

## ASVAC 2019

### The 7th Asian Vaccine Conference (ASVAC 2019), Yangon, Myanmar



An excellent cultural performance



Group photo of Organising Committee, ASVAC 2019, among them Prof. Kyaw Linn (3rd from the left) and APPA Secretary General, Dr. Zulkifli Ismail (2nd from right)

The 7th Asian Vaccine Conference (ASVAC 2019) was held in Yangon, Myanmar from 13-15, September, 2019. It aims to bring various stakeholders in the field of vaccination together to address challenges and issues relevant to clinical practice and immunization programs in the region.

Asian EPI managers' meeting was also held on 11-12 September in Naypyidaw, new capital of Myanmar and it was hosted by Ministry of Health and Sports, Myanmar. This inter-regional meeting aims to strengthen the cooperation and collaboration of EPI Managers and others involved in implementing immunization programs in the region.

The three-day conference including pre-conference workshops and master classes, plenary lectures, symposia and paper presentations was successfully held with the theme of "immunization: sustaining health security in Asia".

Over 700 participants, including 400 local and 300 international participants from 31 countries attended the conference. There were 55 international and local speakers from 20 countries.

This conference is organized by the Immunization Partners in Asia Pacific (IPAP) and hosted by Myanmar Pediatric Society and the Ministry of Health and Sports, Myanmar. It is also supported by the Confederation of Meningitis Organization (CMO), Philippine Foundation of Vaccination (PFV), Pediatric Infection Disease Society of the Philippines (PIDSP), Asia Pacific Alliance for the Control of Influenza (APACI), PATH, ROTA Council, International Society of Tropical Pediatrics (ISTP), Asian Society for Pediatric Infection Diseases (ASPID) and other Immunization partners.

The Asian Vaccine Conference has drawn immense interest from the immunization community since its 1<sup>st</sup> conference in 2009, in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

The next 8<sup>th</sup> Asian Vaccine Conference will be held in Malaysia in 2021. – **Prof. Kyaw Linn, President, Myanmar Pediatric Society**

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