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Letter from the President:

I hope you and your family are celebrating the arrival of 2019 in peace, happiness and prosperity.

Year 2018 witnessed a series of natural disasters and extreme weather events in Asia and Oceania that tragically affected people in these regions. Further, violations of human rights such as slaughter of Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar continue, as well as a number of wars involving trades and information go on between nation-states and international organizations. However, Year 2018 also witnessed

various events that make us feel hopeful about societies we live in, such as growing tolerance towards diverse people (e.g., legalisation of same-sex marriage) and restoring justice for those who have been abused or intimidated by power (e.g., sexual harassment, “bank fraud”). Indian Prime Minister Modi has announced that all villages, if not all homes, in India now have access to electricity. We hope Year 2019 will strengthen people’s expectations that societies are moving towards not only greater competence but also greater warmth. We hope to contribute towards these changes as social psychologists by studying people and societies in Asia.

In our professional society, Emeritus Professor Susumu Yamaguchi has completed his tenure as Editor-in-Chief of AJSP in 2018. Replacing his role, Prof Allan Bernardo, and his Co-Editors-in-Chief, Dr Angela Leung (Singapore) and Dr Yohsuke Ohtsubo (Japan), have taken up the editorial duties. On behalf of AASP, I would like to thank both Susumu and Allan’s teams for their extraordinary dedications. It is also encouraging that many prominent researchers, and especially younger colleagues, are willing to dedicate their time and energy for AJSP as Associate Editors.

In May last year, AASP has taken a significant step by establishing its online existence through Facebook, Twitter, and WeChat in May. AASP’s twitter account @AASP_AJSP now has over three hundred followers and has links to various other

social psychology associations. I hope AASP members will continue to make use of these links and enjoy them, as an alternative method of connecting among ourselves as well as with others who are interested in making differences to the world through social psychology.

In the second half of 2018, we witnessed the first of AASP Small Group Meetings (SGM) come to fruition in early November. The meeting took place in Nanjing was titled “Diversity: Insights from Psychology” and was organised by Prof Fengyan Wang from Nanjing Normal University. Read Fengyan’s report on the meeting below, especially if you are interested in hosting an AASP SGM in future. Congratulations to the team for the successful meeting!

I am excited to share with you two more SGMs to be held in 2019 under the auspices of AASP. One entitled “Serving the Underserved in the Tropics: Making a Difference with Positive Psychology” will be held on 28-29 June 2019 at Townsville Campus of James Cook University in Townsville, Australia.

The other SGM on the horizon, titled “Narratives of Identity: Bridging the Dives in a Multicultural World - an AASP-IALSP Task Force” is co-organised by James Liu from Massey University and Bernadette Watson from Hong Kong Polytechnic University. It will be held from July 7-9, 2019, at Hong Kong Polytechnic University in Kowloon.

AASP’s Annual General Meeting for 2018 was held on the 8th November by using Zoom— by using an

online video-conferencing meeting. The meeting proceeded smoothly and completed in one hour. This seems to be a promising way to hold our future AGMs without a hassle of international travel.

Finally, our main event this year is the 13th biennial AASP conference in Taipei, on 11-13 July. The theme of the conference is “Consolidating the future of culture-oriented Psychology: Progress and achievements”, and the event is jointly hosted by Academia Sinica and National Taiwan University. Though younger members of AASP may not know, this is the second time that AASP members congregate in Taipei. In 1999, the AASP’s third conference was hosted at Academia Sinica by late Professor Kuo-Shu Yang. Older members of AASP may recall this conference with a great sense of excitement, due especially to the range of keynote lectures by internationally celebrated scholars from Asia and the West (see <https://asiansocialpsych.org/conferences?src=nav>). Organisers of this year’s conference are working hard to make the meeting a success that goes beyond the 1999 conference.

AASP provides young scholars with various financial supports. The most prominent one is KS Yang Travel Award. It aims to assist deserving young scholars from developing countries to attend the AASP Conference. To find out how to apply for the KS Yang Travel Award, see <https://asiansocialpsych.org/KS%20Yang%20Travel%20Award>

Emi Kashima

AASP President, 2017-9

Conferences in 2018

Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP) Holds 55th Annual Convention



The 55th PAP Annual convention on the theme "Fostering a Psychology of Well-being for the Filipino" was held from September 20 to 22, 2018 at the Philippine International Convention Center, Manila. It generated a lot of interest amongst scholars which attracted around two thousand (2,000) enthusiastic attendees.

Dr. Allan B. I. Bernardo, RPsy, of the University of Macau, delivered the Keynote Address entitled "*Psychology of Well-being: Beyond the Hype, Real Opportunities and some Dead Ends*". Dr. Bernardo is AASP's past president and the current Chair of the Publications and Research Committee.

During the convention, the Social Psychology Division of the PAP organized five (5) symposia on political psychology, with topics ranging from voting behavior to the public's view about the current government administration's "War on Drugs".



