

## From the Editor

This is AMEA's first newsletter mainly highlighting the inaugural ceremony and the symposium on 'Asian Medical Education in 21st Century' held at the Academy of Medicine of Hong Kong with the support of Faculty of Medicine of The University of Hong Kong. Electronic version of this newsletter can also be found at [www.hku.hk/facmed/amea](http://www.hku.hk/facmed/amea). The future issues of the newsletter will feature publication of news, views and notices from all the member institutions to promote interaction among the medical educators in the region. Your contributions in this activity will be greatly appreciated.

Our best wishes to all of you for a happy and meaningful New Year.

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## Message



*Professor Grace Tang, Chairman, Management Committee of Asian Medical Education Association (AMEA)*

It gives me great pleasure to write in the first Newsletter of AMEA to send greetings to all of you. I would first of all like to introduce the members of the Management Committee. They are: Chairman Prof Grace Tang (Hong Kong), Vice-Chairmen Prof Seo Jung-Dong (Korea), and Prof Wang Weiping (Shanghai), Honorary Secretary Prof Pao Chia C (Taiwan), Honorary Treasurer Prof Mary Ip (Hong Kong) and Committee Members Prof Aurora F Bauzon (Philippines), Prof Chen Yuanfang (Beijing) and Prof Matthew Gwee (Singapore).

### The AMEA is established with the following aims:

- To identify, recognize and enhance the characteristic features and strengths of Asian medical education;
- To share information and experience about medical education; and
- To strengthen and promote good pedagogy and research on medical education.

The Inauguration Symposium in June this year in Hong Kong showed that the presentations were unique and innovative, and the participation was intense and cohesive. There is no doubt in my mind that Members of AMEA are committed in their mission in medical education, and that they strive to enhance their task through life-long learning from each other.

The AMEA is going to be an active organization. There will not only be dialogue within the Asian region. We should hope to share and gain experience with medical schools around the World. We can do so through the usual meetings as well as tele-conferencing, particularly in demonstrating aspects of undergraduate and postgraduate education and training. Medical education is a continuum from undergraduate to postgraduate, and such alignment is important in the development of the medical profession. I should like to think that AMEA can take a lead in activities conducive to achieving this goal.

While trade is globalized, so will medicine. As AMEA is formed by a number of medical schools, it is possible for students to be exchanged so that their learning, experience and vision will be broadened and their career paths can be diversified. The Newsletter is one of our communication tools. I hope that all of you will contribute to the Newsletter which will draw us closer together. Our next AMEA meeting shall be in 2003 in Shanghai. Meanwhile, I wish you all a happy festive season and a bright new year.

# Highlights of the Inauguration Ceremony & the Symposium

The Asian Medical Education Association (AMEA) was officially inaugurated on June 21, 2001 in the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, Hong Kong SAR, China. Its formation was inspired by a seminar and workshop on "Medical Education Reform: the Hong Kong Experience" organized by the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Hong Kong in March 2000. Medical educators from over 20 institutions in China and South East Asia gathered together and shared their aspiration for excellence in medical education. Twenty-six of these medical schools have eventually become founding members of the AMEA and they are the following:

## Founding members of AMEA

Anhui Medical University  
 Beijing University School of Medicine  
 Capital University of Medical Sciences  
 Central South University Xiangya School of Medicine  
 Chang Gung University  
 Chongqing University of Medical Sciences  
 Fudan University Medical Centre  
 Harbin Medical University  
 Huazhong University of Science and Technology  
 Jilin University  
 Nanjing Medical University  
 Nankai University Medical College  
 National Cheng Kung University Medical College  
 Peking Union Medical College  
 Qingdao University Medical College  
 Shanghai Second Medical University  
 Shantou University Medical College  
 Sichuan University School of Medicine  
 Sun Yat-sen University of Medical Sciences  
 Sungkyunkwan University  
 The National University of Singapore Faculty of Medicine  
 The University of Hong Kong Faculty of Medicine  
 Tianjin Medical University  
 University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery  
 Xi'an Jiaotong University School of Medicine  
 Zhejiang University School of Medicine



## Opening ceremony



The Inaugural Symposium entitled "Asian Medical Education in the 21st Century" was held immediately after the ceremony on June 21 and 22, 2001. The major themes of the Symposium were "Curriculum Reform and Development", "Teaching, Learning and Research" and "Education and Information Technology". Prominent scholars and editors of renowned international journals in medical education delivered plenary speeches on these themes. They were:



Prof John Bligh, Prof Ronald Harden, Ms Addeane Caelleigh, Dr N.G. Patil and Prof Ross Lazarus (from left to right)



Presentation of souvenir by Professor Grace Tang to Professor Sang-Ho Baik

### Professor Sang-Ho Baik

Professor Emeritus, Seoul National University, Director of Korean Institute of Medical Education Research

### Professor John Bligh

Associate Dean, Peninsula Medical School at Plymouth, UK, and Editor of Medical Education

