



ASIAN PACIFIC SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY

## President's message



Jan 1, 2021

Dear all APSN Members and Supporters,

# Happy new year

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新年快乐

Selamat tahun Baru

新年快樂

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Looking back on year 2020, COVID-19 had a huge impact on every single aspect of our professional activity and daily activity. On the first half of the year, we took care of many patients while having lock-down of cities, closure of universities, and postponement of scientific meetings. On the second half of the year, we resumed many activities such as postponed scientific meetings, although we faced the second or third wave of COVID-19 in many countries. The big success of the first fully virtual APCN in Hong Kong is still fresh in our memory. We also had webcasts, which were also successful.

Now we are gearing up for 2021. We, as scientists and doctors, learned a lot of important lessons to prepare us for a better 2021. The team for the 19<sup>th</sup>

APCN to be held on August 19-23, 2021 in Thailand started preparation. Based on the discussion at the last executive council meeting, CC Szeto, our treasurer, gathered information about financial planning, and we will discuss this at the next executive council meeting.

Especially because this is the COVID-19 era, it is very important to keep international communications intact and exchange information among different countries. Hopefully 2021 can only get better, and I really look forward to seeing you and communicating with you face to face this year.

The APSN will move on to cater for the needs of the Nephrology community throughout the region, and we treasure your views on how we should further advance nephrology in the Asia Pacific region. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact me, any of the Executive and Council or through the Secretariat [enquiries@apsneph.org](mailto:enquiries@apsneph.org).

Best wishes,

Masaomi Nangaku  
President,

Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology

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