

Confederation of Medical Associations in Asia and Oceania (CMAAO)

Minutes of the 33rd General Assembly and 54th Council Meeting

September 12th - 14th, 2018
Shangri-La Rasa Sayang Resort and Spa, Penang, Malaysia
Hosted by the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA)

Day 1: Wednesday, September 12, 2018

The 54th CMAAO Council Meeting

1.0 Opening Remarks

The meeting was opened by the Chair of CMAAO Council, Dr. Chong Yeh Woei. He welcomed all the delegates and observers to Penang and the 33rd CMAAO General Assembly and 54th Council Meeting.

Dr. Chong Yeh Woei mentioned that “Path to Universal Health Coverage” had been adopted as the theme for this assembly. He highlighted that Universal Health Coverage is indeed an aspiration for all and certainly one of the humanistic ideals that all can look forward to.

2.0 Roll Call

The roll call was conducted by Secretary-General of CMAAO, Dr. Mari Michinaga.

Members present:

Australia, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand

Members absent:

Cambodia, Macau, New Zealand and Sri Lanka

Observers:

Brazil Medical Association, Latvia Medical Association and World Medical Association

3.0 Report of the Secretary General

Secretary General presented her report to the council members. The highlights of her report were as follows.

- Attended the WMA General Assembly in Chicago in October 2017.
- Attended the 71st Taiwan Annual National Doctors’ Day Celebration in November 12th, 2017, where Home Health Care International Symposium was held.
- Visited WHO Headquarters with President Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura on April 5th, for MOU signing between the WMA and WHO on UHC and Disaster Medicine.
- Attended the 209th WMA Council Session in Riga in late April, as a Council member of WMA.
- Attended the 18th MASEAN Conference in Hanoi, Vietnam together with Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura in early May. It was the first time where she attended MASEAN conference and witnessed their activities.
- Participated in German Medical Association Annual Meeting in Germany in early May.
- Attended International Symposium on UHC in Geneva together in late May. The event was co-hosted by the WMA and Taiwan Medical Association.
- Had a brief meeting with Health Ministers from Singapore and Palau after the symposium in Geneva.
- Visited Boston for Takemi Program at Harvard School of Public Health in June.
- Attended American Medical Association Annual Meeting with Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura in Chicago for Inaugural Ceremony of the new President, Dr. Barbara McAneny.
- On July 14th, representatives from Japan, Korea and Taiwan Medical Association gathered in Fukuoka City in Japan to share and discuss about current issues and information as well as the future of health field in CMAAO regions.
- 2018 APEC Business Ethics for SMEs Forum was held in Tokyo in July 20th. Mentioned in the

discussion addressing the biopharmaceutical working group, that physicians must take the initiative in all stages of healthcare where the activities of the JMA i.e. taking leadership to ensure health and longevity was suggested.

4.0 Approval of Minutes of the 32nd CMAAO General Assembly and 53rd CMAAO Council Meeting.

The minutes was approved.

5.0 Report of the Treasurer

The Financial Report including the Financial Statement for 2017 and budget for 2018-19 was presented with detailed explanation by Treasurer Dr. Alvin Chan Yee-Shing and was approved.

6.0 Venue and Dates of the 34th CMAAO General Assembly and 55th Council Meeting 2019

The 34th CMAAO General Assembly and the 55th Council Meeting will be held in Goa, India and hosted by the Indian Medical Association, on September 5th –7th 2019 at Goa Sheraton Hotel. The theme is ‘Wellness’.

7.0 Venue and Dates of the 35th CMAAO General Assembly and 56th Council Meeting 2020

The 35th CMAAO General Assembly and 56th Council Meeting will be held in Taiwan on September 3rd - 5th, 2020, and hosted by the Taiwan Medical Association (*Venue to be finalized*).

8.0 Membership Applications

There was no new application to consider in this meeting.

9.0 Report of the Committees

9.1 Motion to change to By-laws: The Chair shared the outcome of the discussion between the Legal Advisor and the By-Laws Committee. The Committee recommended the following changes to Chapter 5 (5-7) to be adopted as follows:

Changes: Chapter 5. Points 5 –7: Change to “The Chairman of the Council shall be elected by the Council from Councilors or persons recommended by the constituent members” and “They [the Chair] may not vote the General Assembly or at Council meetings in the latter case.” (Same applies to Vice-Chair and Treasurer.)

Chairman of the Council shall be elected by Council from Councilors or person recommended by the Constituent Members. Which implies, the Chair of Council can be appointed among the non-Councilors, based on recommendation made by the NMAs. The appointment of Chair shall not be restricted to the Councilors only.

