I am very happy to report that the 5th World Congress of Asian Psychiatry (WCAP) was held with great success. The scientific level of the congress was very high, and the attendees included nearly 500 psychiatrists from 38 countries.

The program consisted of an Asian Federation of Psychiatric Associations (AFPA) President Lecture by Professor Pichet Udomratn, a Congress President Lecture by Professor Shigenobu Kanba, an AFPA Memorial Lecture by Professor Emeritus Naotaka Shinfuku, a Keynote Lecture by AFPA council member Norman Sartorius, and a Plenary Lecture by World Psychiatric Association (WPA) President-Dinesh Bhugra. In addition, the program included 13 Special Lectures, five “Meet the Experts” sessions, and the following four Joint Workshops: AFPA/World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation (WAPR) (Muhammad Afzal Javed, Tae Yeon Hwang, Tadashi Takeshima), AFPA/Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) (Stephan Macfarlane, Victor Storm), AFPA/WPA/ Japan Young Psychiatrists Organization (JYPO) (Dinesh Bhugra, Keiichiro Nishida, Hironori Kuga), and AFPA/ European Psychiatric Association (EPA) (Wolfgang Gaebel).

In addition, four workshops and 37 symposia were held, and 42 oral and 53 poster presentation were given.

The Japanese Society of Psychiatry and Neurology (JSPN) organized a successful Roundtable Discussion involving 24 presidents of AFPA member societies and other important partners, including the African Association of Psychiatrists and Allied Professions (AAPAP) (Professor Solomon Rataemane), the EPA (Professor Wolfgang Gaebel), the American Psychiatric Association (APA) (Professor Allan Tasman), and the WHO Collaborating Center in Mental Health Australia (Professor Helen Hermann).

I am certain that the participants had a good time both in and out of the congress and enjoyed all the good food that Fukuoka has to offer. Meeting good friends, both old and new, at the congress allowed us to deepen our knowledge of psychiatry and gain a better understanding of mental health in each country. At the conclusion of the congress, it was clear that AFAP members had become strongly united.
Pre-congress workshop: Tadashi Takeshima

Opening Ceremony: MC Hiroaki Kawasaki

Welcome Speech: Shigenobu Kanba

Opening Address: Pichet Udomratn

Message: Chiharu Kubo, President Kyushu Univ.

Message: Teruhiko Higuchi, President NCPN
Message: Masatoshi Takeda, President JSNP

AFPA Life Time Award: Dinesh Bhugra

Opening Reception: Masahisa Nishizono

Delegates from Pakistan with Dinesh

Pichet Udomratn, Kyooseob Ha, Shigenobu Kanba

Young participants from Taiwan and Indonesia

Participants at the Opening Reception

Masatoshi Takeda and Dinesh Bhugra
Group Photo: Presidents of National Psychiatric Societies in Asia, JSPN Board Members and Advisers
Symposium: Depression in Asia

Group photo after the symposium

Gala Dinner: Kyushu Univ. Philharmonic Orchestra

Welcome message by Shigenobu Kanba: Director of the 5WCAP
Kanpai by Naotaka Shnfuku

Toast by Dinesh Bhugra

Toshiaki Onitsuka :MC

Shigenobu Kanba and JYPO members

Professor Kanba and his staff at Kyushu University Department of Psychiatry
Day 3 Symposium

Chairing: Norman Sartrius and Afzal Javed

Xudong Zhao from China

Helen Herrman and Keiko Yoshida

Well attended Symposium
Joint Symposium AFPA and EPA, Wolfgang Gabel, Pichet Udomratn and Dinesh Bhugra
Mental Health in West and Central Asia
Ziad Kronfort (Qatar), Muhamed Nasal Sayed Khan (Pakistan), Afzal Javed (Pakistan), Hiroaki Kawasaki (Japan), Solomon Ratemaene (South Africa), Kachatur Gasparyan (Armenia), Syed Shujat Nagvi (Pakistan/US) and other participants from Pakistan.
Closing Ceremony, Message from the New President of AFPA Shigenobu Kanba

Handover of the presidency from Prof Pichet to Prof Kanba
Thanks by the outgoing APPA President

Presentation of the 6th WCAP by Dr Afzal Javed

Sartorius Award Best Oral Presentation were awarded to 7 young Asian psychiatrists by Professor Norman Sartorius, Former Director of WHO Mental Health Division and WPA President.
Group photo: Asian leading psychiatrists and AFPA Board members after the closing ceremony.

Group photo of leading Asian Psychiatrists with young psychiatrists.