

NEWS

Official Opening of the APOCP Training Centre

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Introduction

On the 25th of March, 2001, a ceremony was held at the Training Centre of the Asian Pacific Organization for Cancer Prevention (APOCP) to commemorate its official opening. Attended by the Chairman, Secretary-general and Treasurer of the the APOCP, as well as the Director of the National Cancer Institute of Thailand and individuals from Chulalongkorn and Mahidol Universities, and the Japanese International Cooperation Association Office in Thailand, the occasion featured addresses from Kazuo Tajima and a representative of JICA, with whom Aichi Cancer Centre is collaborating in developing one of the types of course which it is hoped will now be able to be offered in a central location in Bangkok, right at the hub of the Asian Pacific region.

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Precision planning is not necessarily one of the strong points of the APOCP Secretary-General, as those who participated in the Pattaya meeting are well aware, but having the fuses blow for the entire building just before the official proceedings were to commence was certainly not on the agenda. Whatever, with a little help from the local electricians and a slight delay because of the difficulty of buying a new fuse on a Sunday and we were off to a good start, just before the assembled company were ready to keel over from the heat. After apologies and a 'warm' welcome from Khun Malcolm, the Chairman, flown in from Japan especially for the occasion, gave a stirring speech. This was followed by congratulations and a few well chosen words of hope for the success of this new enterprise from Ajarn

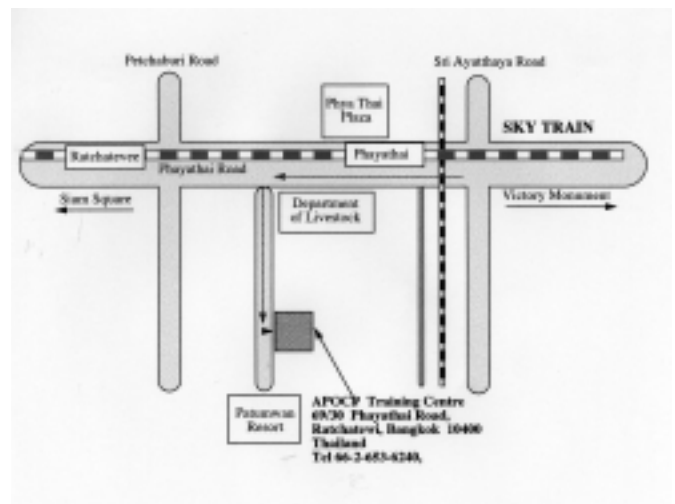


Figure 1. Location of the Centre

Somyos, President of the National Cancer Institute of Thailand and then a representative of the Japanese International Cooperation Agency.



Opening Address for the Training Center of the APOCP
Kazuo Tajima, M.D., M.P.H.

Chairman, Asian Pacific Organization for Cancer Prevention Chief, Division of Epidemiology and Prevention, Aichi Cancer Center Research Institute, Nagoya, Japan

Recently the number of cancer deaths in the world was estimated at more than 6 million by the vital statistics section of the World Health Organization.

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Around two thirds were from the Asian Pacific area where infectious rather than chronic lifestyle related diseases are still very critical for public health. However, we can guess that lifestyle related disease, including cancer, will become increasingly serious problems in the Asian Pacific area in the near future. On behalf of the members of Asian Pacific Organization for Cancer Prevention (APOCP), please let me transmit a brief message to commemorate the opening ceremony of the APOCP Training Center for Cancer Prevention. I am proud of the efforts of Malcolm Moore in establishing such an attractive office in Bangkok, Thailand.

The APOCP has three main aims for cancer prevention in Asian Pacific areas. First of all it is to provide many opportunities for expert researchers to exchange mutual information for cancer prevention. We are planning annual, or perhaps biennial in future, general assemblies, as well as scientific conferences on specific topics as and when possible. Furthermore we are publishing the Asian Pacific Journal for Cancer Prevention (APJCP) to disseminate innovative and organized information for cancer prevention in the Asian Pacific area. The second is to promote collaborative studies on cancer epidemiology and prevention. Since April of 2000, I have been the chairman of the study groups of the Special Priority Area for Cancer Epidemiology sponsored by the

Japanese Ministry of Education, Science, Sports, Culture and Technology. This covers in part international collaborative studies between Japan and other countries. Through this program we can contribute to the promotion of the international collaborative studies in the Asian Pacific area. Furthermore, and very appropriate for the aims of the APOCP, I have been nominated to the position of Chairman of the Cancer Epidemiology and Prevention Program of the International Union for Cancer Control (UICC) from 2002, so that we can better promote and coordinate our cancer prevention programs in the Asian Pacific area. The third is to facilitate the implementation of active programs for cancer prevention, the most important and most difficult goal. I think there is no question that this Training Centre under the direction of the Executive Committee of the APOCP will function effectively with a core role in this program.

Today Dr. Kunio Aoki who is acting as the President of the First Assembly of APOCP, to be held on November 23rd-25th in Pattaya, unfortunately cannot participate in this opening ceremony, but he asked me to extend his congratulations and promise to do all in his power to guarantee that the coming assembly and scientific conference entitled 'Inflammation and Cancer - Old but still Current Cancer Issues in Asian Pacific Area'. Finally please let me express my heartfelt gratitude to all the participants for attending.

