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NIS 2024

## National Immunisation Summit 2024



Minister of Health, Malaysia, Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad (3<sup>rd</sup> from left), Director General of Health, Dr. Muhammad Radzi Abu Hassan (3<sup>rd</sup> from right) and Immunise4Life Programme Chairman, Prof. Dr. Zulkifli Ismail, (2<sup>nd</sup> from left)

The 1<sup>st</sup> National Immunisation Summit Malaysia 2024 was held on 13 May 2024 at the Zenith Hotel, Putrajaya, near Kuala Lumpur. It was a hybrid event that was live-streamed via Zoom to 721 participants virtually and 161 attendees physically.

It was jointly organised by Immunise4Life (IFL) and Ministry of Health Malaysia to commemorate a decade of IFL.

Prof. Dr. Zulkifli Ismail, in his introductory speech, introduces everyone to IFL, its history, aims, and advocacy plans.

There were three symposia altogether held over one day which ended with the launch of Hari Imunisasi Peringkat Kebangsaan (National Level

Immunisation Day) by the Minister of Health, Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad.

There were a total of nine lectures which were given by various experienced speakers.

The first lecture was on the Success Factors of the National Immunisation Programme (NIP) for Children by Dr Mohd Safiee bin Ismail, Director of Family Health Development Division, Ministry of Health.

This was followed by Optimising Post-Implementation Surveillance & AEFI Reporting, by Ms. Norshazreen Abd Manab, Senior Principal Assistant Director, National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA). She reminded us on the role of regulators with the

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It gives me immense pleasure to share my thoughts since the last issue of the APPA Bulletin.

Most of the thoughts and wishes goes to the upcoming and most important academic activity, being a very special occasion, as it will mark the Golden Jubilee or 50 years of the birth of Association of Pediatric Societies of the SouthEast Asian Region (APSSEAR), now known as Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA). APSSEAR/APPA was established on April 30, 1974 in Manila, Philippines.

The important scientific, academic and social activities I'm referring to is the 18th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP), which will be held from November 14-17, 2024 at the Waterfront Cebu City Hotel in Cebu City, Philippines.

Organizers are making every effort to make this memorable in every way. Come and join in maximum numbers possible. Do help share the congress. We would like to make it a huge success in numbers.

Our region is large in terms of the number of children that we serve, being 40 percent of the world's Pediatric population. We are also blessed with having caring, sincere pediatricians who love research and academically updated to provide the state of the art care to children.

Our pediatric national societies and associations have also been active in sharing information to the APPA Secretariat.

World Breastfeeding Week has been filled with awareness activities to "bridge the gap". I urge all to carry out more such activities throughout the year.

### **Measles**

Measles has caused havoc all around causing misery and deaths. This surge must be countered immediately and thoroughly, with

additional attention to essential vaccination as per national program in place. The good news is that more member countries are introducing HPV in their programs.

The APPA Secretariat in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia has been rather busy with Standing Committee (SC) meetings, calling out for participations in webinars and currently getting ready to set up SC and Council of Delegates (CoD) meetings during the 18<sup>th</sup> APCP as elections for new leadership and other matters need to be transacted. I hope most friends will attend the physical meeting to share wisdom and networking with its regional leaders.

Sub regional activity amongst SAPA (South Asia Pediatric Association) took place from June 9-11, 2024 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. It was hosted by the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians (SLCP). SAPA comprise Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan & Sri Lanka. Over 400 delegates attended the congress.

I would like to request all member societies to improve further interactive regional activities. In this day and age of zoom and similar modalities, it can circumvent cost of travel.

At the recently concluded International Pediatric Association (IPA) SC meeting held in Casablanca, Morocco, the APPA SC members not only attended but most actively contributed.

Pediatric societies have always stood up for children in adversities. Please continue to discharge such social responsibilities.

Lastly, war anywhere kills and maims children the most. We must continue to urge again and again: STOP THE WAR immediately!

**Professor Dr. Iqbal Ahmad Memon**

**President, Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA)**





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release of a new vaccine and the flow of Adverse Effects Following Immunisation (AEFI) when a report is received.

