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APAO Leadership Development Program



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Dear APAO LDP Alumni,

After meeting up in Bali, Indonesia, at the 39th Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO) Congress from February 22-25, 2024, this newsletter provides an opportunity to take stock of the achievements of the APAO Leadership Development Program (LDP) in the year of 2023/2024 and to share with you the exciting events to come!



Highlights

- **Class 2023-24: Master Class in Manila, Philippines (August 18-20, 2023)**
- **Class 2023-24: Graduating Class in Bali, Indonesia (February 24, 2024)**
- **Class 2024-25: Orientation Class in Bali, Indonesia (February 22-23, 2024)**
- **Class 2024-25: Master Class in Kathmandu, Nepal (September 13-15, 2024)**
- **LDP Social Programs at APAO Bali Congress**

Class 2023-24: Master Class in Manila, Philippines (August 18-20, 2023)

The 3-day Master Class, proudly hosted by the Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology (PAO), brought together 19 APAO participants and 10 local participants from August 18th to 20th, 2023, in Manila, Philippines. The LDP faculty team consisted of the Program Director, Prof Muhammad Moin (Pakistan), Dr Shaheeda Mohamed (Hong Kong, China), Dr Sherman Valero (Philippines), Dr Vivek Dave (India), Dr Linda Tsai (United States) and Ms Marsheila DeVan (United States).



Faculty Team



Since the pandemic, it was the first time that participants were able to experience the spirit and vigor of the APAO LDP Master Class once again. They were able to develop leadership skills through team-building activities such as the helium stick exercise and group presentations. They also learned about the ethics of leadership, advocacy and campaigning, negotiation, root-cause analysis, and skills to manage meetings effectively, and shared their plans for LDP projects. As always, one of the major highlights of the Master Class was the incomparable Ms Marsheila Devan, who inspired participants with her course on communicating with confidence.

We were immensely indebted to the Local Organizing Committee, which consisted of Dr Vincente Victor D. Ocampo Jr., Dr Mary Ellen Sy, Dr Sherman Valero, and Dr Lyll Karen Bigornia-Arriola. The fantastic social programs, showcasing the local culture, created an opportunity for lasting bonds amongst participants and fostered collaborative networking.



Class 2023-24: Graduating Class in Bali, Indonesia (February 24, 2024)

A total of 20 participants presented their self-initiated LDP Projects on February 24 at the APAO 2024 Bali Congress and graduated successfully from the Leadership Development Program. Our 6 faculty members, including Prof Muhammad Moin (Pakistan), Dr Sherman Valero (Philippines), Prof Madhuwanthi Dissanayake (Sri Lanka), Dr Meenu Chaudhary (Nepal), Dr Vivek Dave (India) and Dr Shaheeda Mohamed (Hong Kong, China), chaired the sessions and evaluated on the presentations.



Lucilla AH CHING-SEFO
(Samoa)



Dewang ANGMO
(India)



Jan Bond CHAN
(Malaysia)



Aruna FERNANDO
(Sri Lanka)



Hon Shing ONG
(Singapore)



Wing Lau HO
(Hong Kong, China)



Mohammad MOSTAFA
HOSSAIN
(Bangladesh)



Koji KITAZAWA
(Japan)



Diwa HAMAL
(Nepal)



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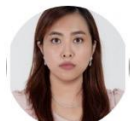
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(Indonesia)
Resumed from LDP 2020-21

The objective of the LDP Projects is to enhance the Ophthalmology profession, eye services and society at-large. Abstracts of Class 2023-24's LDP Projects are collected in the Abstract Book, which is available [here](#).



Class 2024-25: Orientation Class in Bali, Indonesia (February 22-23, 2024)

This year, we were delighted to welcome 21 new participants (shown below), representing 21 countries/tariff regions, to the APAO LDP Class 2024-25.



Rachel CHONG
(Singapore)



Andi DEVI INDIRA
(Indonesia)



Christopher GO
(UK/Australia)



Nazli GUL
(Pakistan)



Kiyoung KIM
(Korea, Republic of)



Lom Orng KIRY
(Cambodia)



Pei-Kang LIU
(Chinese Taipei)



Yusuke MURAKAMI
(Japan)



Hong Kee NG
(Malaysia)



Hien NGUYEN
(Viet Nam)



Fitri OTHMAN
(Brunei Darussalam)



Sagara PATHIRAGE
(Sri Lanka)



Vannakorn PRUKSAKORN
(Thailand)



Prasanna RAMESH
(India)



Raymond Nelson
REGALADO
(Philippines)



Ashrafur Huq
RIDOY
(Bangladesh)



Kendrick SHIH
(Hong Kong, China)



Arjun SHRESTHA
(Nepal)



Mya SOE
(Myanmar)



Undarmaa
TUMURBAATAR
(Mongolia)



Weihong YU
(China)

Prior to the Orientation Class, an introductory LDP Webinar was held on September 23, 2023, highlighting the program and increasing the awareness of leadership development. Click the video at right hand to check the program highlights by our LDP faculties!



The Orientation Class comprised two introductory sessions on February 22 and two Insights Discovery Workshop sessions facilitated by Prof Muhammad Moin. Faculties involved were Prof Muhammad Moin (Pakistan), Prof Madhuwanthi Dissanayake (Sri Lanka), Dr Sherman Valero (Philippines), Dr Vivek Dave (India), Dr Meenu Chaudhary (Nepal), and Dr Shaheeda Mohamed (Hong Kong, China). Our special thanks to the guest speakers: Prof Clement Tham (APAO CEO & Secretary-General), Dr Mohamad Sidik (APAO 2024 Congress President) and Ms Gail Schmidt (AAO Vice-President).



Class 2024-25: Master Class in Kathmandu, Nepal (September 13-15, 2024)

The highly anticipated LDP 2024-25 Master Class is set to dazzle in the heart of Kathmandu, Nepal, from September 13-15, 2024, graciously hosted by the Nepal Ophthalmic Society (NOS). Prepare to embark on an exhilarating journey as we blend interactive learning experiences with captivating social programs, promising an unforgettable experience for all participants!

LDP Social Programs at APAO Bali Congress

In addition to the stimulating LDP Orientation and Graduating Classes, we were delighted to reunite with our friends, colleagues, and alumni at the LDP Alumni Reception on February 24 during the APAO 2024 Congress.



We were honored to have Prof Ava Hossain (APAO President), Prof Clement Tham (APAO CEO & Secretary-General), Dr Mohamad Sidik (APAO 2024 Congress President), Prof Richard Abbott (AOI President), Prof Martine Jager (AOI Secretary General), and Ms Gail Schmidt (AAO Vice-President) joining us in this event, which also featured the graduation ceremony for the Class 2023-24.



Class 2023-24 Graduation Ceremony

For the first time, the LDP joined as a team, in the APAO Fundraising Run for the 5km Run/Walk Challenge on February 24 morning. Thanks to the team's participation and contributions, we won the 2nd Fundraising Award! Donations raised at this event will support the St. Damian Leprosy/Disability Rehabilitation Center in Indonesia, and part of the proceeds will also support our future LDP program!



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