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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear AAVS Members and Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to serve as President of the AAVS until 3rd quarter of 2023. I am obliged to acknowledge the leadership provided by Prof. Dr Abdul Rahman Omar who served until January 2023 and kept this important organisation running well throughout his tenure. Great thanks to the staff of the AAVS Office for their continued support and dedication to excellence to ensure the smooth operation during the transition.



Let me briefly share my path towards becoming involved with this great organisation. I started my career at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Putra Malaysia in 1989. Since then, I have served the university, private institution and public organisations at various capacities until my appointment as Dean of the faculty in December 2022. Despite my brief tenure to be, it is my mission to ensure AAVS to more actively and deeply serves our Member institutions in an effective manner.

The continuing changes and challenges embracing our veterinary profession, ranging from environmental, demographic, political, technological, scientific and economic, demand our readiness to navigate through the increasingly complex landscapes of our veterinary education and profession. I strongly believe that AAVS is a network on which we have become increasingly reliant to capitalise opportunities identified among the issues. Our dynamism shall provide continuing development and outreach opportunities to all Members.

I am proud of the previous successes of this organisation, particularly in providing meaningful engagement of our Members. I strongly encourage our Members to feel free to share great ideas, suggestions, and comments. If we want to make a difference, please share your proposal to the chairperson of the respective working groups and get your team more involved. Only then shall we be able to harness more values in return of the “investment” made by our Member organisations. In the year ahead, the post-pandemic era, I hope AAVS and Members’ initiatives will bring us all closer than ever.

Thank you for your continued participation, enthusiasm, incredible support and invaluable advice for our eminent association. I hope our continuing engagement shall provide not only great networking and extended development opportunities in veterinary education and profession, but also great new friends.

Wishing you a good and successful 2023, and looking forward to seeing you soon.

Azmi M.L., 2023.
President, AAVS

Announcement from AAVS Office

Reports of the 20th AAVS Executive Committee Meeting and Assembly Meeting

The 20th AAVS Executive Committee Meeting and Assembly Meeting were held virtually in November 2022. The reports are now available on the [AAVS website](#).

AAVS Executive Committee Members, 2023

<https://aavs.jpn.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/EC-Members-Nov-22.pdf>

President	University of Putra Malaysia, Malaysia
Vice President	National Taiwan University, Taiwan
Past President	University of Tokyo, Japan
Representative from East Asia	Seoul National University, Korea
Representative from Southeast Asia	Gadjah Mada University , Indonesia
Representative from South Asia	University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
EC Member 1	Kasetsart University, Thailand
EC Member 2	Central Luzon State University, Philippines
Treasurer	Dr. Takiguchi, Hokkaido University
Secretary General	Dr. Haga, University of Tokyo

AAVS Interschool Lecture Round 2023: Lecture call – due 21st April 2023

AAVS is pleased to announce the upcoming 2023 AAVS Interschool Lecture Round, which will take place online between May – July 2023. This lecture series aims to increase awareness of future disease outbreaks and how current preparedness might be taken to anticipate a future pandemic. The main topic is a **Veterinary Update of Infectious and Emerging Disease and One-Health Approach Management to Future Emerging Disease**.

The event will consist of three 2-hour sessions featuring keynote speakers who will cover various topics related to veterinary science, including updates on African swine fever, monkeypox, and Newcastle Disease. The lecture series is open to all students from AAVS Member campuses, either bachelor or rotational students.

The 2023 AAVS Interschool Lecture Round is an excellent opportunity for all students and faculty members to enhance their understanding and capacity in several topic areas related to a One-Health approach in veterinary science.

Interested faculty members who could provide lectures are kindly requested to access the lecture call page via the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/2023AAVSLecturerCallForm>

*To arrange lectures from May, your kind responses to the lecture call form by **21st April, 2023**, are highly appreciated!

