea, 1973-1975)

It should be noted here that during the deliberations in the nominations for Council Officers, the name of Dr. Romeo C. Montes of the Philippines was mentioned as a Candidate for Vice-President of the Confederation by Dr. H. Kumagai (Japan). The Philippine Delegates, after a huddle, voiced the opinion that if Dr. R. Montes happens to be elected as Vice-President, it would appear that the Philippines will have dominance or a predominating influence on the Council. This may not be democratic and will deprive Delegates from other member-countries to occupy honored positions in the Council. The Philippine Delegation, therefore, through Dr. P. Chua, expressed gratitude for the nomination of Dr. Montes as Vice-President, while at the same time politely declining the same for reasons stated herein. Upon request of Philippine Delegation, and with the approval of Dr. Montes, the name of Dr. Montes as Candidate for Vice-Presidents had been withdrawn. NOTED.

(2) *Announcement of the Results of the Election.* – As in the past, the voting was done by “Viva Voce.” The name of each candidate (as listed) was announced and voted upon one by one, Results: The candidates as listed were all unanimously elected. The Delegates and members of the Congress, as the result of the election was announced, expressed spontaneous approval and applause.

It must be noted here that Prof. A. A. Sandosham,

Immediate Past President, is an “ex-officio” member of the Council.

(3) *Induction of the Newly Elected Officers.* – Following tradition and for practical purposes, the newly-elected members of the Council were formally Inducted by the outgoing President, Prof. Sandosham. The ceremony was simple but solemn. Expression of mutual satisfaction and best wishes were exchanged among the Officers and the Delegates of the Confederation.

(4) *Inaugural Address of the In-coming President, Dr. Ramon R. Angeles.* – Dr. Ramon R. Angeles who had been the Secretary-Treasurer of the CMAAO since the demise of Dr. Victorino de Dios (1970), his predecessor, Dr. Angeles, the President of the Confederation, took the floor and expressed his grateful appreciation and thanks for the trust and confidence reposed upon him as manifested by his unanimous election to the Presidency. He made mention of the late Dr. Victorino de Dios, whom he considers his mentor and the reason why he got involved in the CMAAO. He also recalled his pleasant associations with Drs. K. Park and Myung of Korea and Drs. Takemi and Kumagai of Japan. Dr. Angeles ended his Inaugural Address by saying that we can solve our common problems through the CMAAO and that, despite his shortcomings, he will do his level best to perform the duties of his high Office. “With God willing,” he said, and “with the full hearted cooperation of each and every member of the Confederation, we shall not fail ....”

(5) *Business Meeting.* – A brief Business Meeting of the new Council was called by Dr. Angeles to brief the new body about the future plans and activities of the Confederation. Important matters taken up were:

(a) Ways and Means to narrow or fill the communication gap or difficulties among the member-associations of the CMAAO and the Secretariat;

(b) The Pre-Congress Council Meeting (some-time in 1974), in Hong Kong, to honor the invitation of Dr. Peter Lee, President of the Hong Kong Medical Association, to host this mid-Congress Meeting; and

(c) To adopt the appropriate Central Theme and planning of the Program of the coming 9th Congress to be held in Manila in 1975, with the Philippine Medical Association as Host.

Among to be considered are (1) the Health Delivery System in the Member-Countries of the

CMAAO (2) International Travel Regulations with respect to communicable diseases and (3) other topics not well discussed during the past Congresses.

There being no other matters to take up and after exchanges of warm greetings and pleasantries among the Council Members, the Meeting, upon motion duly seconded, was declared adjourned at about 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Secretary-Treasurer

ATTESTED TO:

DR. A. A. SANDOSHAM, M.D.  
President

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