

The Rajakumar Movement Asia Pacific region



The Rajakumar Movement conducted a workshop on October 19, 2018 during the WONCA World conference in Seoul, South Korea. A brief introduction, summary of activities and future plans of the Rajakumar Movement and the different young doctors' movement across the Asia Pacific Region were discussed by the newly elected chair, Dr Erfen Suwangto. The workshop was moderated by the immediate past chair of The Rajakumar Movement, Dr Shin Yoshida.



Dr Seo Young Kang (South Korea), Dr Daisuke Kato (Japan), and Dr Mel Anthony Acuavera (Philippines); young doctors from the local organisations in the Asia Pacific region shared their respective countries' educational environments, common career pathway and their learning community. A small group discussion was conducted on the following topics:

1. Career pathways for family doctors:
There are many career options for family doctors. While majority are still engaged in clinical practice, most are into education and research. Public health and community work is still a top priority among family doctors, and even some dwell into politics and are engaged in administrative work in the government.
2. Educational Environment- the strengths and challenges of medical education in China, Hong Kong, Japan and South Korea. Possible solutions on promoting family medicine specialty among medical students were also discussed.

Overall, the workshop was insightful regarding the different medical education and family medicine training in the Asia Pacific Region from the perspective of the young doctors.