

## President Message

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Dear Members of the Asian Organization for Crohn's & Colitis,

I am honored to announce that I have been appointed as the President of Asian Organization for Crohn's and Colitis (AOCC). AOCC was founded in 2013 with the aim of improving the care of patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) across Asia, and it has now been 12 years since its establishment. Over these years, AOCC has become recognized worldwide as the leading IBD organization in Asia. During this period, the number of IBD patients in Asia has been growing quickly, and the number of treatment options is also increasing every year. Amid these rapid changes in IBD care in Asia, AOCC plays a key role in research, education, and collaboration related to IBD.

In Asia, 12 years is an important milestone, as it corresponds to one full zodiac cycle. This means that AOCC has completed its first zodiac cycle and is now starting a new chapter. During my term, I will focus on making significant reforms in AOCC as we move into the next 12 years. I believe we need to develop a system where all Asian countries, which share many cultural, historical, and genetic similarities, can actively contribute to AOCC. It is important for AOCC to become a truly representative IBD organization for all of Asia and to provide a foundation for all Asian countries to unite and fight against IBD.

Let's come together as one Asia and fight against IBD!



President  
Katsuyoshi Matsuoka  
Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology,  
Department of Internal Medicine,  
Toho University Sakura Medical Center

## Thank You Letter

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Dear Colleagues,

What a splendid achievement! We are thrilled to announce that the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asian Organization for Crohn's and Colitis (AOCC2024) has come to a successful conclusion and will undoubtedly be long remembered for its remarkable conduct and presentation in the field of inflammatory bowel diseases.

The Governing Board of AOCC extends its sincere gratitude to you for your unwavering dedication in making this annual meeting an outstanding success. It is the collective vision of the AOCC and the sponsor teams to provide a platform for networking, collaboration, and opportunities for AOCC members and other participants in a pleasant and comfortable environment. Your generous contributions to AOCC2024 play crucial roles in turning our vision into a reality, benefiting doctors, investigators, and patients.

We express our deep appreciation once again for your active involvement in the conference and for making it one of the most memorable events in the Asian IBD community.

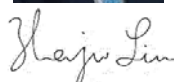
We earnestly hope that you will continue to exert your best efforts to ensure the success of AOCC2025, just as you have done this year.

Thank you once more! We look forward to welcoming you all to Chiba, Japan next year.

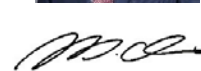
Yours sincerely,



Kaichun Wu  
Congress president  
The 12<sup>th</sup> AOCC  
Annual Meeting  
Past-President  
Chinese Society of  
Inflammatory Bowel Disease  
Chairman  
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Zhanju Liu  
Co-chairman  
The 12<sup>th</sup> AOCC  
Annual Meeting  
President  
Asian Organization  
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Minhu Chen  
Co-chairman  
The 12<sup>th</sup> AOCC  
Annual Meeting  
President  
Chinese Society of  
Inflammatory Bowel  
Disease

## Report of the 12th Annual Meeting of the Asian Organization for Crohn's and Colitis (AOCC2024) Jun. 2024

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Dear Colleagues,

The Organization Committee is thrilled to announce that the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asian Organization for Crohn's and Colitis (AOCC2024) has been successfully held in Xi'an, China.

AOCC2024 offers a global platform for clinicians and researchers from AOCC member countries, as well as specialists in inflammatory bowel disease from around the world, to present the latest research and engage with international peers. Under the theme 'Facing the Challenges of Inflammatory Bowel Disease', AOCC2024 focuses on the pathogenesis, translational medicine, and treatment strategies for inflammatory bowel disease, while also encouraging participants to share their clinical insights and experiences. This event is both an academic feast and a valuable opportunity for international collaboration, connecting healthcare professionals with a shared interest in inflammatory bowel disease to collectively advance the field from basic and translational research to clinical practice.

Below is the full report of AOCC2024.