Biannual Conference of Korean and Personality Psychological Association (KSPPA) 2018

The Korean Social and Personality Psychological Association (KSPPA) held its biannual conference in Gangchon, Korea.



The two-day conference (Nov 23-24, 2018) included a plenary symposium, titled "The Present and the Future of the Psychology of the Korean People." The symposium was held in honor of Prof. Gyuseog Han at Chon Nam National University, whose research has played a leading role in indigenous psychology in Korea. A total of five leading scholars presented their work at the symposium. The

conference also hosted three parallel sessions composed of 14 original research presentations on culture, social stigma, group dynamics and organizational behavior.

Founded in 1975, KSPPA has contributed to the advancement of social and personality psychology in Korea. It is one of the largest psychological organizations in Korea with over 1,700 members as of January 2019. KSPPA hosts biannual conference and publishes each year four issues of 'The Korean Journal of Social and Personality Psychology.'

Written by Hoon-Seok Choi

President

KSPPA

National Academy of Psychology in India organizes its 28th Annual Convention



The 28th Annual Convention of National Academy of Psychology was organized by the Department of Applied Psychology, Ramanujan College (University of Delhi), Delhi, under the distinguished Patronship of Dr. S.P. Aggarwal, Principal, Ramanujan College and the leadership of Dr. Dharmendra Nath Tiwari, Convener, NAOP-2018. The theme of the convention “*Towards Building Inclusive Societies*” was selected keeping the present day group dynamics in our societies. It was a three day convention (19-21 December, 2018) and two days prior to the main convention skill development workshops (17-18 December, 2018) were organized with the purpose of capacity building in various domains.





The conference attracted scholars from various fields and was well attended.



Annual General Meeting of AASP

The meeting was held on 8th November 2018 by using Zoom - online video-conferencing. The following members were present:

Emiko Kashima (Chair), Li Liu (Secretary), Wendy Li (Treasurer), Allan Bernardo (AJSP EiC), Vikas Minchekar, Emma Buchtel, Jen-Ho Chang and Yoshi Kashima.

The meeting discussed the progress and routine business of AASP, including the reports from the president, General Secretary, Treasurer, Chair of the publication committee (AJSP Editor-in-chief) and the organizer of the Taipei conference.

Support given by AASP to two small group meetings

1) “Diversity in Wisdom: Insights from Psychology” (Prof. Fengyan Wang, Nanjing Normal University) October 27 to 28, 2018 in Nanjing, China.

2) “Serving the underserved in the tropics: Making a difference with positive psychology” (Dr Wendy Li, James Cook University) June 28-29, 2019 in Townsville, Australia.

Three student members were supported to attend the 2018 SASP Summer School in Australia.

First Small Group Meeting on Wisdom Psychology sponsored by AASP

The First Small-Scale Group International Meeting on Wisdom Psychology, of which the theme is Diversity in Wisdom: Insights from Psychology, was successfully held in international

lecture hall, the first floor of Tin Ka Ping south building in old campus of Nanjing normal university on October 27-28, 2018. The conference was hosted and sponsored by the Asian Association of Society Psychology, co-hosted by the School of Psychology of Nanjing Normal University and the Institute of Moral Education of Nanjing Normal University. It was also co-organized by Jiangxi Education Publishing House and Shanghai Education Publishing House. It was a well attended conference with delegates coming from domestic universities and from Canada, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia and Poland. Six invited presentations and three special seminars were held.



Winds of change at AASP

New AJSP Editorial Team for 2018 - 2019

Editor-in-Chief:

- Allan B. I. Bernardo (University of Macau; Past President of AASP)

Co-Editors-in-Chief

- Angela Leung (Singapore Management University)
- Yohsuke Ohtsubo (Kobe University)

Associate Editors:

- Chi-Ying Cheng, Singapore Management University
- Bobby Cheon, Nanyang Technological University
- Takeshi Hamamura, Curtin University
- Sammyh Khan, Keele University
- Yu Niiya, Hosei University
- Sang Hee Park, Chungbuk National University
- Lin Qiu, Nanyang Technological University
- Kim-Pong Tam, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Zou Xi, Nanyang Technological University
- Xinyue Zhou, Zhejiang University

The new AASP Social Media Strategy

The launching of AASP on social media was undertaken by Dr Sammyh Kahn

- AASP now active on the following channels:

English (Manager – Ms Daniella Hult-Khazaie)

- Twitter https://twitter.com/aasp_ajsp?lang=en
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ajspaasp/>

Chinese (Manager – Dr Yinang Wang)

- WeChat
- Weibo

Call for Papers

Special Issue in the Asian Journal of Social Psychology

Title: “The Social Psychology of Climate Change in the Asian Context”

Climate change is one of the biggest challenges Asian countries now face. Asia as a whole is a primary contributor to carbon emissions. In view of the impending threat of climate change in Asia, the role of Asian social psychology cannot be understated. Accordingly, this special issue in the *Asian Journal of Social Psychology* is designed with the following goals: (1) to stimulate interest by social psychologists and other social scientists in climate change-related phenomena, particularly in the Asian context; (2) to enrich the understanding of climate change by illustrating the relevance of

concepts and theories in social psychology and also cultural psychology; and (3) to introduce to the global audience the contributions by Asian social psychologists in the understanding of climate change.