Prof. Dr. Jamiyah Hassan (Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist-Fetomaternal) then discussed on the Emerging Opportunities in Maternal Immunisation where she stressed the need for Tdap vaccination in pregnant mothers to be given to all pregnant women in Malaysia.



Launch ceremony by Minister of Health, Malaysia

There was a Q&A session after each symposium and the participants took this opportunity to ask and clarify all the recent changes in the field of immunisation in our country.

Prof. Dr. Tan Maw Pin then gave a lecture on Adding Influenza Vaccination to the Healthy Ageing Arsenal where she stressed on the need to vaccinate our elderly along with our children for better protection against influenza.

Her lecture was followed by Preventing Pneumococcal Pneumonia Among High-risk Adults by Dr. Azureen Azmel.

This symposium ended with another two lectures, one by Dr. Terad Adnan Talmesany, a Family Physician from Saudi Arabia, on the Burden of Shingles (Herpes Zoster) in Older Adults & the Role of Vaccination and another one by Dr. Suresh Kumar

Chidambaram who gave an update in the COVID world with his lecture, COVID-19: Staying Ahead of the Shape-shifter.

After a much-needed lunch break (both mentally and physically), Dr. Musa Mohd Nordin then kept us awake with the latest information on Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) with his lecture on Advancements in Prevention and Management Strategies for Children.

The final lecture was given by Dr. Chow Ting Soo, reminding us on the Fight Against Dengue: Vaccination as a Novel Approach.

In the midst of lectures, launches and food, at the end of the day, it is important to remember that All of Us Should be Vaccine Advocates, providing the latest and unbiased information to our patients.

With this First Summit being a huge success, we hope to see a bigger, better turnout next year with a similar collaboration with the government in the future.

**- Rakhee Yadav**  
**Assistant Secretary, Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA)**  
**May 13, 2024**



Prof. Dr. Zulkifli Ismail answering questions during the press conference



The Immunise4Life Team





18<sup>TH</sup> APCP

# The 18<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics

## November 14 - 17, 2024

### Innovation Meets Culture in Cebu City

The 18<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics is set to take place in Cebu City, Philippines, from November 14 to 17, 2024. This event marks the return of the congress to the Philippines after fifty years, promising a unique opportunity for pediatric healthcare professionals to engage in meaningful initiatives, discussions and collaborations.



#### **Cebu City: A Center of History and Progress**

Cebu City, known as the "Queen City of the South," is a blend of historical significance and modern development. As an important location in Philippine history, it is home to landmarks such as Magellan's Cross and the Basilica Minore del Santo Niño. Today, Cebu City is a center of commerce and culture, offering visitors a unique mix of traditional and contemporary experiences. Its markets, restaurants, and welcoming Cebuanos make it an ideal setting for the congress.

#### **Scientific Program: Focused on Advancements in Pediatric Care**

The congress will focus on the theme "Redesigning the Horizon of Pediatric Healthcare in the Asia Pacific," emphasizing the need for innovation and collaboration. The scientific program includes a wide range of topics, from nutrition and vaccination to digital health and environmental pediatrics, providing participants with knowledge to uplift their pediatric practices, address current challenges and prepare future initiatives.

#### **Program Highlights:**

**Plenary Sessions:** Experts from across the region will discuss key issues in pediatric healthcare, offering perspectives on the latest developments and practices.

1. **Simultaneous Sessions:** These sessions will cover various pediatric subspecialties, offering tailored content for both general pediatricians and specialists.

2. **Pre-Congress Modules:** Delegates can participate in specialized sessions on topics like neurology, pulmonology, and allergology, gaining in-depth knowledge and practical skills for their practice.

3. **Vaccinology Masterclass:** Led by international experts, this session will cover important topics including new vaccines, strategies for pandemic preparedness and safety.

#### **Cultural and Social Activities**

In addition to the academic program, the congress will feature cultural activities that highlight Cebu City's heritage. These activities will provide participants with a chance to experience the local culture and build connections with colleagues from around the world.

#### **Congress Preparation and Participation**

The official congress website, [apcp2024.org](http://apcp2024.org), offers information on registration, payment, scientific program, travel essentials and accommodation options. The event will be hosted at the Waterfront Cebu City Hotel, which provides modern facilities and easy access to the city's attractions.