### 1. Overview of AOCC2024

- Name of the meeting: The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Asian Organization for Crohn's& Colitis (AOCC2024)
- Date of the meeting: Jun 14-16,2024
- Theme: Facing Challenges of Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Hosted by: China Anti-Cancer Association (CACA) Enterology Committee Asian Organization for Crohn's and Colitis (AOCC)
- Organizer: Chinese Society of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (CSIBD)
- Official Language: English
- City: Xi'an, China

## 2. Program at a Glance

Time	Jun-14	Jun-15	Jun-16	
All Day	Registration	Registration	Registration	
7:00		Breakfast with Expert I	Breakfast with Expert III	
8:00		Breakfast with Expert II	Breakfast with Expert IV	
		Opening Ceremony		
9:00		Leader Forum		
		Coffee Break		
11:00		Latest cutting-edge Forum	Basic Forum I	Asian Forum II
12:00		Luncheon Symposium I	Luncheon Symposium II	Clinical Debates
13:00				Luncheon Symposium III
14:00				Luncheon Symposium IV
15:00		AOCC-CCFA Forum	AOCC Educational workshop I	Next Target of IBD in Asia
16:00			Asian Forum III	
	Coffee Break		Hibi Award	
	Coffee Break		Prize-awarding Ceremony	
17:00	AOCC-ECCO Forum	AOCC Educational workshop II	Closing Remarks	
18:00		Challenge Cases		
		Clinical Forum I		
		Oral Presentation II		
		Poster Round II		
19:00		Presidential Dinner		
20:00	AOCC IUS Primer Teaching Workshop			
21:00				

## 3. Report of Scientific Program

Table 1 Sessions and lectures of AOCC2024

Category		No. of Sessions	No. of Lectures
<b>AOCC Plenary Session</b>		<b>4</b>	
<b>AOCC-CCFA Forum</b>	To STRIDE or not to STRIDE: T2T in CD	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>AOCC Educational Workshop</b>	Guideline Workshop for Young Doctors Advancing guidelines	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
	MDT Workshop		<b>3</b>
<b>AOCC-ECCO Forum</b>	Small molecules in IBD: current state and future perspectives	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>AOCC IUS Primer Teaching Workshop</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Leader Forum</b>	Exploring the population attributes of inflammatory	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>

	bowel disease		
<b>Cutting-edge Forum</b>	Seamless connection between future technology and IBD	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Basic Forum</b>	Innovative approaches in translational markers	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
	Multiple axes determine IBD		<b>5</b>
<b>Luncheon Symposium</b>	Optimal treatment for biologics	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
	Benefits and safety concerns of novel biologics and small molecules		<b>3</b>
	From biologics towards oral medication		<b>4</b>
	Neglected yet classic treatments		<b>4</b>
<b>Asian Forum</b>	The state of the art to deal with EIM	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
	Strictureing Crohn's disease: perspectives on diagnosis, monitoring and management		<b>3</b>
	Lessons from adverse events with biologics and SMDs		<b>3</b>
<b>Education Forum</b>	The difficulties of fistula in CD	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Oral Presentation</b>	Oral Presentation I	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>
	Oral Presentation II	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Challenge Cases</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Clinical Forum</b>	How to deal with primary loss of response ?	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
	Balance the benefits and risks for combination therapy		<b>5</b>
<b>Breakfast with the experts</b>	Defining and avoiding low value care in IBD	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
	Difficult-to-treat inflammatory bowel disease: the definition		<b>1</b>
	Drugs targeting the interleukin pathway: the present and future		<b>1</b>
	Global consensus for pregnancy and IBD		<b>1</b>
<b>Poster Round</b>		<b>1</b>	
<b>Clinical Debates</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Next Target of IBD in Asia</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

## 4. Organization Committee

### Congress President

Kaichun Wu (Xi'an)

### Co-chairmen

Minhu Chen (Guangzhou)

Zhanju Liu (Shanghai)

### Secretary General

Jie Liang (Xi'an)

Ren Mao (Guangzhou)

### Program Committee (Local)

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Yao He (Guangzhou)

Ying Huang (Shanghai)

Wai Keung Leung (Hong Kong)

Ji Li (Beijing)

Yue Li (Beijing)

Jie Liang (Xi'an)