Opening Address of APOCP Training Center
Masaru Morimoto, Resident Representative, JICA
Thailand Office

Drs. Tajima, Moore and Petcharin, Chairman, Secretary General and Treasurer of the APOCP, Dr. Somyos Deerasamee, the Director of National Cancer Institute, Thailand, and Ladies and Gentlemen. On behalf of the Japan International Agency (JICA), it is a great honor

The Assembled Company, not Forgetting the Director's Official Vehicle for Transport in Bangkok



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Aims:

The goal of the Asian Pacific Organization for Cancer Prevention (APOCP) Training Centre is to act as a focal point, located conveniently in Bangkok, Thailand, to facilitate and coordinate activities of the specialists in the different areas of cancer prevention

Main responsibilities:

1. Produce the Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Prevention (APJCP), provide translations of abstracts and supervise distribution of APOCP publications.
2. Periodically provide courses in practical aspects of cancer prevention.
3. Organise workshops and publication of updates in aspects of cancer prevention.
4. Provide courses for Scientific English Language Acquisition for workers in cancer prevention.
5. Offer a comprehensive publication service.

Range of Cancer Prevention and Scientific Language Courses:

Education

1. Cancer: an Environmental Disease
2. Cancer: a Result of Biological Processes
3. Risk and Protective Factors
4. Cancer Prevention Curriculum
5. Psychological Aspects and the Media
6. Integrated Prevention and Policy

Carcinogenesis

1. History of Cancer Research
2. Methodology and Models
3. Initiation Phase
4. Promotion or Modulation Phase
5. Progression Phase
6. Future Perspectives

Nutrition

1. Nutrition and Man's Social Development
2. Foodstuffs and Geographical Distribution
3. Food Digestion and Absorption
4. Energy and Metabolism
5. Nutrition and Cancer
6. Intervention for Cancer Prevention

Physical Exercise

1. Activity and Man's Social Development
2. Exercise and Cancer: Epidemiology
3. Experimental Findings
4. Physiological Considerations
5. Mechanistic Considerations
6. Intervention for Cancer Prevention

Tobacco Control

1. The World-wide Habit
2. Tobacco and Cancer: Epidemiology
3. Tobacco and Cancer: Experimental Data
4. Concentrating on Youth
5. Concentrating on Adults
6. Intervention for Cancer Prevention

Chemoprevention

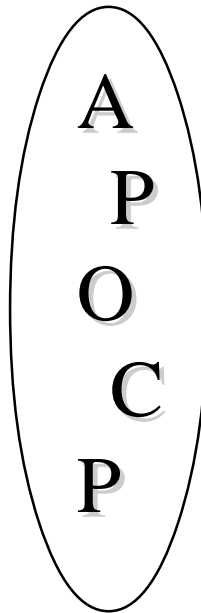
1. Theoretical Considerations
2. Epidemiological Data
3. Animal Models
4. Agents and Actions
5. Cost and Efficacy
6. Practical Intervention Trials

Regulatory Testing

1. International Harmonisation
2. Organ Sites and Pathology
3. Animal Models
4. Mechanisms and Surrogate Markers
5. Cost and Efficacy
6. Future Perspectives

Early Diagnosis and Screening

1. Principles of Screening and Surveillance
2. Methodological Approaches
3. Organ Sites
4. Cost and Efficacy
5. Psychological Aspects
6. Intervention for Cancer Prevention





A Few Words of Encouragement from the Director of the National Cancer Institute of Thailand

for me to attend the opening ceremony of the APOCP Training Center

First of all, I would like to congratulate the organization on the opening of this training center. I recognize that activity of scientists and workers, sharing information, coordination of establishment of subsidiary branches, and organizing training courses, is very important in the field of cancer prevention among Asian Pacific countries. This training center will hopefully perform a major role and attract a great deal of support. Its opening is a commemorative event for Thailand and is warmly welcomed by JICA. Wishing to contribute to cancer prevention, JICA in fact started a training course named "Community-based Cancer prevention" in 1998, to introduce the latest knowledge and techniques in the field primarily concentrating on from epidemiological aspects. The training course is managed in cooperation with Aichi Cancer Center and JICA Chubu International Center in Nagoya Japan. Over 3 years, we have now accepted applications to attend from 19 doctors and other health workers from 25 developing countries

JICA Chubu International center wishes to continue cooperating with APOCP and hopes that this training center will provide a focus for ex-participants from the region, fostering international cooperation.

Finally, once again, I would like to congratulate the APOCP on opening this training center. I hope that it will meet with success in promoting all aspects of cancer prevention in the area and collaborate with other organizations in line with the main objectives of the APOCP, contributing to the enhancement of friendship among people in Asian Pacific countries.

To round off the occasion, typical Thai cuisine rich in vegetable fibre and low in animal fat was enjoyed, in line with the motto on the back of a special APOCP tee-shirt, modeled below:

Smoking - you must be joking!

Alcohol - don't forget the toll

Food - look for what's good

Exercise - its time to rise

Recreation - rules OK!

The APOCP Training Centre is now open. The members of the Organization are cordially invited to visit and ensure that it receives maximal usage in the interests of cancer prevention and cooperation across the Asian Pacific. You're welcome!



Lots of Vegetables and Water for Cancer Prevention