#### **Join Us in Cebu City**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics is a significant event for pediatric healthcare in the region. We invite healthcare professionals to participate in this important gathering, where they can engage in discussions, learn from experts, and experience the culture of Cebu City. Register now and join us in shaping the future of pediatric care in the Asia Pacific.

For more information, please visit [apcp2024.org](http://apcp2024.org) or contact [secretariat@apcp2024.org](mailto:secretariat@apcp2024.org). We look forward to seeing you in Cebu City this November 2024.





# National ASEAN Dengue Day 2024 Celebration

## June 8, 2024 | Kuala Lumpur

On June 8, 2024, Dengue Prevention Advocacy Malaysia (DPAM) was invited by the Ministry of Health (MoH) to commemorate the launching of Gotong Royong (communal helping of one another) Mega Fight Aedes 1.0 National Programme, in conjunction with the National celebration of ASEAN Dengue Day (ADD) 2024.

The event was officiated by the Health Minister, Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad and was held at the Armed Forces Family House (RKAT) in Setia Wira Village in Kuala Lumpur.

It was co-organised by MoH and the Malaysian Ministry of Defence (MINDEF).

### Wolbachia Mosquito Operation in Malaysia

During the press conference, Dr. Dzulkefly highlighted that since 2019, MoH has deployed Wolbachia-infected mosquitoes in 35 localities nationwide and reduced dengue cases by 45-100% in 19 assessable release localities.

At the Setia Wira Village, an impressive 87.2% reduction in cases has been observed since its implementation in 2020. This year, the project will expand to 8 more localities, and MoH has requested funding for the Wolbachia initiative in the 2025 budget.

### Dengue Vaccine in Malaysia

Dr. Dzulkefly also made a remark that despite the conditional registration approval for dengue vaccine for use in individuals 4 years and above, the government still needs time to consider inclusion of the vaccine in the National Immunisation Programme. This was mainly due to the high cost of the vaccine.

He also emphasised the need for a united effort in the fight against dengue, calling on the federal government, NGOs, local governments, and local councillors to work together with MoH to combat the disease.

### - Dengue Prevention Advocacy Malaysia (DPAM) Secretariat



Health Minister (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) releasing Wolbachia-infected mosquitoes

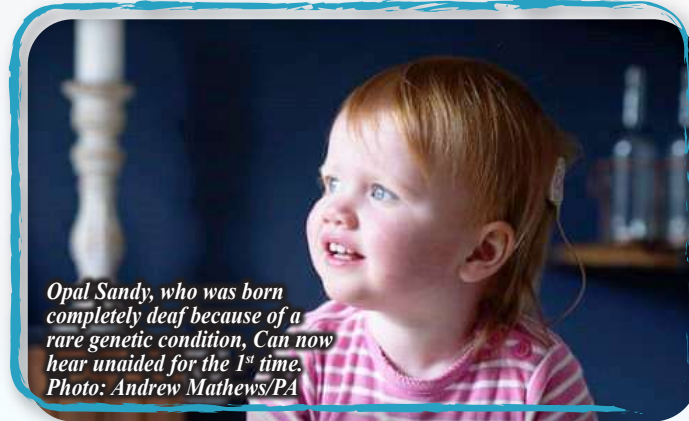


Health Minister, Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad (9<sup>th</sup> from right) and Prof. Dr. Zulkifli Ismail, DPAM Chairman (8<sup>th</sup> from right), with members of DPAM and 7<sup>th</sup> ADS delegates during the ADD





# UK Toddler has Hearing Restored in World First Gene Therapy Trial



*Opal Sandy, who was born completely deaf because of a rare genetic condition, Can now hear unaided for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.  
Photo: Andrew Mathews/PA*

### **Opal Sandy can hear almost perfectly after ground breaking surgery that took just 16 minutes**

A British toddler has had her hearing restored **after becoming the first person in the world** to take part in a pioneering gene therapy trial, in a development that doctors say marks a new era in treating deafness.