The Chair mentioned about discussion with Legal Advisor on more changes to the Constitution, concerning limit on terms of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer, as well as the Chair having a casting vote. It was pointed out that these changes were a little bit too drastic and difficult to be implemented at this point of time. It was advised that the changes to be made slowly.

10.0 Other Business:

10.1 Junior Doctor’s Network: Incoming CMAAO President Dr. Ravindran Naidu mentioned about Junior Doctor’s Network (JDN) that was held concurrently with CMAAO. He highlighted that JDN is becoming more relevant in the WMA to which he proposed including JDN as one of the sections under CMAAO General Assembly. He requested approval to be given at the next year’s CMAAO General Assembly in Goa. The proposal was seconded by Indian Medical Association. The Chair agreed to task one committee to investigate this proposal and decide accordingly.

10.2 Short Presentation by Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT) Malaysia: Ms. Ratna presented on JLT mainly on its background, products and services. JLT is a global organization of specialists and one of the world's leading providers of insurance, reinsurance and employee benefits related advice, brokerage and

associated services. JLT was the sponsor for CMAAO dinner at Cheong Fatt Tze's Blue Mansion Heritage Restaurants.

11.0 Adjournment of the Council Session

Chair Dr. Chong Yeh Woei thanked everybody present at the meeting. Special thanks to CMAAO President Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura, Council Advisor Dr. Wu Yung-Tung, Council Vice-Chair Dr. Koh Kar Chai, Secretary General Dr. Mari Michinaga, WMA Secretary General Dr. Otmar Kloiber, Organizing Committee Chairman Dr. Ravindran Naidu, and to the Malaysian Medical Association and its President, Dr. Mohamed Namazie for hosting the 33rd CMAAO General Assembly and 54th Council Meeting.

Assembly Ceremonial Session

1.0 Opening

The session was opened by the Chair of Council, Dr. Chong Yeh Woei.

1.1 Roll Call

The roll call was conducted by Secretary-General.

Members present:

Australia, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand

Members absent:

Cambodia, Macau, New Zealand, and Sri Lanka

Observers:

Brazil Medical Association, Latvia Medical Association and World Medical Association

1.2 Welcome Address by Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) President Dr. Mohamed Namazie

Dr. Mohamed Namazie welcomed the participants to the CMAAO General Assembly. He conveyed his greatest appreciation to the CMAAO President Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura, President-Elect Dr. Ravindran Naidu, Immediate Past President Dr. Prasert Sarnvivad, 1st Vice-President Dr. K. K. Aggarwal, 2nd Vice-President Dr. Chiu Tai Yuan, Council Chair Dr. Chong Yeh Woei, Council Vice-Chair Dr. Koh Kar Chai, Treasurer Dr. Chan Alvin Yee-shing, Secretary General Dr. Mari Michinaga, all Councilors and Advisors and all Presidents of the NMAs.

On the General Assembly's theme, he highlighted that besides End-of-Life Care discussed at the last year's General Assembly, Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is another pressing issue that needs immediate attention from all. The topic has become increasingly important these days, as they are looking for health care services that can benefit all people when needed, anytime and anywhere without having to face financial constraints. The importance of the UHC is to ensure appropriate and equitable access to sustainable quality health care for all. It is vital that the system provides protection from extreme poverty arising due to spending on healthcare and therefore reducing social inequities. He hoped that this assembly would engage all of participants in an open and constructive dialogue about the effectiveness and the practicality of the enforcement of the UHC globally.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, he conveyed his gratitude for being given the opportunity to host this year's assembly, bringing together renowned delegates from various nations to address vital issues in UHC and agreeing on a definite resolution.

1.3 Opening Address by CMAAO President Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura

Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura welcomed and thanked all participants of the 33rd General Assembly and 54th Council Meeting. He mentioned the importance of promoting UHC and strengthening of emergency and disaster preparedness in the Asian and Oceania regions. He expected an active discussion in every session of the General Assembly and was hopeful that their objectives to improve the health of people in these regions and to strengthen the voice of Asia in the WMA. He hoped to see more membership

applications to CMAAO soon. He thanked the Malaysian Medical Association and its President Dr. Mohamed Namazie for hosting the General Assembly.

