



## President's message



April 22, 2019

Dear all APSN Members and Supporters,

I am truly humbled to take over from Philip Li as the president of the Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology. I would like to thank Philip for his outstanding leadership. He started new committees and workgroups such as Young Nephrologists Committee (chaired by Jack Ng), AKI Committee (chaired by Zoltan Endre and Yang Li as co-chair) and Clinical Practice Guidelines on Diabetic Kidney Disease Workgroup (chaired by Adrian Liew). He also incorporated a new idea of exchange of young nephrologists from high income countries with those from low-middle income countries in APSN CME course (chaired by Xueqing Yu and Katherine Barraclough as co-chair).

I am also very happy to welcome Sydney Tang as our new president-elect. We have worked together in many chances so far, and we will harmonize and cooperate together to achieve the mission of the APSN.



I would also like to congratulate David Harris, Peter Kerr, and their team for organizing a truly successful World Congress of Nephrology on April 12-15 in Melbourne, co-sponsored by the APSN and the ANZSN. I had privilege to serve as chair of the program committee, and had great support by our deputy chairs, Vivek Jha and Marcello Tonelli.



During the meeting, Philip held the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner of the APSN and showed the history of our society to the attendees. We are very proud to be a part of this historic society.



From next year, the Asian Pacific Congress of Nephrology (APCN) is held annually. The first annual APCN, and the 18<sup>th</sup> APCN, will be held on 19-21 June 2020 in Hong Kong. The congress president is Sydney Tang, and this APCN is co-organized by the Hong Kong Society of Nephrology chaired by Cheng Yuk Lun. In 2021, the Nephrology Society of Thailand chaired by Kriengsak Vareesangthip co-sorganizes the APCN on 11-14 February in Pattaya, Thailand. We appreciate the members of these co-sponsoring societies for their contribution. Please enjoy excitement of APCN every year from now on.

More than half the world's population lives in Asia and Oceania. The power and influence of Asia and Oceania is growing. And the power and influence of the APSN is also growing.

Under the great leaderships by the past presidents, the APSN has enjoyed continuous growth and success. We, as nephrologists in Asia and Oceania, have privilege and responsibility to keep promoting the advancement of clinical knowledge and scientific research in all aspects of nephrology in our megaregion.

One of the characteristic features of our megaregion is diversity. We have the world's largest countries, the world's most populous countries, and some of the world richest countries. We also have some of the smallest, least populous, and poorest countries. This diversity is an important driving force for us.

Our priority is close link with all regional national societies of nephrology and with the ISN. I would like to congratulate David Harris for his great achievements during his ISN presidency and Vivek Jha for taking over as the new ISN president. As APSN is maturing, link with other international societies such as the American Society of Nephrology and the European Renal Association-European Dialysis Transplant Association is also getting more important.

Mutual respect is our tradition and nature in Asia and Oceania.

I am ready to serve the needs of regional national societies with Sydney Tang (new president-elect), Rob Walker (Honorary Secretary), Cheuk-Chun Szeto (treasurer), and other members of the executive committee. With you, hand in hand, the APSN will cater for the needs of the Nephrology community throughout the region.

Best wishes,

Masaomi Nangaku  
President,

Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Masaomi Nangaku', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.