

## Letter from the President (2014-2016)

**Dear colleagues, members, partners and affiliates,**

Greetings from Taiwan!!

Welcome to the website of the Asian Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (AFSUMB)!

I have the great privilege of writing to you as the new President of the AFSUMB.

I am humbled and honored to serve the society, and challenged to assure the success of this big and renowned society to keep its harmony and steady growing.

I would firstly like to thank the outgoing Presidents and Administrative Council (AC) members for their dedication and commitment to the AFSUMB and the ultrasound specialists of Asia.

We have been, and will continue to be, an organization carrying wide-ranging priorities.

Through all of this the level of effort and commitment by all involved in the previous AFSUMB ACs is unquestionable. Particular thanks go to Immediate Past President Dr. Seung Hyup Kim who has also sat as the 2nd Vice President and Chairman of Communication Committee at the World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (WFUMB). My sincere thanks also go to outgoing AC members Former Presidents Dr. Byung Ihn Choi, Dr. Cheng-Wen Chiang and Dr. Nobuyuki Taniguchi. Additionally a big thank you to the outgoing and current committee chairs and members who created the unforgettable event of AFSUMB congress and workshops that allowed for much inspiration, motivation, and old friendships reinvigorated and new ones formed. In 2015, the AC decided to hold the Asian Symposium on Advanced Ultrasound Technology (ASAUT) because there is no appropriate candidate for the AFSUMB workshop. There is no doubt that the new AC and all committees will be working together very hard to build on the efforts of our predecessors, and to take the AFSUMB to the next level for all members. Attached you can see the list of our new officers and councilors (2014-2016).

It is a great personal honor to be entrusted with the Presidency of the AFSUMB, one which carries much responsibility to ensure meaningful progress for the AFSUMB and for our members. Along with our President-Elect Dr. Masatoshi Kudo and Vice Presidents Dr. Iwaki Akiyama, Kanu Bala, Secretary Dr. Jae Young Lee, Treasurer Dr. Yung-Liang Wan and our great team of enthusiastic regional representatives, I am ready for the challenges and exciting opportunities that exist for the AFSUMB, particularly in strengthening the bonding and scientific levels of the societies of AFSUMB, as emphasized by all former presidents and officers. The website is an important resource for our members to learn the details of our scientific activities and an invitation to increase our participation. It also provides an "up-to-date" window for all of us. The AFSUMB Website Editor Dr. Satoshi Nakatani has been working hard for establishing a healthy website to allow members of AFSUMB having a platform for better communication and education, and we know he has demonstrated strong

commitment to assure its success, but he really needs more strong supports and assistance from all AC members.

Work related to enhance up collaboration between AFSUMB and other international societies has already been started by Former Presidents and Immediate Past President Dr. Kim. I have met with the key opinion leaders from other international ultrasound-related societies during my visits in Orlando (2015) and Kuala Lumpur (2014) and to discuss establishing strong relationship and collaborations. We have to work on an international approach to attract more national societies to join AFUMB. AFSUMB has to make a meaningful difference for our profession. This potential thought can only be realized by working to a strong vision and with the hard work of all the entire AC members and the supports of former presidents and enthusiastic experts in the AFSUMB team. Further collaboration with the other regional societies such as AIUM and EFSUMB, MASU, ASUM and FLAUS should be kept going on. AFSUMB represents over 18,825 physicians, scientists, engineers and sonographers in Asia. In 2014, Ultrasound Society of Nepal (USN) has admitted into the AFSUMB, becoming our newest Affiliated Society of AFSUMB. We, as a great team in Asia, do hope to ensure that we can make significant progress; and now the most important things for us to do are to extend our education programs in Asia either by workshops or website E-learning, and to support Dr. Kudo's team as for the next AFSUMB Congress in Japan (2016), and Dr. Cheng-Wen Chiang's team for the next WFUMB Congress in Taipei (2017). In summary, I encourage you to contact me or any other members of the AC at any time with your ideas, thoughts and projects. I also strongly encourage you to attend the Congresses of AFSUMB and Workshops or the newly designed Asian Symposium on Advanced Ultrasound Technology to be held in Taipei (October, 2015), and to our fellow members, I sincerely hope you can continue to support the AFSUMB and enjoy your membership.

Yours Sincerely,

**Yi-Hong Chou**

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