1.4 Congratulatory Message from WMA Secretary General, Dr. Otmar Kloiber

Dr. Otmar Kloiber expressed his gratitude for being invited to participate in this General Assembly. He pointed out that the path to UHC is not only the most ambitious project at the WHO. WMA has been asking for UHC for a long time despite using a different term for it, but the concept was like UHC. He believed that it is necessary to look at the upcoming Global Conference on Primary Health Care, co-hosted by the Government of Kazakhstan, WHO and UNICEF this October.

He invited everybody to discuss, report and think on how to influence the policy at the WMA and how the ideas or findings of this discussion can fit in the global organizations like WHO, Global Fund, etc. He wished the General Assembly a great success.

2.0 Report of the President of CMAAO, Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura

CMAAO President Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura presented his report. The highlights of his report were as follows:

- He took office as the 35th President of CMAAO in Tokyo in September 2017 and as the 68th WMA President in Chicago in October 2017.
- In his inaugural address as WMA President, he stressed that there was UHC System under the Japan Health System which pushed Japan to the top level of life expectancy in the world. He had been working mainly to promote UHC.
- As WMA President, he has always taken actions considering that he was also the President of CMAAO.
- At CMAAO General Assembly in Tokyo last year, a symposium was held on ‘End-of-Life Care’ which was the universal theme of WMA. Based on the reports of the NMAs, it was confirmed that, except for the Australian and New Zealand Medical Association as they had no desire to discuss on the concept of Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide, all other NMAs supported the creation of advance directive and advance care planning for terminally ill patients. The outcome was submitted at the WMA General Assembly in Chicago. It will be reported together with other regional reports in WMA General Assembly in Reykjavik next month.
- In November 2017, he attended the European Regional Conference on End-of-Life Questions and introduced content of the discussions during the CMAAO General Assembly in Tokyo.
- In December 2017, he participated in UHC Forum 2017 in Tokyo where he successfully promoted and achieved the UHC.
- He also attended One-Health International Conference in Bangkok in December 2017, co-organized by the Medical Association of Thailand and other organizations.
- He visited the WHO Headquarters in Geneva in April 2017 with WHO Director General Dr. Tedros to exchange an MOU on promotion of UHC and strengthening of emergency disaster preparedness.
- He was interviewed by the WHO Bulletin on the current Primary Care in Japan.
- In April 2018, he attended the WMA Council Session in Riga, Latvia.
- In May 2018, he attended the MASEAN Conference in Hanoi for the first time. He requested the Vietnam Minister of Health and Vietnam Medical Association President to join the CMAAO.
- Subsequently, he participated in the Annual Meeting of the German Medical Association.
- In late May 2018, he went to Geneva to attend the International Conference on UHC, co-organized by the WMA and Taiwan Medical Association.
- In June 2018, he attended the Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association.
- In June 2018, he was re-elected as the President of Japan Medical Association for another two years.
- In July 2018, he participated in 2018 APEC Business Ethics for SMEs Forum in Tokyo.
- In August 2018, he was invited to and attended the 5th Nikkei Medical Seminar in Mexico City.
- In September 2018, he participated in the 9th Southeast European Medical Conference in Bosnia, Herzegovina where he gave a lecture on UHC.
- He is determined to continue working together with the activities of CMAAO and WMA, and also to promote UHC for the wellbeing of people in the future.

3.0 Installation of the 36th President of CMAAO 2018 – 2019

Dr. Ravindran R. Naidu was installed as the 36th President of CMAAO and received a presidential medal from his predecessor, Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura of the Japan Medical Association.

4.0 Inaugural Address by New CMAAO President, Dr. Ravindran R. Naidu

Dr. Ravindran Naidu welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was an absolute honour and privilege to stand before everyone on this graceful occasion and accepted his appointment as the President of CMAAO for 2018-2019 with pride. He called for support from all NMAs to achieve the growth and goals of CMAAO. With the grace of God and cooperation from the fellow members, he promised to devote his time and himself to the obligations and duties of a president. Dr. Ravindran Naidu pointed out the CMAAO histories are something that should never be forgotten and the CMAAO current generation of members, owing to all the organization past members, must keep this great organization strong and vibrant as they face the present and future challenges in the medical profession. Over the next one year, they will continue to work on their strength but also take on new directions. Dr. Ravindran Naidu and Dr. K.K Aggarwal, CMAAO President-Elect, have agreed to visit all the NMAs to strengthen the ties within the CMAAO. They will continue their programs and strengthen the professionalism between them. They will also retain their commitment to solidarity, to ensure that members with less resources can have more opportunities and assistance to be part of CMAAO, to promote exchange of information and activities in improving the health of all in the Asia-Pacific Region, as well as to ensure that they can perform their critical role and be a part of the CMAAO resolution on ensuring food safety, the resolution on ethical framework for health databases and health genetic databases, the daily resolution on the prevention of child abuse, the Taipei resolution on strengthening of primary healthcare in Asia and Oceania, statement of Task-Shifting, resolution on economic crisis and health, CMAAO Declaration on Tobacco Control in Asia and Oceania among others.