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Zhijia Ran (Shanghai)

Yufang Wang (Chengdu)

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Qing Zheng (Shanghai)

Jie Zhong (Shanghai)

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### Program Committee (International)

(In alphabetical order of the surname)

Raja Affendi Raja Ali (Kuala Lumpur)

Vineet Ahuja (New Delhi)

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Byung Ik Jang (Daegu)

Taku Kobayashi (Tokyo)

Katsuyoshi Matsuoka (Tokyo)

Dong Il Park (Seoul)

Shuyuan Xiao (Chicago)

Byong Duk Ye (Ulsan)



## 5. Registration

The AOCC2024 gathered total 1056 participants from 27 countries and areas. Local participants are 852 (80.68%), international participants are 204 (19.32%).

Table 2 Country and regional distribution of registered delegates

No	Country (A-Z)	Number of Participants
1	Afghanistan	4
2	Albania	1
3	Algeria	1
4	Angola	2
5	Australia	7
6	Cameroon	1
7	Canada	3
8	China	852
9	Denmark	1
10	France	1
11	Germany	3
12	India	28
13	Indonesia	1
14	Iran	1
15	Italy	1
16	Japan	38
17	Korea	57
18	Malaysia	4
19	Mongolia	6
20	Nepal	1
21	Netherlands	1
22	Philippines	6
23	Portugal	1
24	Singapore	18
25	Thailand	2

<b>26</b>	United Kingdom	5
<b>27</b>	United States	10
<b>Total</b>		1056

## 6. Invited Faculty

Total: 116 (Local:70, International: 46)

Table 3 Country and regional distribution of invited faculties

No.	Country	Number
<b>1</b>	Australia	1
<b>2</b>	China	70
<b>3</b>	Germany	1
<b>4</b>	India	4
<b>5</b>	Japan	13
<b>6</b>	Korea	17
<b>7</b>	Malaysia	1
<b>8</b>	Philippines	1
<b>9</b>	Portugal	1
<b>10</b>	Singapore	1
<b>11</b>	Thailand	2
<b>12</b>	United Kingdom	1
<b>13</b>	United States	3
<b>Total</b>		116



## 7. Abstracts and Poster Presentation

A total of 576 abstracts were received for AOCC2024. Among them, 42 abstracts were selected for oral presentations and 310 abstracts were accepted for poster presentations.

Table 4 Country and regional distribution of posters

No.	Country	Presentation
1	Algeria	1
2	Anguilla	1
3	Australia	4
4	Canada	1
5	China	216
6	Germany	1
7	India	10
8	Italy	1
9	Japan	13
10	Korea	42
11	Malaysia	2
12	Philippines	2
13	Singapore	11
14	United States	5
<b>Total</b>		310

## 8. Awards

Table 5 Travel award, best abstract award and best poster award

Category	Abstract title	Presenter	Country
<b>Travel Award</b>	Trace Element Deficiency in IBD Patients – A Cross-sectional Study	Gechong Ruan	China
<b>Travel Award</b>	hUC-MSCs Therapy for Crohn's Disease: Efficacy in TNBS-Induced Colitis in Rats and Pilot Clinical Study	Shan Li	China
<b>Travel Award</b>	Real-world comparative effectiveness and safety of filgotinib and upadacitinib for ulcerative colitis	Akira Nogami	Japan
<b>Best Abstract Award</b>	Machine Learning Models for Predicting Ustekinumab Response in Crohn's Disease Patients Based on Pathological Features	Min Zou	China

