

Young Doctors Movement at the WONCA Asia Pacific Region conference in Pattaya 2017



On October 31, 2017, The Rajakumar Movement - the Young Doctors Movement in WONCA Asia Pacific Region had our first big pre-conference in Pattaya, Thailand. Total Participants of young family doctors were 164, including 148 from Thailand, 18 international including Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, Portugal and Spain.



In the opening remarks, WONCA Asia Pacific region (APR) and WONCA World executives, Amanda Howe, Donald Li and Meng Chi Lee gave us strong encouragement such as “we can become the future generation of the WONCA family”. In his keynote speech Prof Michael Kidd, the immediate past president of WONCA taught the young participants about the origin of the Rajakumar Movement in 2009; the worldwide role of family medicine supported by many global healthcare leaders; challenges for the young doctors he met through many visits in APR countries; and how can we make a difference in the impact of our career reflecting our everyday work as family doctors.

Shin Yoshida presented about the Rajakumar Movement, then Prof Amanda Howe, president of WONCA and Michael Kidd gave us young doctors a question and answer time. We enjoyed talking about several topics like work environment, resident education, international and executive work and our daily personal or family happiness as humans.

In the afternoon we had the ASPIRE leadership session and 18 participants were given certificates. We truly appreciate our high profile speakers from WONCA APR and WONCA World and the generous support of the Royal College of Family Physicians of Thailand, including Prof. Somjit Prueksaritanond and the Host Organizing Committee of the conference. Also our Rajakumar Movement representatives big effort for all arrangements and preparation for this pre-conference.



Thank you and see you again at the WONCA world conference and pre-conference, Seoul, in 2018.

Shin Yoshida,
Chair of the Rajakumar Movement