Dr. Ravindran Naidu mentioned about Junior Doctor's Network (JDN) is being held concurrently with this CMAAO session. JDN discussed on issues related to work place bullying and sexual harassments.

He thanked the outgoing CMAAO President Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura for his excellent service and contributions to CMAAO.

5.0 Presidential Award to the Outgoing President, Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura

A special gift was given to Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura of the Japan Medical Association as a token of appreciation for his contributions and efforts as President of CMAAO for 2017-2018. The special gift was presented to him by Dr. Ravindran R. Naidu, President of CMAAO for 2018-2019 and the Immediate Past President of the Malaysian Medical Association.

6.0 Group Photo Session

All delegates and observers of NMAs participated in the group photo session. The Chair announced that all official photos taken throughout the assembly would be sent via Dropbox.

7.0 Country Reports

(Co-chaired by Chair of Council Dr. Chong Yeh Woei and Vice-Chair of Council Dr. Kar Chai Koh)

Country reports were presented by:

Australian Medical Association, Bangladesh Medical Association, Hong Kong Medical Association, Indian Medical Association, Indonesian Medical Association, Japan Medical Association, Korean Medical Association, Malaysian Medical Association, Myanmar Medical Association, Nepal Medical Association, Pakistan Medical Association, Philippine Medical Association, Singapore Medical Association, Taiwan Medical Association and Medical Association of Thailand.

Details of Country Reports will be posted in CMAAO Website.

8.0 Adjournment

9.0 Welcome Reception hosted by the Malaysian Medical Association

Day 2: Thursday, September 13, 2018

1.0 Symposium on “Path to Universal Health Coverage”

(Co-chaired by Chair of Council Dr. Chong Yeh Woei and Vice-Chair of Council Dr. Kar Chai Koh)

2.0 The 16th Taro Takemi Memorial Oration (Chaired by Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura)

Memorial Oration on “Path to Universal Health Coverage”

Orator: Datuk Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah, Director General of Health, Malaysia

3.0 Presentation of a Token of Appreciation to the Orator by Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura, President of CMAAO.

4.0 Continuation of the Symposium on “Path to Universal Health Coverage”

(Co-chaired by Chair of Council Dr. Yeh Woei Chong and Vice-Chair of Council Dr. Kar Chai Koh)

Details of the Symposium and Takemi Memorial Oration will be posted in CMAAO Website.

5.0 Adjournment

6.0 Dinner at Cheong Fatt Tze's Blue Mansion Heritage Restaurants Penang hosted by the Malaysian Medical Association

Day 3: Friday, September 14, 2018

1.0 Continuation of the Symposium on “Path to Universal Health Coverage”

2.0 Adjournment

The 33rd CMAAO General Assembly

1.0 Approval of minutes of the 32nd CMAAO General Assembly held in Tokyo, Japan

The minutes was approved.

2.0 Report of the Council Meeting by Chair of the CMAAO Council, Dr. Chong Yeh Woei

- Confirmation of dates and venue for the 34th CMAAO General Assembly and 55th Council Meeting in Goa. The theme is ‘Wellness’.
- Confirmation of the 35th CMAAO General Assembly and 56th Council Meeting to be hosted by the Taiwan Medical Association.
- There were no new membership applications to be considered at this meeting.
- Proposed amendment to the Bylaws to enlarge talent pool which will be passed soon.
- The Chair agreed to task a committee to investigate the CMAAO President Dr. Ravindran Naidu’s proposal to include Junior Doctor’s Network as one of the official sections under CMAAO General Assembly and meetings, in future.

The report was approved by the assembly.

5.0 Approval of the Report of Treasurer

The Financial Report including the financial statement for 2017 and budget for 2018-2019 was presented by Treasurer Dr. Alvin Chan Yee Shing. The report was approved unanimously by the assembly.

There was a query on how funds were raised for CMAAO, apart from membership. In the past, there were occasions where they raised funds during the calamities or natural disasters. For instance, in 2005, CMAAO raised funds to help those countries affected by tsunami. In 2008, CMAAO raised funds to help Myanmar affected by Cyclone Nargis. In 2009, CMAAO raised funds to help those affected by floods in Bangladesh.