Opal Sandy was born unable to hear anything due to auditory neuropathy, a condition that disrupts nerve impulses travelling from the inner ear to the brain and can be caused by a faulty gene.

But after receiving an infusion containing a working copy of the gene during ground breaking surgery that took just 16 minutes, the 18-month-old can hear almost perfectly and enjoys playing with toy drums.

Her parents were left “gobsmacked” when they realised she could hear for the first time after the treatment. “I couldn’t really believe it,” Opal’s mother, Jo Sandy, said. “It was ... bonkers.”

The girl, from Oxfordshire, was treated at Addenbrooke’s hospital, part of Cambridge university hospitals NHS foundation trust, which is running the Chord trial. More deaf children from the UK, Spain and the US are being recruited to the trial and will all be followed up for five years.

Prof. Dr. Manohar Bance, an ear surgeon at the trust and chief investigator for the trial, said the initial results were “better than I hoped or expected” and could cure patients with this type of deafness.

“We have results from [Opal] which are very spectacular - so close to normal hearing restoration. So we do hope it could be a potential cure.”

He added: “There’s been so much work, decades of work... to finally see something that actually worked in humans.... It was quite spectacular and a bit awe-inspiring really. It felt very special.”

### **Auditory Neuropathy**

Auditory neuropathy can be caused by a fault in the OTOF gene, which makes a protein called otoferlin. This enables cells in the ear to communicate with the hearing nerve. To overcome the fault, the new therapy from biotech firm Regeneron sends a working copy of the gene to the ear.

A second child has also recently received the gene therapy treatment at Cambridge university hospitals, with positive results.

The overall Chord trial consists of three parts, with three deaf children including Opal receiving a low dose of gene therapy in one ear only.

A different set of three children will get a high dose on one side. Then, if that is shown to be safe, more children will receive a dose in both ears at the same time. In total, 18 children worldwide will be recruited to the trial.

Opal is the first patient globally to receive the therapy and is “the youngest globally that’s been done to date as far as we know”, Bance said.

The gene therapy - DB-OTO - is specifically for children with OTOF mutations. A harmless virus is used to carry the working gene into the patient.

The trial is “just the beginning of gene therapies”, Bance said. “It marks a new era in the treatment for deafness.”

Martin McLean, a senior policy adviser at the National Deaf Children’s Society, said deafness should never be a barrier to happiness or fulfilment. “Many families will welcome these developments, and we look forward to learning about the long-term outcomes for the children treated.”

With Opal’s hearing restored, her parents now have a fresh problem to contend with: their daughter’s new favourite hobby is slamming cutlery on the table to make as much noise as possible.

- [www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com), May 9, 2024



ISTH 2024

# ISTH 2024 Congress

June 22-26, 2024  
Bangkok, Thailand

The International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH), founded in 1969, is the leading worldwide not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing the understanding, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of conditions related to thrombosis and hemostasis.

The ISTH boasts more than 7,000 clinicians, researchers, and educators working together to improve the lives of patients in more than 100 countries around the world. Among its highly regarded activities and initiatives are education and standardization programs, clinical guidance and practice guidelines, research activities, meetings and congresses, peer-reviewed publications, expert committees, and World Thrombosis Day on October 13.<sup>1</sup>



*Prof. Dr. Vitharon Boon-yasidhi, Secretary General Pediatric Society of Thailand (right) with Prof. Dr. Emeritus Usa Thisyakorn (left)*

The ISTH 2024 congress took place in the vibrant city of Bangkok, Thailand, at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center (QSNCC) from June 22 to 26, 2024, with over 5,000 global participants.

The scientific program included 4 plenary sessions, 28 state-of-the-art sessions, 80 oral communication sessions each featuring five presentations on the latest abstracts, 24 Scientific and Standardization Committee (SSC) subcommittee sessions, 30 master classes and 12 career development sessions, Nurses Forum sessions, poster sessions, supported symposia and presentation theaters, engaging industry exhibitions, ISTH Academy Live sessions, early career activities, and affinity spaces.