<b>Best Abstract Award</b>	Artificial intelligence-based fingerprint index of Visceral Adipose Tissue for Prediction of Intestinal Damage in Patients with Crohn's Disease	Qingzhu Zheng	China
<b>Best Abstract Award</b>	Epidemiology of primary sclerosing cholangitis among patients with inflammatory bowel disease in Asian countries: An international multicenter retrospective study	Shintaro Akiyama	Japan
<b>Best Abstract Award</b>	Incidence, risk factors and outcomes of chronic antibiotic-refractory pouchitis in Korean ulcerative colitis patients: a single center retrospective study	Ji Eun Baek	Korea
<b>Best Abstract Award</b>	Altered CD4+ T cell reactivity against yeasts in ASCA positive patients with Crohn's disease	Petra Bacher	Germany
<b>Best Poster Award</b>	SLC7A5 promotes the progression of Ulcerative Colitis by regulating amino acid transport and intestinal epithelial autophagy	Yanting Shi	China
<b>Best Poster Award</b>	Comparative Effectiveness of Biologics for Ultrasound Response in Crohn's Disease	Yaqi Chen	China
<b>Best Poster Award</b>	Unraveling the etiological links between inflammatory bowel disease and colorectal cancer	Chenyu Luo	China
<b>Best Poster Award</b>	Serum Immune Profiling at Baseline in Crohn's Disease Predict Endoscopic Response to Ustekinumab	Fan Zhou	China
<b>Best Poster Award</b>	Development of Magnetic Resonance Imaging based index to differentiate between Crohn's disease associated and cryptoglandular perianal fistula	Midha Vandana	India

## 9. Photo Gallery











## President Message

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Dear AOCC Members and Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that I will be hosting the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asian Organization for Crohn's and Colitis (AOCC) in July 2025. AOCC was established in 2013 with the aim of advancing the care of patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) in Asia. Currently, AOCC includes 12 countries/regions in Asia and is recognized worldwide as the representative IBD community in Asia. The number of IBD patients in Asia is rapidly increasing. Additionally, the number of treatments for IBD is increasing year by year, making the appropriate use of these medications increasingly important. Amidst these rapid changes in the management of IBD in Asia, AOCC plays a vital role in research, education, and human interaction related to IBD in the region.

The 13th Annual Meeting of AOCC will be held at Makuhari Messe in Chiba, Japan, from July 10 to 12, 2025. It will be attended by over 1,000 stakeholders involved in the management of IBD patients from various countries in Asia, where the latest scientific knowledge on IBD will be presented and discussed. Educational activities related to IBD will also take place. Additionally, the meeting will provide an opportunity for participants to interact face-to-face. We have chosen the theme "One Asia, United for Healing IBD" with the expectation that all stakeholders involved in IBD in Asia will come together and face IBD together. I am confident that this scientific meeting will significantly contribute to the advancement of the management of IBD in Asia.

We earnestly seek your participation for this scientific meeting, aligning with the purpose and spirit of contributing to the advancement of the care of IBD patients in Asia, which is the goal of the 13th Annual Meeting of AOCC. I sincerely hope you will join us.

See you in Chiba in 2025!



**Katsuyoshi Matsuoka**

Congress president, The 13th Annual Meeting of Asian  
Organization for Crohn's & Colitis  
President, Asian Organization for Crohn's & Colitis



