

Candidate Statement: World Physiotherapy Regional Board Member-AWP (Max 1000 words)

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Solidarity for Asian and World's future profession

The region, Asia-Western Pacific (AWP) is comprised of 32 associations representing the various cultures and languages of Central/East South Asia and Oceania. We require mutual understanding and cooperation in order to further develop and advance physical therapy in the health care system in each country within Asian solidarity.

Thanks to your vote, I have started to serve as a regional board member of World Physiotherapy from 2019. Although it was difficult situation due to COVID 19 pandemic, I was tackling to regional issue, and supported professional activity though development of cooperative relationship in Asia, with communicating member organizations and international organizations.

In the Executive Board of World physiotherapy, I was contributing to ensure the solid financial status and enhance quality of education of physiotherapy as I was a member of committee for finance, and member of accreditation committee. From these experiences of WPT as well as JPTA which is the large member organization, I will strongly commit to contribute for developing profession of in Asia and the World.

WPT can do more encouraging the increased involvement of the members who can provide a fresh perspective with experience in various professional fields, such as scientific research, clinical practice, preventing disability, education, and politics. I would like to strengthen all countries and territories to promote co-organized projects. Moreover, I will work to promote the physiotherapy profession by assisting practices for the prevention in legal matters, developing Evidence Based Practice, standardizing the core curriculum of the entry education program, and establishing practical guidelines for the various health care professionals who provide physiotherapy and the clients they treat. Especially, the non-English speaking counties/territories, autonomy and cultural background in Asian / Middle East will be focused in terms of diversity and inclusion.

3 keys I promise for further development in Asia are:

1. Ensuring that all member organizations get together, tacking for professional issues
2. Increasing our professional value to contribute the health in Asia
3. Enable developing governance of each associatios in terms of professional policy

- Since 1991, I have participated at WCPT congresses and social events, and I have also presented scientific papers many times.
- My experience with international affairs includes participating as the voting delegate in the 2003 WCPT general meeting and as a Member of the Executive Committee of the JPTA.
- In 2001, I attended the Evidence Based Practice Meeting hosted by the WCPT in London.
- I have discussed physiotherapy with many people from around the world.
- From 2003 to 2011, I have served as an alternate regional member to the WCPT.
- I was a Chair of 50th anniversary national congress of physical therapy in Japan and invited representatives from Macau, Republic of Korea, Australia, Philippine, Taiwan, Malaysia and Indonesia, also from WCPT, President and Secretary General.
- I have implemented "Asia Young Leader's Programs" together with Taiwan Physical Therapy Association, and Singapore Physiotherapy Association aiming for developing next generations of physical therapists in Asia.
- In the Asia Physical Therapy Forum, presented and be a moderator for participants from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippine, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam, in order to contribute for people's health in aging Asia, and to cooperate for developing profession of physical therapy in Asia.
- In Cambodia, I have involved curriculum development to strengthen physical therapy entry-level education. We successfully achieved the bridging program from diploma of physical therapy education to the bachelor degree education.
- In order to establish a system of international cooperation in the physical therapy profession, I am actively promoting agreements with Australia, Republic of Korea, Taiwan, and Singapore.

I have thirteen years of clinical experience as a physical therapist and I am now a professor at Nagoya University. Presently, I serve as the Vice President of the JPTA. I have been working as the director of the JPTA scholarship system for physical therapists from abroad. So far twenty one physical therapists and three physical therapy students from the developing countries had participated successfully in the training programs in Japan. I also have had the opportunity to visit to many countries, including Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, China, and Fiji as an expert advisor of the Japan International Cooperation Agency or guest speaker of the congress.

I promise for delegates from Afghanistan, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam and Yemen. I need your support for achieving future Asian and World's Profession.

Thank you very much for your thoughtful consideration and let us do together,

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