



THE ASEAN ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION

EDITORIAL

“ THE WINDS OF CHANGE ”

The ASEAN Orthopaedic Association after 25 years of existence faces many challenges. In the last Council Meeting, a changing of the guard has taken place with our most respected Permanent Secretary General, Dr. Ong Leong Boon submitting his irrevocable request to be relieved of his duties, due to health and personal commitments. With a heavy heart, the council acceded to his request and subsequently elected Dr. Ellewellyn Pasion one of the original founding members to succeed him. Together with this move the Office of the the Asean Orthopaedic Association will now be hosted in the newly acquired office of the Philippine Orthopaedic Association. As of this writing most communications are now handled by the Manila office.

The new leadership and the national council members are facing new challenges; the more recent is the withdrawal of our British Travelling Fellowship program previously sponsored by the DePuy company. Regulatory measures imposed on industry are important considerations for the continuance of logistical support for our CME and fellowship programs. Our very own Asean Journal of Orthopaedics has been in hiatus for the past two years primarily because of the very few contributions for article publication which may be due to the indirect competition of the respective regional and national orthopaedic journals. The other problem besetting the AOJ is the logistical support which may be hard for one country to support. It was thus decided that publication would be rotated in conjunction with the host country for the annual AOA meeting and thus solicitation for logistical support would be less of a burden for the host country.

Undaunted by these challenges... The ASEAN Spirit of Unity will navigate the AOA through these rough waters and eventually evolve in to stronger, cohesive, and relevant association to meet the needs of Orthopaedics in the region.

This issue is a good omen as we have contributors from almost all member countries....
UNITY IN DIVERSITY.... THE AOA!

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