

## WELCOME MESSAGE

ESAP 2008 entitled "Tuberculosis in the Asia-Pacific Region in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" will be held on 29 March 2008 at the JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong. It will be co-organized by the Hong Kong Thoracic Society, the American College of Chest Physicians (Hong Kong and Macau Chapter), with support from the Asian Pacific Society of Respiratory and the Hong Kong Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association. It is a one-day meeting and we are anticipating about 150 doctors and allied health professionals attending the Seminar.

We are very pleased to have renowned speakers from China, Japan and USA to address on this issue as well as our local experts. Your attendance will be assured to be a valuable one.

Immediately following the ESAP 2008, on 30 March 2008, we will have our Annual Scientific Meeting 2008 co-organized by the Hong Kong Thoracic Society and the American College of Chest Physicians (Hong Kong and Macau Chapter). This is an annual scientific activity of the two societies. Each year, we have about 400 doctors and allied health professionals attending the meeting. We have offered a special rate for those interested to attend both meetings.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.



**Dr. Bing Lam**  
Co-chairman  
Organizing Committee



**Dr. Poon-chuen Wong**  
Co-chairman  
Organizing Committee

## PROGRAMME

09:00 - 09:30 **Registration**

09:30 - 09:35 **Opening Remarks**

09:35 - 12:00 **Symposium I: Epidemiology, Diagnosis and Pathogenesis of Tuberculosis**  
**Epidemiology of Tuberculosis in Asia-Pacific Region**

*T Mori, Research Institute of Tuberculosis, Japan Anti-tuberculosis Association, Japan*

**Impact of Lifestyle Factors on Tuberculosis**

*CC Leung, Tuberculosis & Chest Service, Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health, Hong Kong*

**Tuberculosis Control in China: Current Issues and Future Prospects**

*LX Wang, Center for Disease Control & Prevention, National Centre of Tuberculosis Control & Prevention, China*

**Advances in Diagnosis of Tuberculosis Infection and Disease**

*NW Schluger, Division of Pulmonary, Allergy & Critical Care Medicine, Columbia University Medical Center, USA*

**Immunopathogenesis of Tuberculosis: Implications for Vaccine Development**

*Y Zhang, Department of Molecular Microbiology & Immunology, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, USA*

12:00 - 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 - 15:55 **Symposium II: Update in Management of Tuberculosis**

**Treatment of HIV-related Tuberculosis: Outstanding Issues**

*WJ Burman, Denver Public Health & Department of Medicine, University of Colorado Health Services, USA*

**Treatment of Tuberculosis in Presence of Renal and Hepatic Impairment**

*KS Chan, Department of Medicine & Geriatrics, Haven of Hope Hospital, Hong Kong*

**Management of Multidrug-resistant Tuberculosis in Asia-Pacific Region**

*WW Yew, Tuberculosis & Chest Unit, Grantham Hospital, Hong Kong*

**Rifamycins and Fluoroquinolones in Treatment of Tuberculosis: Current Status and Future Directions**

*AA Vernon, Clinical & Health Systems Research Branch, Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, USA*

**Development of New Anti-tuberculosis Drugs: Its Relevance Worldwide and in Asia-Pacific Region**

*CM Tam, Tuberculosis & Chest Service, Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health, Hong Kong*

15:55 - 16:00 **Closing Remarks**