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President's Message

Dear APACPH colleagues,

I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to APACPH colleagues for their messages regarding the March 11th East Japan Great Disaster. The venue of the mid-term Executive Council meeting was changed from Japanese NIPH (President Kenji Hayashi who is an APACPH President Emeritus) to Mahidol University, Bangkok (Dean Phitaya Charupoonphol who is an APACPH Vice President) due to the disaster.

The new constitution is in effect after a 3 month rectification period from the last General Assembly meeting in Bali, Indonesia. According to the new constitution, the Management Board Meeting and the Executive Council Meeting was carried out in Hang Zhou on March 20th (organized by Prof Liming Lee and Hangzhou CDC) and in Bangkok on May 30th (hosted by Prof Phitaya Charupoonphol, Mahidol University), respectively. Please refer to the minutes of both meetings on the APACPH website. We are very grateful to our colleagues from the host institutions for their sincere hospitalities. Individual membership started after the Bangkok meeting. We welcome individual members who can work within APACPH towards our goals.

Progress of the Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health has been outstanding and we congratulated Profs Wah Yun Low and Colin Binns for the great achievements with the journal. The journal is now issued quarterly.

The ICUH has provided the certification programme since Spring Semester of 2010. These programs will be very helpful for graduate students and young health workers in Asia-pacific region.



APACPH President: Prof
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President's Message, continued

APACPH Collaboration Centers of Excellence (Oral health & Oral Cancer, Injury Prevention & Disaster management, Rural & Island Health, Peace and Health) and Early Carrier Network (ECN) have developed their own programmes/activities. The Ambassador Program Committee (Prof Chiou, Southby, Binns, Patrick, and Hokama) has developed a multi-country pool of Asia Pacific Leaders to promote health, peace and harmony. Prof Liming Lee was appointed the second Ambassador at the Hangzhou Meeting.

On 30th August I was happy to attend the Dean's meeting of Chinese Public Health in Urumqi Xingjian, China (hosted by Prof Yu -Jiang Zhen, Urumqi Medical School). This meeting with APACPH member institutions and China Medical Board, Beijing, was carried out to discuss future collaboration between APACPH and Chinese member institutions. Please refer to Urumqi report by T Hokama, Jin Lin Tan and Johnny Lu Jiang.

We are very appreciative to Professors Walter Patrick and Jay Maddock and their team for their work in establishing the Secretariat at the University of Hawaii. Each of the regional offices (Los Angeles, Hawaii, Melbourne, Bangkok, Tokyo and Beijing) has supported those APACPH activities together. As APACPH resources are very limited, we need to devise a plan to develop our activities based on voluntary work.

The 43rd APACPH conference hosted by Yonsei University, chaired by Prof Han-Joong Kim, President of Yonsei University, in Seoul in October 2011 is approaching. I am looking forward to



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APACPH President

URUMQI Report

By: Tomiko Hokama, Tang Jin-Ling, Johnny Yu Jiang

China National School of Public Health Dean's Meeting and National Advisory Committee of Public Health Professional Education of the Ministry of Education was successfully held at the Western Holiday Inn, Urumqi, Xinjiang Province, China on 19-20 August 2011 and hosted by Xinjiang Medical University (Dean of SPH, Xinjiang Medical University Prof Zhen Yu-Jian, Photo 1). A meeting of the Dean's of APACPH member schools in China and schools of public health supported by the China Medical Board (CMB) was held at afternoon of Aug.19.

Drs Li(Lee) Li-ming (PUMC), Hu Yong-hua (PKU), Jiang Qing-wu (Fudan), Ma xiao (Huaxi), Ling Wen-hua (Sunyixian), Tan Hong-zhuan (Xiangya), Wang (Xi'an), Tang Jin-ling(CUHK), Jiang Yu(PUMC) and Xu Dong(CMB), Director of Beijing Office, China Medical Board attended this meeting (photo 2). On behalf of APACPH, Dr Tomiko Hokama attended the meeting at the invitation of Dr Liming Li, Chair of the Public Health Committee of the Ministry of Education Steering Committee for Medical Education, China.