It is a decision made by the General Assembly or the Council to see if there is a need for a project. Otherwise, each year's surplus kept the CMAAO running. The Treasurer Dr. Alvin Chan Yee-Shing believed that it is good if any Councilor or the NMAs can come up with ideas to raise funds for CMAAO.

One delegate queried whether there was any surplus gained from this conference. CMAAO President Dr. Ravindran Naidu informed that there was no surplus. In fact, Malaysian Medical Association had to contribute more funds to organize this conference as it was a loss. The Chair Dr. Chong Yeh Woei commented that the host NMA usually incurs a deficit hosting this conference. This was basically due to the difficulties in getting the sponsors.

CMAAO President-elect Dr. K.K. Aggarwal proposed to have CMAAO's own journal or newsletter. This is to ensure there is good communication between the members and to encourage more membership into CMAAO. He had also initiated Google Group for CMAAO to allow members to communicate and share essential information with each other.

It was proposed for the CMAAO President to start sending E-newsletter to all members, possibly once every two months. Dr. Ravindran Naidu pointed out that he can write a newsletter if possible, but he said the position is a ceremonial position where the President is installed and hands over to the next incoming person. He proposed changing the practice and to have more effective CMAAO rather than just having a meeting once a year. Dr. Ravindran Naidu proposed the Finance Committee to come up with a proposal on how to raise funds for CMAAO.

Treasurer Dr. Alvin Chan Yee-Shing informed that this issue has been raised on several occasions in the past. He believed that it is important to first, look at the roles of Finance Committee; auditing, keeping the book and accounts, collecting dues etc. Raising funds is not the role of Finance Committee. The idea on how to raise funds is already there but they need manpower to execute. E-Journal is a good effort, but extra efforts are needed to generate more income i.e. open for paid advertisements in the E-Journal. This is also to drive more memberships into CMAAO.

President-Elect Dr. K.K. Aggarwal has volunteered to take the responsibility on the production of E-Newsletter. There will be no cost involved as everything will be in an electronic form. The editing can be done by his own publication house for free of charge. Any money generated will go to CMAAO.

CMAAO President Dr. Ravindran Naidu requested to leave out the National Medical Associations (NMAs) as far as the finance is concerned. CMAAO must generate money on its own.

Decision: All members agreed with the proposal on E-Newsletters.

6.0 Approval of the Report of the Committees

Final decision: The report was approved by the assembly. The assembly agreed unanimously to the proposed amendment.

Proposed Changes: Chapter 5. Points 5 –7: Change to “The Chair of the Council shall be elected by the Council from Councilors or persons recommended by the constituent members” and “They [the Chair] may not vote the General Assembly or at Council meetings in the latter case.” (Same applies to Vice-Chair and Treasurer.)

Discussions:

CMAAO President Dr. Ravindran Naidu requested to deliberate further on this issue. For instance, if Malaysia would like to propose someone for the Chair, Vice-Chair or Treasurer there will be discussions among its own Council or Exco first for approval before proposing to CMAAO. Approval from the NMA Council must be obtained first before anyone is elected to any post at CMAAO since the expenses for attending CMAAO meetings have to be borne by the NMA itself. He proposed for the nomination to be sent at least 1-2 months before the CMAAO Meeting to give enough time for the NMA Council to deliberate and

decide on the proposal for election.

The Chairman Dr. Chong Yeh Woei proposed that in future, should there be a vacancy in the posts of Chair, Vice-Chair or Treasurer, the CMAAO Secretariat must inform all NMAs on the vacancies. The NMAs must be informed in advance that there will be election at the next CMAAO Meeting to fill all available positions. He also proposed for the NMAs to inform CMAAO on the changes in the list of its Councilors.

The Malaysian Medical Association proposed any nomination must be endorsed by the NMA first before going into election. Anyone holding the post of office bearers in CMAAO must get the support of the NMA.

Proposed Solutions:

- CMAAO Secretariat to clarify and confirm the delegates by requesting an updated list of Councilors and representatives of the NMA coming to the CMAAO Meeting, at least three (3) months before the meeting. Since CMAAO will be able to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair or Treasurer from these Councilors and representatives of the NMA. The names submitted, if elected, must be supported by the respective NMA. CMAAO will hold the NMA to that commitment.
- A standing order has been agreed that a list of names must be submitted by the NMA three (3) months prior to CMAAO Meeting.
- This matter has been brought to the attention of CMAAO Constitution Amendment Committee for deliberation and propose a resolution on this matter.

