WELCOME MESSAGE

ESAP 2008 entitled “Tuberculosis in the Asia-Pacific Region in the 21st Century” will be held on 29 March 2008 at the JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong. It will be co-organized by the Hong Kong Thoracic Society, the American College of Chest Physicians (Hong Kong and Macau Chapter), with support from the Asian Pacific Society of Respirology and the Hong Kong Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association. It is a one-day meeting and we are anticipating about 150 doctors and allied health professionals attending the Seminar.

We are very pleased to have renowned speakers from China, Japan and USA to address on this issue as well as our local experts. Your attendance will be assured to be a valuable one.

Immediately following the ESAP 2008, on 30 March 2008, we will have our Annual Scientific Meeting 2008 co-organized by the Hong Kong Thoracic Society and the American College of Chest Physicians (Hong Kong and Macau Chapter). This is an annual scientific activity of the two societies. Each year, we have about 400 doctors and allied health professionals attending the meeting. We have offered a special rate for those interested to attend both meetings.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Dr. Bing Lam
Co-chairman
Organizing Committee

Dr. Poon-chuen Wong
Co-chairman
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PROGRAMME

09:00 - 09:30  Registration
09:30 - 09:35  Opening Remarks
09:35 - 12:00 Symposium I: Epidemiology, Diagnosis and Pathogenesis of Tuberculosis
                        Epidemiology of Tuberculosis in Asia-Pacific Region
                            T Mori, Research Institute of Tuberculosis, Japan Anti-tuberculosis Association, Japan
                        Impact of Lifestyle Factors on Tuberculosis
                            CC Leung, Tuberculosis & Chest Service, Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health, Hong Kong
                        Tuberculosis Control in China: Current Issues and Future Prospects
                            LX Wang, Center for Disease Control & Prevention, National Centre of Tuberculosis Control & Prevention, China
                        Advances in Diagnosis of Tuberculosis Infection and Disease
                            NW Schluger, Division of Pulmonary, Allergy & Critical Care Medicine, Columbia University Medical Center, USA
                        Immunopathogenesis of Tuberculosis: Implications for Vaccine Development
                            Y Zhang, Department of Molecular Microbiology & Immunology, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, USA
09:35 - 12:00 Symposium II: Update in Management of Tuberculosis
                        Treatment of HIV-related Tuberculosis: Outstanding Issues
                            WJ Burman, Denver Public Health & Department of Medicine, University of Colorado Health Services, USA
                        Treatment of Tuberculosis in Presence of Renal and Hepatic Impairment
                            KS Chan, Department of Medicine & Geriatrics, Haven of Hope Hospital, Hong Kong
                        Management of Multidrug-resistant Tuberculosis in Asia-Pacific Region
                            WW Yew, Tuberculosis & Chest Unit, Grantham Hospital, Hong Kong
                        Rifamycins and Fluoroquinolones in Treatment of Tuberculosis: Current Status and Future Directions
                            AA Vernon, Clinical & Health Systems Research Branch, Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, USA
                        Development of New Anti-tuberculosis Drugs: Its Relevance Worldwide and in Asia-Pacific Region
                            CM Tam, Tuberculosis & Chest Service, Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health, Hong Kong
12:00 - 13:30  Lunch
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15:55 - 16:00  Closing Remarks