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PICTURE 1

Left to Right: Drs Gang Guo, Yu-Jian Zhen, Yishake A, Tomiko Hokama, Liming Lee, Hanulati W, Johnny Yu Jiang

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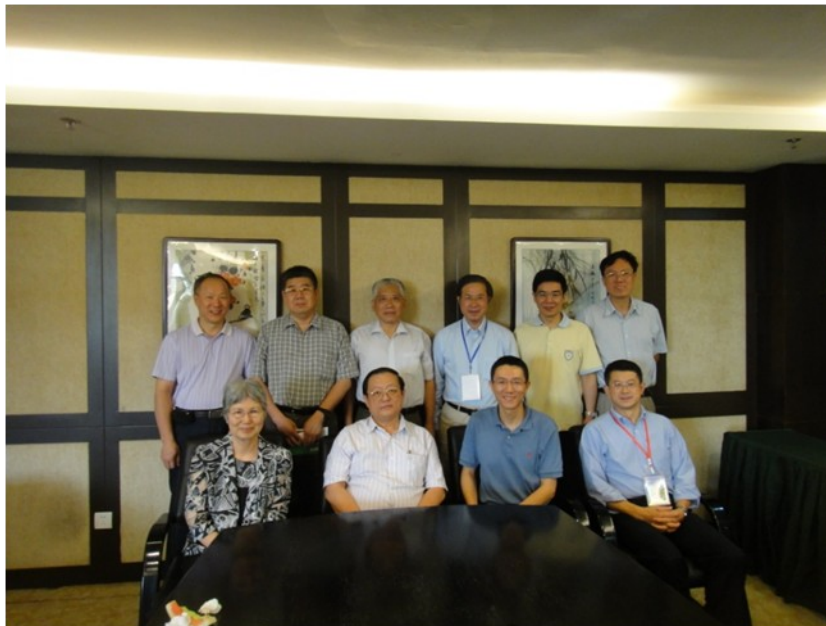
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The meeting was chaired by Dr Liming Li. Main topics of the meeting were:

- 1) *Reviewing the history and current situation of the collaboration between Chinese schools of public health and APACPH*
- 2) *Current status and reform in public health education in China and the priorities of professional education reform in China*
- 3) *China's participation to APACPH and 2011 conference in Seoul*

Dr Hokama reported the progress of collaboration between Chinese schools of public health and APACPH and Dr Xu Dong shared the views of CMB on the reforms of public health education in China. Dr Xu is the Director of Beijing Office of the CMB. Discussion on Current status and reform in public health education in China was carried out very attentively.

A meeting to further discuss the collaboration between APACPH and Chinese schools of public health will be carried out with the presentation of CMB representatives during the Seoul meeting in this coming October. This meeting will be arranged by APACPH for the delegates from Chinese schools of public health and CMB Beijing office in due course.



PICTURE 2. The front row (left to right): Drs Tomiko Hokama, Liming Lee, Dong Xu, Xiao Ma
The back row (left to right): Drs Hong-Zhuan Tan, Qing-Wu Jiang , Xue-Liung Wang,
Young-Hua Hu , Jin-Ling Tang , Wen-Hua Ling.

3rd APJPH New 2010 Impact Factor

By: Professor Wah-Yun Low, PhD
Editor In Chief
Asia-Pacific Journal For Public Health

On behalf of the editorial board, I am delighted to announce the new impact factor of the Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health of **0.988** according to new data released in the 2011 Journal Citation Reports published by Thomson Reuters. The impact factor has an impressive increment of 29% over the last year. In the Public, Environmental and Occupational Health Ranking, our Journal is ranked 77/144. The top journals citing articles published in APJPH are Social Science and Medicine, the American Journal of Public Health, Tobacco Control, Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, Accident and Analysis and Prevention, and Health Affairs. Whereas the top journals cited in APJPH are Tobacco Control, the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health, The Australian Journal of Public Administration, and Social Science and Medicine. Together with an impressive list of our top articles being cited in 2010, all these contributed towards the increased in the impact factor.