### Ms Addeane Caelleigh

Editor of Academic Medicine

### Professor Chen Yuanfang

Professor of Medicine & Director of Education Committee, Peking Union Medical College

### Professor Matthew CE Gwee

Professor of Pharmacology & Associate Director of Centre for Development of Teaching and Learning, National University of Singapore

### Professor Ronald M Harden

Professor of Medical Education & Director of Centre for Medical Education, University of Dundee and Editor of Medical Teacher

### Professor Ross Lazarus

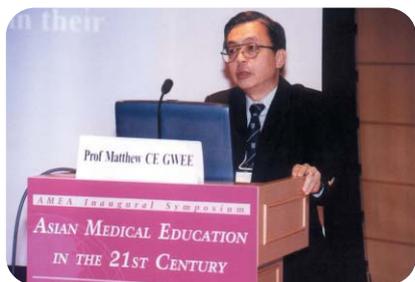
Sub-Dean (Information Technology), Faculty of Medicine, University of Sydney

### Professor Grace WK Tang

Professor of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, The University of Hong Kong; Vice-President (Education & Examination), Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and Chairman, Education & Accreditation Committee, The Medical Council of Hong Kong



Presentation of souvenir by Professor Grace Tang to Professor Chan Yuanfang



Professor Matthew Gwee delivering his plenary speech

Professor Wang Wei Ping  
(Fudan University) and  
Professor John Bligh  
chairing a discussion session



Professor Grace Tang with  
Professor Seo Jung-dong



Professor Aurora Bauzun of University  
of Santo Tomas presenting her paper



Professor Pao Chia C of Chang Gung University  
participating in active discussion

## Q & A



There were 25 oral presentations on various topics of medical education by educators from different Asian medical schools. Symposium Fellowships were awarded to the authors of six of the papers presented. The Symposium was attended by more than 170 representatives of the following medical schools in Asia:

### Institutions participated in the Symposium

Anhui Medical University (China)  
Bangkok Metropolitan Administration Medical College and Vajira Hospital (Thailand)  
Baqai Medical University (Pakistan)  
Capital University of Medical Sciences (China)  
Central South University Xiangya School of Medicine (China)  
Chiang Mai University (Thailand)  
Chongqing University of Medical Sciences (China)  
First Military Medical University (China)  
Fourth Military Medical University (China)  
Fudan University Medical Centre (China)  
Guangdong Medical College (China)  
Guangzhou Medical College (China)  
Hangzhou Medical College (China)  
Harbin Medical University (China)  
Hasanuddin University Faculty of Medicine (Indonesia)  
Huazhong University of Science and Technology (China)  
International Medical University (Malaysia)  
Jilin University (China)  
Kurume University School of Medicine (Japan)  
Kyungpook National University School of Medicine (Korea)  
Nanjing Medical University (China)  
Nankai University Medical College (China)  
National Cheng Kung University (Taiwan)  
Padjadjaran University School of Medicine (Indonesia)  
Peking Union Medical College (China)  
Prince of Songkla University Faculty of Medicine (Thailand)  
Qingdao University Medical College (China)  
Mahidol University Faculty of Medicine (Thailand)  
Shantou University Medical College (China)  
Srinakharinwirot University Faculty of Medicine (Thailand)  
Sultan Agung Islamic University Faculty of Medicine (Indonesia)  
Sungkyunkwan University School of Medicine (Korea)  
Thammasat University Faculty of Medicine (Thailand)  
The National University of Singapore Faculty of Medicine (Singapore)  
The University of Hong Kong Faculty of Medicine (China)  
Third Military Medical University (China)  
University of Kelaniya Faculty of Medicine (Sri Lanka)  
University of Malaya Faculty of Medicine (Malaysia)  
University of Moslem Indonesia Faculty of Medicine (Indonesia)  
University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine & Surgery (Philippines)  
University of Ulsan College of Medicine (Korea)  
Xi'an Jiaotong University School of Medicine (China)  
Zhejiang University School of Medicine (China)

## Symposium banquet



## Poster presentations



## Workshops



"I.T. In Medical Education"  
by Prof. Ross Lazarus



"Designing a Curriculum"  
by Prof John Bligh



"Best Evidence Medical  
Education and Research"  
by Prof. RM Harden.



"Writing for Publication" by Ms Addeane Caeleigh

## Award of symposium Fellowships



Presentation of Symposium Fellowships  
by Prof Mary Ip to the recipients



## Closing ceremony



**A**fter a full scale inauguration ceremony in Hong Kong in June 2001, three forthcoming symposia will be held in the following designated places in the years as specified below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Country</u>
2003	China (Shanghai)
2005	Korea
2007	Thailand

**W**e welcome participation from all the medical schools in the region. Currently, there is no subscription fee for joining this Association. Please complete the form below and return it to the Secretariat of AMEA either by fax (852)2974 0565 or by mail should your institution wish to join the Association.

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