7.0 Approval of the document summarizing the ideas of NMAs in Asia and Oceania about the Symposium “Path to Universal Health Coverage”.

The document was approved by the assembly and is to be submitted to the WMA as an important material to consider from countries in Asia and Oceania.

Title: CMAAO Penang Resolution on Universal Health Coverage.

8.0 Appointment of New CMAAO Officers

8.1 President-elect from the host NMA in 2019

Dr. K.K. Aggarwal

Indian Medical Association

8.2 1st Vice-president from the host NMA in 2020

Dr. Chiu Tai-Yuan

Taiwan Medical Association

9.0 Venue and dates of the 34th CMAAO General Assembly and 55th Council Meeting (2019)

The 34th CMAAO General Assembly and the 55th Council Meeting will be hosted by the Indian Medical Association and scheduled to be held in Goa Sheraton Hotel, India on September 5th - 7th, 2019.

10.0 Theme of the symposium for the 34th CMAAO General Assembly (2019)

“Wellness” was proposed as the theme for the symposium.

11.0 Venue and dates of the 35th CMAAO General Assembly and 56th Council Meeting (2020)

The 35th CMAAO General Assembly and 56th Council Meeting will be hosted by the Taiwan Medical Association, on September 3rd - 5th, 2020, venue and theme to be finalized later.

12.0 36th CMAAO General Assembly and 57th Council Meeting (2021)

The Pakistan Medical Association volunteered to be the host NMA for the 36th CMAAO General Assembly and 57th Council Meeting in 2021.

13.0 Membership applications

There was no new application to consider in this meeting.

14.0 Other Business

14.1 Dissemination of Maternal and Child Health Handbook by the Japan Medical Association

14.2 Report of CMAAO Network for Disaster Medicine by the Japan Medical Association

14.3 Dr. Otmar Kloiber expressed appreciation of the WMA for continuous cooperation between CMAAO and WMA, as well as for kind invitation by CMAAO which has been extended to WMA over the last few years. A WMA Cube was handed over to CMAAO President as a token of appreciation.

14.4 Dr. Md. Jamal Udin Chowdhury of Bangladesh Medical Association requested to become a member of CMAAO Constitution Amendment Committee.

14.5 JDN-SCHOMOS MMA Penang Declaration 2018 on ‘Leading the way towards mutual respect: The role of Junior Doctors in preventing work place bullying and harassment’ was presented to the assembly. The Declaration was adopted by the participants at the JDN Meeting held concurrently with this 33rd CMAAO General Assembly and 54th Council Meeting. The Declaration would be presented to the Ministry of Health Malaysia and WMA General Assembly later, upon approval.

14.6 Subscription of the NMA in CMAAO

- Cambodian Medical Association has not paid its subscription fee of 300 USD per year since 2009 and had not attended any CMAAO Meeting since then.
- Macau Medical Association has not paid its subscription fee of 600 USD per year since 2012 and had not attended any CMAAO Meeting since then.
- New Zealand Medical Association has not paid its subscription fee of 600 USD per year since 2016 and had not attended any CMAAO Meeting since then.

The Treasurer requested to communicate with the abovementioned NMAs and clarify whether there was any difficulty facing these NMAs that hindered them to pay their subscription fee or whether this was because they wanted to terminate their membership in CMAAO.

The Chair will speak to Medical Association of Thailand who has agreed to discuss with the abovementioned NMAs on this matter and will report the meeting outcome to the Council. Should these NMAs were in real difficulties to pay, the Council will have to approve and allow the Treasurer to write off the overdue.

14.7 Dr. K.K. Aggarwal requested for the list of all the Past Presidents and Past Chairs of CMAAO to be displayed on the CMAAO Website.

15.0 Closing Remarks

In closing the meeting, CMAAO President Dr. Ravindran Naidu said that the three-day Council Meeting and General Assembly had been very productive, especially the symposium on “Path to Universal Health Coverage”, with active discussion and communication exchange, besides great fellowship shown among all the participants. On behalf of the Malaysian Medical Association, he thanked all the participants for their attendance at this meeting and made the event a great success.

There was a lucky draw contest held by the Malaysian Medical Association at the end of the meeting. The winner was Dr. Chiaki Mishima of Japan Medical Association.

16.0 Adjournment of the General Assembly

17.0 City Tour hosted by the Malaysian Medical Association

18.0 Farewell Dinner at Top View Restaurant, KOMTAR, Penang hosted by the Malaysian Medical Association