The State of the Art Session on Tropical Disease: Dengue presented by Professor Emeritus Usa Thisyakorn in relevant to the field of thrombosis and hemostasis with the following key messages: Hematologic changes in dengue patients showed that vasculopathy, platelet abnormalities, coagulopathy, increased antifibrinolytic factors, and consumption of natural anticoagulants are responsible for abnormal hemostasis in dengue patients.<sup>2</sup>

### Virus Transmission Risk in Blood Donation

Virus transmission risk in blood donation: evidence from Thailand has shown that the presence of asymptomatic dengue virus infection in healthy blood donors suggests a potential risk of transmission through blood transfusion, posing a concern for blood safety.<sup>3</sup>

According to WHO global strategy for dengue prevention and control 2021-2030 with goals to reduce the global burden of dengue and one of the objectives to reduce preventable dengue deaths to zero, the Tropical Medicine Cluster at Chulalongkorn University has done their best to fulfill this objective and found that serum cortisol at the day of admission of dengue patients was likely to be associated with dengue severity<sup>4</sup> and circulating miRNAs, especially miR-574-5p and miR-1246, might be promising diagnostic and prognostic biomarkers on days 1 to 2 before the onset of severe dengue complications.<sup>5</sup> With those biomarkers, a



*Prof. Dr. Emeritus Usa Thisyakorn (right) and the Chairpersons, State-of-the-Art session "Tropical Disease: Dengue"*

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clinical trial on early intervention for severe dengue is ongoing.

“Fun Run” Supporting World Thrombosis Day on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, was at Benchakitti Forest Park, next to the ISTH 2024 venue: the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center (QSNC), led by Prof. Dr. Pantep Angchaisuksiri, President-Elect of ISTH, Mr. Thomas Reiser, Executive Director of ISTH, and Prof. Dr. Ponlapat Rojnuckarin, ISTH2024 Clinical Chair and Past President of the Thai Society of Hematology.

The ISTH 2025 was planned to be in Washington, D.C.

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ISTH 2024 Fun Run Supporting World Thrombosis Day at Benchakitti Forest Park, near the ISTH 2024 venue: Queen Sirikit National Convention Center (QSNC)





# Indonesian National Polio Immunization Week

## July 23-August 23, 2024

The National Polio Immunization Week was held from July 23 - till August 23, 2024 and targeted children aged 0-7 years. The Indonesian Pediatric Society (IPS) has encouraged all its members to support and participate in program.

Public Health Centres, Chair of the Indonesia Technical Advisory Group on Immunization, Chair of the Immunization Task Force, representative of the chairman of the Indonesian College of Pediatrics and the media.



*Symbolic Event of Polio Vaccine Administration on National Children's Day, July 23, 2024*

As a form of support from the Indonesian Pediatric Society, we symbolically administered Polio vaccines to 40 elementary school children in the Central Jakarta area. This event was held in conjunction with National Children's Day on July 23, 2024.

As part of the goal to improve the knowledge of all health workers regarding the National Polio Immunization Week, IPS also held an online symposium themed IPS Support in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of National Polio Immunization Week which was attended by more than 2000 participants. Besides discussing the outbreak and the importance of Polio vaccine, the symposium also discussed how to improve surveillance of Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) presented by Prof. Dr. Irawan Mangunatmadja.

Every IPS branch supports and helps to implement the National Polio Immunization Week in their own region. Some areas of Indonesia are not accessible, requiring health workers to put in extra effort to reach children in remote areas by using various land and sea transportations. The Natuna district of Riau Islands is one such area, where polio vaccines are administered using boats.

The event was attended by the Director of Immunization Management, Directorate General of Disease Prevention and Control, Sub-district Health Offices of DKI Jakarta, Heads of

**- Indonesian Pediatric Society (IPS)**



*National Polio Immunization Week in Several IPS Branches*





# 31<sup>st</sup> PIDSP Convention - Our Commitment Lives On



As tradition goes, the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society of the Philippines (PIDSP) 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of February, 2024. The morning of February 21, 2024 saw more than 2500 delegates gathering into the Crowne Plaza Hotel to be part of the long awaited PIDSP convention. It was the first time in the last four years that the PIDSP Convention returned to a live, face to face format. The PIDSP convention is more than just an avenue where quality medical education is offered. It also serves as a platform to rekindle old ties where dear old friend and colleagues meet.

