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Dear Friends and colleagues,

CAOA consists of 20 chapters among the whole Asian area such as East Asia, South East Asia, South Asia and Oceania region. It is a heterogenous region in the ILAE with regard to religion, economical state, geographical factors and medical care system. In spite of those situations, CAOAs in the last decades contributed to this area tremendously for many points by the excellent leadership of chairs of CAOAs as follows,

- 1) EEG and epilepsy teaching by ASEPA,
- 2) inter-regional communication by means of biannual AOEC,
- 3) scholarship provided by several countries (Australia, Japan) to the whole Asian area,
- 4) clinical competence endorsement system by means of ASEPA EEG Board System,
- 5) global campaign against epilepsy especially for stigma of epilepsy.

Among of them, especially, ASEPA related activity has been regarded as one of the successful achievements, and thus it has been regarded as the good, leading model system for other regions of ILAE. Prof. BI Lee, the current chair of CAOAs, has augmented all of them.

In relation to those excellent achievements of CAOAs, it has been my great honor to dedicate for the following matters,

- 1) I have contributed to the ASEPA activities in the EEG teaching course as well as ASEPA EEG Board examination system with Prof. SH Lim,
- 2) As the co-chair or research task force with Prof. CT Tan, I have contributed to make the frame or structure of international research activity,
- 3) I have worked as the associate editor of *Epilepsia* since 2013, which helped CAOAs delegates be actively involved and invited in this various fields,
- 4) As the member of research priorities task force member and ILAE/AES translational task force of the neurobiology commission, global and regional ways of research is ready to be provided for CAOAs.

Upon on the excellent achievement of CAOAs activity, the next term of CAOAs is more than sufficiently ready for the further enormous advancement. Based on my previous experience of the field of epilepsy in CAOAs as well as ILAE, the well balanced, harmonized development among teaching, clinical care, and research activity of both basic and clinical fields is very important. It is this approach that surely combines all of the chapters of CAOAs most



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effectively, shares and augments the leading parts of individual chapters with each other to support. It is very consistent with five priority areas postulated by Prof. Sam Wiebe, President-Elect, ILAE, 1) improving access to care, 2) knowledge creation, 3) knowledge translation and education, 4) financial sustainability and growth, 5) expanding boundaries.

Fortunately, there are so many colleagues and friends in each chapter who have the same thoughts as mine or who could agree to that, and thus, I sincerely would like to contribute as a chair of CAO A with your great help, and hope to work together for the people with epilepsy in CAO A.

With my best wishes,

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