AAVS member survey on veterinary education in Asia – collaboration with FAVA – due 21st April 2023

In 2022, AAVS and FAVA have established a joint education committee to develop a common self-assessment tool for Asian veterinary schools. As part of this collaboration, the AAVS Veterinary Education Enhancement Working Group (VEE-WG) is inviting all AAVS Member institutions to participate in an online survey.

The survey aims to collect information about the status of Day-1-Competencies (D1C) and Core Curriculum (CC) in each country and educational institution in Asia. The information collected will serve as a reference to develop D1C and CC in Asia through a collaborative effort between AAVS and FAVA.

The survey will run until **21st April, 2023**, and the findings will be shared with the Joint Education Committee of FAVA and AAVS as well as FAVA members. Please submit one response per member institution: Link to the survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/3rwd29JeJK>

Related information:

- [FAVA Congress 2022: Invited Lectures “Veterinary Education <To the Advancement of Veterinary Education>”](#)
- [Qualities and competencies to be developed through undergraduate veterinary education \(prepared by the Joint Education Committee of FAVA-AAVS, adopted by the 20th AAVS Annual Assembly Meeting on 24 November 2022\).](#)

AAVS Annual Membership Update

We thank those Members who have made a membership fee payment and reviewed the list of contacts. Member certificates along with the new password for the [Members' platform](#) on the AAVS Website have been issued and the [membership list](#) has been updated. If anyone has questions about membership status or our contact list, please do not hesitate to contact the AAVS Office (secretary@avvs.jp.org).

Introduction of Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Sciences, University of Peradeniya

New member of AAVS Executive Committee



The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science (FVMAS) at the University of Peradeniya is the only higher education institution in Sri Lanka imparting a course of study for veterinarians. The BVSc undergraduate training programme commenced in 1947 with the establishment of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences within the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ceylon in the capital, Colombo. The intake at the inception was 2 students per year. In 1954, this department was shifted to Peradeniya in the central hills and incorporated into the Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Science of the University of Ceylon. The preclinical courses however continued to be taught in Colombo until 1966. In 1973 the Department of Veterinary Science was upgraded to a School of Veterinary Science within a Faculty of Medical, Dental and Veterinary Sciences of the Peradeniya Campus of the University of Sri Lanka. The new School consisted of three departments viz. Departments of Veterinary Preclinical, Paraclinical and Clinical Studies, and the Animal Science component of the course was taught by the Department of Animal Science, Faculty of Agriculture. In early 1980, the BVSc training programme received full-fledged faculty status. At present the FVMAS consists of five departments, namely Dept. of Basic Veterinary Sciences, Veterinary Pathobiology, Veterinary Public Health and Pharmacology, Veterinary Clinical Sciences, and Farm Animal Production and Health together with many service function units.

The Bachelor of Veterinary Science curriculum underwent formal revisions during 1991 and 2000 to align it with international veterinary educational norms at the time. However, the most revolutionary curriculum revision came in 2020 under the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) twinning program with Massey University, New Zealand, which extended the BVSc degree course from four to five years in keeping with present, internationally accepted veterinary degree programmes. A lecture-free final year with industry-based externship appointments are key features in this new curriculum. The annual student intake at present is 130 students per batch. The present employability of the veterinary graduates is 100%, and they are being employed both locally and overseas in diverse state-based and private organisations related to animal health and production, public health, academia, and research.



VETERINARY TEACHING FARM (DAIRY UNIT)

For more information, please visit: <https://vet.pdn.ac.lk>

Save the date: 21st Annual Meeting of AAVS

Date: September 11, 12, and 13

Location: Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan

Modality: Hybrid

Provisional programme

September 11: Executive Committee meeting

September 12: Veterinary Education Research (VER) Session
“1st VetEd Asia”*

Veterinary Education Enhancement (VEE)
Session Assembly Meeting

***Call for Abstracts (last date of submission: 30th April, 2023)**

Associated events:

September 11: WOAH Sub-Regional Meeting for VEEs in East Asia (TBC)

September 13: AAVS/Sapporo Summer Symposium for One Health (SaSSOH) joint meeting



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FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

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