



All the delegates at the Mid Term Meeting

Regional Connections

The 14th Mid-Term Medical Associations of South East Asian Nations (MASEAN) Meeting was held at the Savoy Homann Hotel in Bandung, Indonesia, from 17 to 18 June 2011. The Mid-Term Meeting was hosted by the Indonesian Medical Association, and the Singaporean delegates were Dr Lee Yik Voon (MASEAN Secretary General), Dr Chong Yeh Woei, and Dr Tammy Chan. Dr Ferdinal Fernando, Head of the Health and Communicable Diseases Division of the ASEAN Secretariat, and Dr Endang Rahayu Sedyaningsih, Indonesian Minister of Health, attended the meeting as observers.

Over the two days, each national medical association shared updates of their associations, as well as their views on the role of primary healthcare. Discussions also took place on the goals set by ASEAN and the signed Mutual Recognition Agreement. On the last day of the meeting, a scientific symposium titled “The Role of Primary Healthcare Towards Population Health in ASEAN” was held. During the session, all the national medical associations presented country reports and provided insights in how their countries differed in delivering primary healthcare.

The 15th MASEAN Conference will be held in Manila, Philippines in 2012. **SMA**

About MASEAN



MASEAN was formed in 1980 to recognise the importance of mutual cooperation and collective effort among the national medical associations in attaining the highest possible level of healthcare for people in the region, and in upholding the image and dignity of the medical profession. SMA holds the role of MASEAN Secretariat.

The participating national medical associations are:

- Cambodian Medical Association
- Indonesian Medical Association
- Medical Association of Lao PDR
- Malaysian Medical Association
- Myanmar Medical Association
- Philippines Medical Association
- Singapore Medical Association
- Medical Association of Thailand
- Vietnam Medical Association

MASEAN aims to achieve the following objectives:

- To promote close ties among the national medical associations and physicians in ASEAN;
- To foster the study and dissemination of all aspects of medical knowledge;
- To study and report on the problems which confront the profession in the region; and
- To establish common policies in attaining the highest possible level of healthcare for the people.