



## THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF THAILAND<sup>\*1</sup>

Ronnachai KONGSAKON<sup>1</sup>

**The Medical Association of Thailand (MAT) Under Royal Patronage** has the new executive committee 2014-2015:

President:

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Prasert Sarnvivad

President Elect:

Prof. Dr. Saranatra Waikakul

Vice-President:

Prof. Dr. Teerachai Chantrarojanasiri

Secretary General:

Prof. Dr. Ronnachai Kongsakon

Chief Executive Officer:

Prof. Dr. Somsri Pausawasdi

The **2013-14 Thai political crisis** was a period of political instability in Thailand. Anti-government protests took place between November 2013 and May 2014. On 22 May 2014, the army formally staged a coup against the caretaker government and formed a junta called National Peace and Order Maintaining Council (NPOMC) to govern the country. On 21 August 2014 army chief General Prayuth Chan-ocha was appointed prime minister by a legislature he had handpicked.

MAT still have so many activities under the political crisis within Thailand and internationally.

### Within the association

- Outreaching Programme on the Medical Ethics for the medical students and newly graduates in several faculties.
- On 17-20 September 2013: Leadership and Negotiation Skill Training Course: Sampran, Thailand
- On 10-13 October 2013: Midyear MAT Scientific Meeting at Khonkaen, Thailand
- Organizing the MAT AGM on February 8, 2014
- Develop 3 regional MAT (New policy of MAT)

### At the National level

- Preparing for the coming ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) in 2015 concerning Health care Provision
- Moving medical services to a pay for performance system for doctors

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- Increasing the health warning sign on cigarette packaging to 85%
- Cover Dance Anti Smoking Campaign on June 8, 2013
- NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR TOBACCO FREE THAILAND (NATFT) on Oct 2, 2013

### At the Regional Level

- Visited and Attended the National Medical Association Conferences
  - On January 22-24, 2013 Myanmar Medical Association
  - On January 26-28, 2013 Chinese Medical Association
  - Visited Wu Han University in China on March 21-24, 2013
  - MASEAN Midterm Meeting in Halong Bay, Vietnam on April 25-26, 2013
  - Australian Medical Association National Conference, Sydney, 24-26 May 2013
  - 16th MASEAN Conference, Singapore, 9-11 May 2014

### At the Global Level

- Attended and Chaired the Revision of Declaration of Helsinki in Tokyo 27 February-2 March, 2013
- Attended the 194th WMA Council Meeting in Bali, Indonesia on April 2-7, 2013
- Attended the WMA Leadership Course at the INSEAD Institute in Singapore 28 April-3 May 2014
- Attended American Medical Association Annual Meeting in Chicago on June 7-11, 2014

### Future Programmes

- WMA GA at Durban, South Africa, October 6-11, 2014
- Scientific Meeting of the MAT, October 24-26, 2014
- Declaration of Helsinki Celebration, November 11, 2014

<sup>\*1</sup> This article is based on a presentation made as the Report of Activities by each NMA at the 29th CMAAO General Assembly and 50th Council Meeting, Manila, the Philippines, on September 24-26, 2014.

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NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR TOBACCO FREE THAILAND  
NATFT

We Cordially invite you (CMAAL) to be our international Partners in NATFT



## NATFT



Sept 19, 2014: 50<sup>th</sup> Takeda Science Foundation Scholarship : 170 Thai Doctors



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- The recognition of 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”.

## Challenges: FREE

- **Focus:** more on medical school graduates go into primary care, which is where the highest demand is.
- **Resources:** does within our organization have the resources (staff, time, money) necessary to carry it through its journey to accomplish the goal of MASEAN.
- **Exchange:** through MASEAN level of cooperation, we can share our resources and knowledge to further the advancement of overall healthcare systems.
- **Endeavor:** trying all our best with the same goal in mind, we can achieve.

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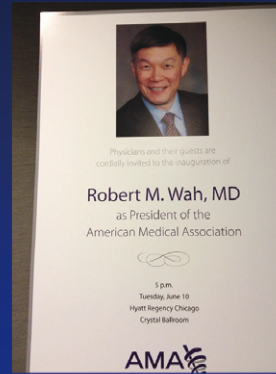


## Thailand Representatives



## Inaugural ceremony

The 169th president of the AMA



"The AMA believes that all Americans should have **access to health care**, especially those who bravely serve our country."

## AMA president: Foundation of tradition required for future of change

- Highlighted the dichotomy between **tradition and innovation** in new technologies.



**Next Generation of Physician** chief  
**satisfying and sustainable practice** for for

The 169th president of the AMA, and the first Asian American to hold the post

- Physicians can make change in such areas as fighting the nation's chronic disease epidemic, improving medical education to better **prepare the next generation of physicians** and creating a more **satisfying and sustainable** practice environment for physicians



*Kyeizu tin ba de* Terima Kasih

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