The deadline for submission:

Abstract: 30th September 2019

Final manuscript: 29th February 2020

13th Biennial Asian Association of Social Psychology Conference at Taipei

The theme of the 13th biennial AASP conference in Taipei, Taiwan, July 11-13 2019 is “**Consolidating the future of Culture-Oriented Psychology: Progress and achievements**”.

In 2019 AASP, we are going to make deep reflections for the two decades of Asian social psychology on both theoretical and empirical developments, and hope to bring innovative integrations on different psychological perspectives in order to consolidate future directions of Asian social psychology.



Featured keynote speakers include **Shinobu Kitayama**, the Robert B. Zajonc Collegiate Professor of Psychology at University of Michigan, **Michele J. Gelfand**, the Distinguished University Professor at the University of Maryland, **Jin Li**, the Professor of Education and Human Development at Brown University, **Gustavo Carlo**, the Millsap Endowed Professor of Diversity and Multicultural Studies, **Kwang-Kuo Hwang**, the Professor at Kaohsiung Medical University and **Hoon-Seok Choi** of Sungkyunkwan University and the AASP's incoming President.

The conference will be held at Academia Sinica located at the Taipei city.

Summer School 2019

Time: July 7-10, 2019

Summer
School 2019

Place: Academia Sinica, Institute of Ethnology, Taipei, Taiwan.

Theme: Solution-oriented model of social science research

Please visit our conference website for the information of applications to the summer school
<https://taipei.asiansocialpsych.org/summer%20school?src=nav>

Felicitations at AASP Convention

Lifetime Awards

- Late Professor Kuo-Shu Yang will be awarded a title of Honorary Founding Member
- Prof Susumu Yamaguchi will be awarded an AASP Lifetime Contribution Award in Taipei.

Scholarships by AASP

- Misumi Award
- Park Jung-heun & Jung Tae-gon Young Scholar Awards
- KS Yang Travel Award History
- Michael Harris Bond Award

Asian Association of Social Psychology (AASP) Small Group Conferences in 2019

2019 Small Group Meeting at James Cook University, Australia (June 28-29)

The Small Group Conference *Serving the Underserved in the Tropics: Making a Difference with Positive Psychology* will be held from June 28-

29, 2019 at the beautiful Townsville Campus of James Cook University, Australia. You can also join the conference at JCU Cairns campus, Australia or JCU Singapore campus via video conferencing. The Small Group conference is co-hosted by the Department of Psychology, and the AusAsian Mental Health Research Group (AMHRG), JCU. The Organizing Committee cordially invites researchers working in tropical areas in the Asia-Pacific region to attend the meeting.



Conference

<https://www.jcu.edu.au/college-of-healthcare-sciences/research/ausasian-mental-health-research-group/2019-aasp-small-group-conference>

website:

2019 AASP Small Group Meeting at Hong Kong (July 7 - 9, 2019)

The Asian Association of Social Psychology (AASP) is pleased to announce a Small Group Meeting on “**Narratives of Identity: Bridging the Divides in a Multicultural World - an AASP-IALSP Task Force**” from **July 7-9, 2019** at **Hong Kong Polytechnic University in Kowloon**. The meeting is co-hosted by the International Research Centre for the Advancement of Health Communication and the Department of English at HKPolyU, in collaboration with the International Association of Language and Social Psychology (IALSP).

The goal of the meeting is to develop a Task Force that will present their research findings to the International Communications Association (2020), the IALSP (2020), and AASP (2021).

Contact Us

Any questions should be emailed to aaspialspmeeting@gmail.com.

Announcement of the 8th ASEAPS Congress

Warm greetings on behalf of Dr Mary Cardosa, the President of the Malaysian Association for the Study of Pain (MASP).

The Association of Southeast Asian Pain Societies (ASEAPS) is a group of International Associations for the Study of Pain (IASP) Chapters from Southeast Asia. In 2019 the society MASP will be organizing the **8th ASEAPS Congress** from **11-14 April 2019** in **Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia**.

The theme of the meeting **Building Collaborations In Pain Management** highlights the importance of the multidisciplinary nature of healthcare. The aim is to break barriers across different disciplines and maximise their expertise in healthcare to improve the management of acute, chronic and cancer pain.

Cconference website is www.aseaps2019.com

We look forward to having you join us in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia next year.

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Dee Dee Quah
Secretariat