



Dear Colleagues and Friends around Asia Pacific Region,

It is my great pleasure to announce that Thailand will be conducting the 51st Annual Meeting of The APOA in October 2014. In 1985 we organised the 8th Congress of Western Pacific Orthopaedic Association in Bangkok, and the name was changed to Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association, which expanded the territory of the association to include countries in the Asia Pacific region. The most western territory is the Asian part of Republic of Turkey. It has been almost 30 years since the last congress held in Thailand. Those who have attended the 1985 congress of the WPOA to my belief still have a memorable impression. The venue of the congress will be held in Pattaya at the Pattaya Exhibition and Convention Hall, situated on the sea side - gulf of Thailand. Pattaya is one of the world most famous destinations for our guests from abroad or even among the Thai. There are so many enjoyable places that the visitors will gain from beautiful garden, world class golf course, tennis courts and so many other places.

The organising committee have been working hard for years to schedule the most current updated orthopaedic knowledge for our attendees and to highlight the orthopaedic achievements of the Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Community all around the world. There will be world renowned orthopaedic surgeons in the Asia Pacific orthopaedic countries and elsewhere in the world, whom we have invited.

I certainly believe that with your participation in the 51st Biennial Congress of APOA, you will be acquainted with new friends from the scientific atmosphere as well as long lasting memory from social activity.

It is a privilege to invite you all to Pattaya, Thailand to attend this meeting and I am looking forward to welcome you all.

With best regards ,

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