

CORRESPONDENCE:

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Dear Sir,

I refer to the Guest Editorial entitled "Medical Association of South East Asian Nation (MASEAN)" by Dr. S.W. Lim in the Medical Journal of Malaysia, Vol. XXXIV, No. 3, March 1980. Dr. Lim described the growing ties developing between medical associations in the ASEAN region and highlighted the establishment of a Confederation of ASEAN Societies of Anaesthesiologists in December 1979.

Perhaps it would interest your readers to know that surgeons in this region had felt for some time a need to develop these ties and met almost five years ago for a preliminary meeting in

Singapore. The Association of Surgeons of South East Asia was inaugurated on 23 May 1976 and now has over 500 members. Membership is on an individual basis.

Two successful Biennial General Scientific Meetings have already been held; the first in September 1977 in Hong Kong and the Second in December 1979 in Manila. The third meeting is scheduled to take place in June 1981 in Jakarta. In addition, the Association also publishes the "Southeast Asian Journal of Surgery", now in its third year, and has already become an important medium of communication for scientific information in surgery for this region.

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