The organizing committee were eager to showcase a new and improved convention program but also keeping the established and well-loved sessions of PIDSP. This year's convention was the first PIDSP convention that was fully automated - from the Registration, the distribution of convention badges and kits, the holding of our yearly Research Contest and Quiz bee and to the awarding of certificates, all were done electronically. A change that received numerous positive feedback from the registrants.

With some nostalgia, I recall attending innumerable lectures and meetings in the past years revolving around Covid 19. Planning for this year's convention directed us to include topics relevant to the times. After the Covid pandemic, it was just logical to offer our participants a variety of relevant topics that will help equip them with information about the current issues and ongoing trends in Pediatric Infectious Diseases. The 2 day-meeting was packed with talks from both international and local speakers who are experts in their own fields.

Day 1 started off with a review of the past year by Dr. Timmy Gimenez, out-going PIDSP President. This was followed by a session on Covid, focusing on the post pandemic situation by Professor Linfa Wang from the University of California, Davis, USA and looking forward post-Covid 19 in the Philippines by Dr. Anna Ong-Lim, former PIDSP President. Another highlight on Day 1 was an excellent discussion on the future of infectious diseases, predicted by the genetic evolution of microbes as well as the future developments of infectious

diseases in the Philippines. The rest of the day highlighted relevant topics on HIV, Dengue, respiratory tract infections, ARSP and precision medicine.

Day 2 was highlighted by talks on emerging pathogens based on climate change, parasites, malaria, pests from pets, rabies, immunization and Tuberculosis.

### Significant Researches on Infectious Diseases

The convention also served as a yearly venue to showcase significant researches on Infectious Diseases by pediatric residents all over the Philippines. This year, 4 winners were awarded, with three out of the four researches on COVID-19. First place was awarded to the paper "Association Between Maternal COVID-19 Severity and Neonatal Outcome in a Tertiary Hospital" presented by Dr. Lyzel M. Tagud from Baguio General Hospital. Another activity that is gaining more and more attention every year is our quiz show. This year 50 representatives from 25 hospitals competed where Davao Medical School Foundation Hospital represented by Drs Honey Grace Lim and Judy Mae Sanchez was declared Quiz Bee winner.

PIDSP maintains its commitment and valuable role in providing education, guidance and leadership in matters involving pediatric infectious disease prevention and management. Organizing this convention is just one of many ways PIDSP is able to achieve this. The society continues to work with the national and local authorities in producing position papers related to current infections in responding to the needs of the public and our healthcare providers. We continue to strive to support and collaborate with other societies and organizations in increasing nationwide immunization in response to outbreaks. We stand by our commitment to train more infectious disease specialists and come up with relevant researches. Finally, we will continue to produce locally relevant and globally impactful meetings for the advancement and benefit of our pediatricians nationwide. All this we do for the Filipino Child.

- Dr. Joanne Navoa Ng





# Asia Dengue Voice & Action-junior Achievement

The Asia Dengue Voice & Action-Junior Achievement (ADVA-JA) began during the 6<sup>th</sup> Asia Dengue Summit (ADS) on June 15-16, 2023 held in Bangkok, Thailand aiming at raising awareness among youth about the global spread of dengue virus leading to sustainable prevention and control of dengue diseases (Figure 1).



Figure 1: 6<sup>th</sup> Asia Dengue Summit 2023, Bangkok

Beginning with organizing a Way Forward session “Dengue Task Force and Young ADVA” at the 6<sup>th</sup> Asia Dengue Summit (ADS) held in Bangkok on June 16, 2023 organized by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Olarn Prommalikit, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Kasetsart University and the consultants of The Newton Sixth Form School (Figure 2).



Figure 2: The Newton Sixth Form School at the 6<sup>th</sup> ADS

**A Summary of a Way Forward Session is as the followings:**  
**Dengue:** A Global Threat: The seriousness of mosquito-borne diseases focusing on Dengue which is the most common mosquito-borne virus. The epidemiology of dengue virus disease which is highest in Asia, as well as the factors leading to the worldwide spread of dengue virus, which has caused enormous economic losses.