The increment in the impact factor and the work published in the Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health confirms that our Journal continues to be valued by the scientific community and have a high impact in advancing public health agenda particularly in this region. Researchers who publish their work in the Journal are in the right place for their work to be cited. I thank the editors, our international advisory board members, and reviewers for their high quality work and to the authors who chose APJPH as their home for their excellent papers. In this endeavor, the editorial board continues to maintain our unflagging commitment to publishing the highest quality papers while providing improved services for our authors and readers via our publisher, Sage Publications.

International Conference on Global Health and Public Health Education

International Conference on Global Health and Public Health Education

25-27 October 2011

**School of Public Health and Primary Care
The Chinese University of Hong Kong**



Dear colleagues and friends,

CUHK School of Public Health and Primary Care will be holding an **International Conference on Global Health and Public Health Education** on 25 – 27 October 2011 at the School of Public Health Building, Prince of Wales Hospital, Hong Kong. Since health has become an increasing global concern as is how we educate to promote and protect the populations' health; as part of the 10th Anniversary of CUHK School of Public Health and Primary Care, we are holding a conference to discuss and exchange views on the above issues . You are cordially invited to join us at the conference scheduled for 25 – 27 October, and the Opening Ceremony of the Conference with details as follow:

Date : Tuesday, 25 October 2011

Time : 09:30am

Venue : Shaw Auditorium, 1/F School of Public Health Building, Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin

We are very honoured to have invited Dr York CHOW, Secretary for Food and Health, Government of HKSAR to be the Guest of Honour for the Opening Ceremony, whilst Professor Shiu Hung LEE, Founding Director of our School will be our first plenary speaker delivering a plenary speech on "Public Health in Hong Kong: A Review of the Past". The following renowned speakers have also been invited to share their experiences and knowledge with us including:

- **Trend of Medical Education and Strategy of PKUHSC** by *Professor Yang KE, Executive Vice President, Peking University, Executive Vice President, Peking University Health Science Centre, China*
- **The Future Of The NCD Epidemic** by *Professor Judith MACKAY, Senior Advisor, World Lung Foundation, Bloomberg Initiative (Hong Kong)*
- **Educating and Training the Workforce for the Health Service of the Future** by *Professor Roger JONES, Wolfson Professor of General Practice, Division of Health and Social Care Research, King's College London, United Kingdom*

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- **Epidemiology and the Future of Global Health: Will Evidence Drive Policy?** by Professor Jonathan M. SAMET, Professor and Flora L. Thornton Chair, Department of Preventive Medicine and the Institute for Global Health, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, United States
- **Preventing Environmental Cancer** by Professor David CHRISTIANI, Elkan Blout Professor of Environmental Genetics, Department of Environmental Health, Department of Epidemiology, Harvard University, United States

Your participation will contribute towards the success of the conference, and I very much look forward to seeing you at the conference. You are also invited to participate in our photo competition; submission deadline has been extended to 15 October 2011. Please refer to the conference website for details of the conference: <http://www.sphpc.cuhk.edu.hk/conference2011/>

If you are interested, please download and fill in the registration form from the website and return it back to the conference secretariat at cuhksphpc2011@cuhk.edu.hk. For enquiries, please contact the conference secretariat as well. Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Best wishes,

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Upcoming APACPH Conference in Seoul, Korea



Just a reminder that our 43rd APACPH Conference is quickly approaching. We would like to acknowledge and thank the following people from Yonsei University and their staff for making this conference possible:

- Han-Joong Kim, MD, PhD: APACPH Conference Chair, President of Yonsei University
- SOH, Myongsei, MD, PhD: APACPH Organizing Committee Chair, Dean of the Graduate School of Public Health, Yonsei University
- Young Moon Chae, PhD: Professor, Yonsei University, ICUH President
- Dana Kim: APACPH Conference Secretariat
- Rebecca Cho: APACPH Conference Staff

Dates:

Executive Council Meeting: October 18, 2011, Tuesday

General Assembly: October 19, 2011, Wednesday

Conference: October 20-22, 2011, Thursday– Saturday

For more information, please go to the conference website:

<http://www.apacph2011.org/index.asp>