**Dengue Awareness Campaign:** Raising awareness about dengue diseases and its consequences which will lead to further control and prevention of the disease.

**Dengue Prevention and Control: Partnership and Networking:** Dengue prevention and control must be done at every level from the individual to the global level such as by controlling mosquitoes, vaccination against dengue virus infection, etc.

International dengue experts also participated in further questions and discussions (Figure 3).



Figure 3: Way Forward session “Dengue Task Force and Young ADVA” at the 6<sup>th</sup> ADS

Prof. Dr. Teerakiat Jareonsettasin, Headmaster of The Newton Sixth Form School, and Former Minister of Education was honored to participate in the said session, which was considered a highly successful event<sup>1</sup>.

The ADVA Executive Board will proceed with the ADVA-JA project by allowing each country to select youth to join the 7<sup>th</sup> ADS which will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia between June 5-7, 2024 to achieve sustainable cooperation in the prevention and control of dengue. Junior Achievement (JA) Thailand has organized the selection of such youths at the “ADVA-JA THINKING WORKSHOP” on May 9, 2023 in Bangkok<sup>2</sup> (Figure 4).



Figure 4: ADVA-JA Thailand workshop on May 9, 2023

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# 2024

### MALAYSIA

**45<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of The Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA) & 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress of The Malaysian Association of Paediatric Surgery, In Conjunction with the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress of The ASEAN Society of Pediatric Surgery**

**Date:** September 26-28, 2024

**Theme:** Different Perspectives, One United Vision

**Venue:** Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

**Website:** [www.asps2024.org](http://www.asps2024.org)

**Email:** [secretariat@asps2024.org](mailto:secretariat@asps2024.org)

**NOTE:**  
All details are correct at the time of printing.  
Please refer to respective event websites for latest updates.

### GERMANY

**9<sup>th</sup> International Neonatology Association Conference (INAC 2024)**

**Date:** December 5-8, 2024

**Venue:** Berlin, Germany

**Website:** [www.worldneonatology.com/2024](http://www.worldneonatology.com/2024)

**Email:** [secretariat@worldneonatology.com](mailto:secretariat@worldneonatology.com)

### PAKISTAN

**27<sup>th</sup> Biennial conference of Pakistan Paediatric Association (PPA)**

**Date:** October 31 - November 3, 2024

**Venue:** Lahore, Pakistan

**Website:** [www.paedscon2024.com](http://www.paedscon2024.com)

### HONG KONG

**The 11<sup>th</sup> Asian Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ACPID) 2024**

**Date:** December 13-15, 2024

**Venue:** Hong Kong

**Website:** [acpid2024hk.org](http://acpid2024hk.org)

**ACPID 2024 Congress Secretariat:** [info@acpid2024hk.org](mailto:info@acpid2024hk.org)

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### SINGAPORE

**12<sup>th</sup> SiPPAC 2024**

**Singapore Paediatric and Perinatal Annual Congress**

**Theme:** "Navigating Paediatric Care In an Uncertain World"

**Date:** November 7-9, 2024

**Venue:** Grand Copthorne Waterfront, Singapore

**For more information and registration, please surf:** [www.sippac.sg](http://www.sippac.sg)

# 2025

### MEXICO

**IPA Congress 2025**

**Theme:** Bridging Borders for Child Health  
Facing Challenges & Global Solutions

**Date:** May 8-11, 2025

**Pre-Conference Workshops:** May 8, 2025

**Conference Date:** May 9-11, 2025

**Venue:** Banamex Convention Centre, Mexico City, Mexico

**Website:** [www.ipacongress.org](http://www.ipacongress.org)

### PHILIPPINES

**The 18<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (18<sup>th</sup> APCP)**

**Theme:** "Redesigning the Horizon of Pediatric Healthcare in the Asia Pacific"

**Date:** November 14-17, 2024

**Venue:** Waterfront Cebu City Hotel, Cebu, Philippines

**Website:** <http://apcp2024.org>

**For more information, please contact:** [secretariat@apcp2024.org](mailto:secretariat@apcp2024.org)

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