# AOCC 2025

The 13th Annual Meeting of Asian Organization  
for Crohn's & Colitis



# One Asia, United for Healing IBD

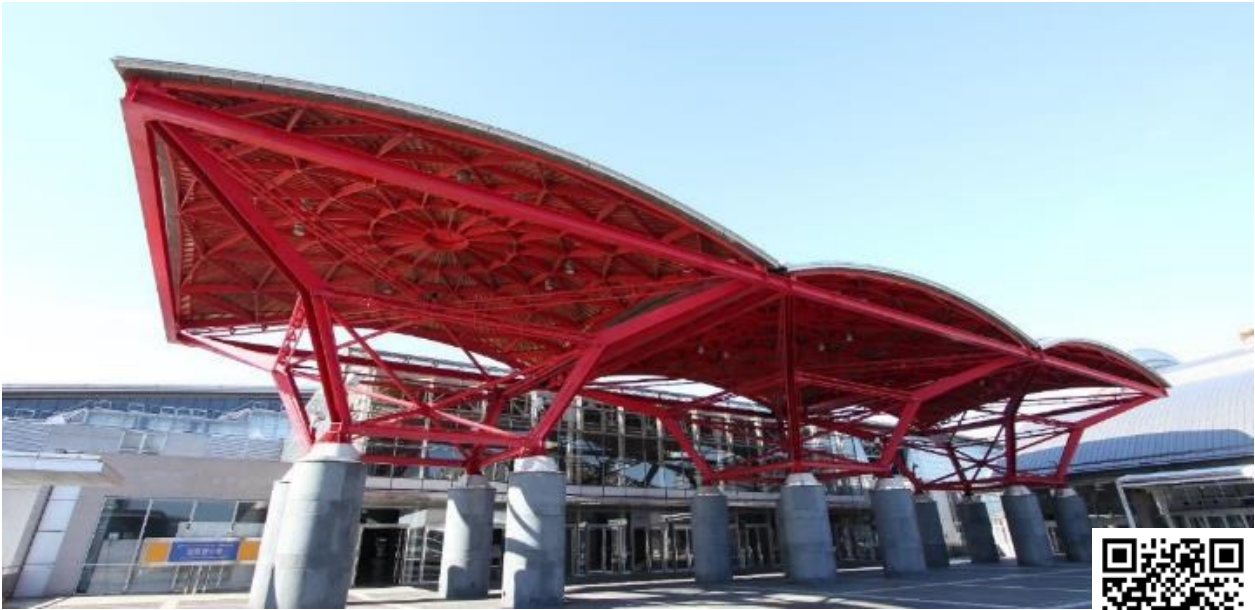
**Date** **July 10 (Thu) - 12 (Sat), 2025**  
**Venue** **Makuhari Messe, Chiba, Japan**  
**President** **Katsuyoshi Matsuoka**  
(Toho University Sakura Medical Center)

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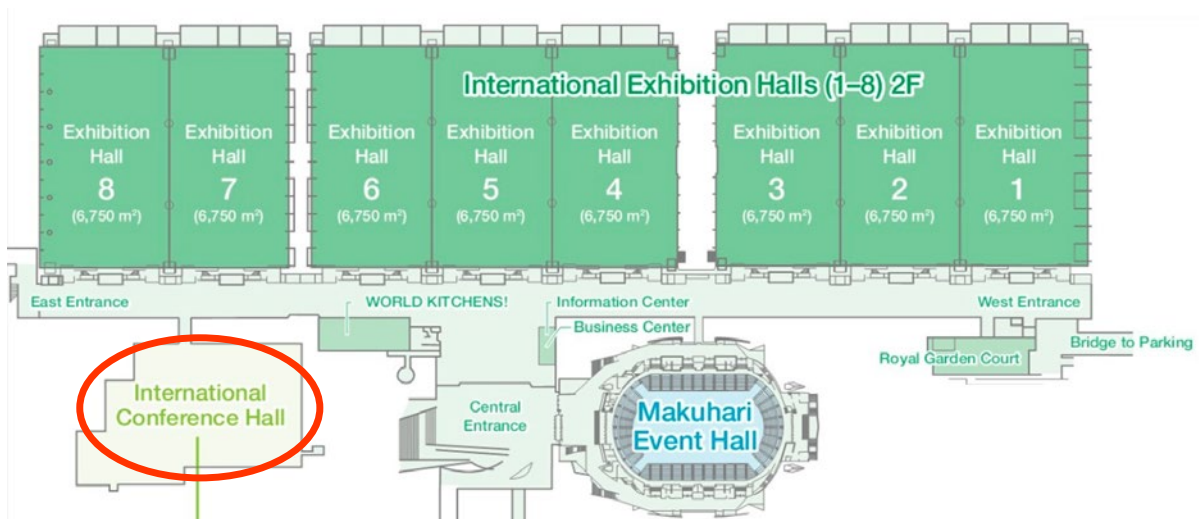


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## Main Venue: Makuhari Messe

Makuhari Messe is Japan's premier and one of the biggest convention complex in Asia. It consists of 3 major facilities, the International Exhibition Hall, the International Conference Hall, and the Makuhari Event Hall, and situated on a site of 210,000 square meters wide.

- **Proposed Meeting Spaces: International Conference Hall(2F – 3F)**



## Makuhari Messe Virtual Tour Link

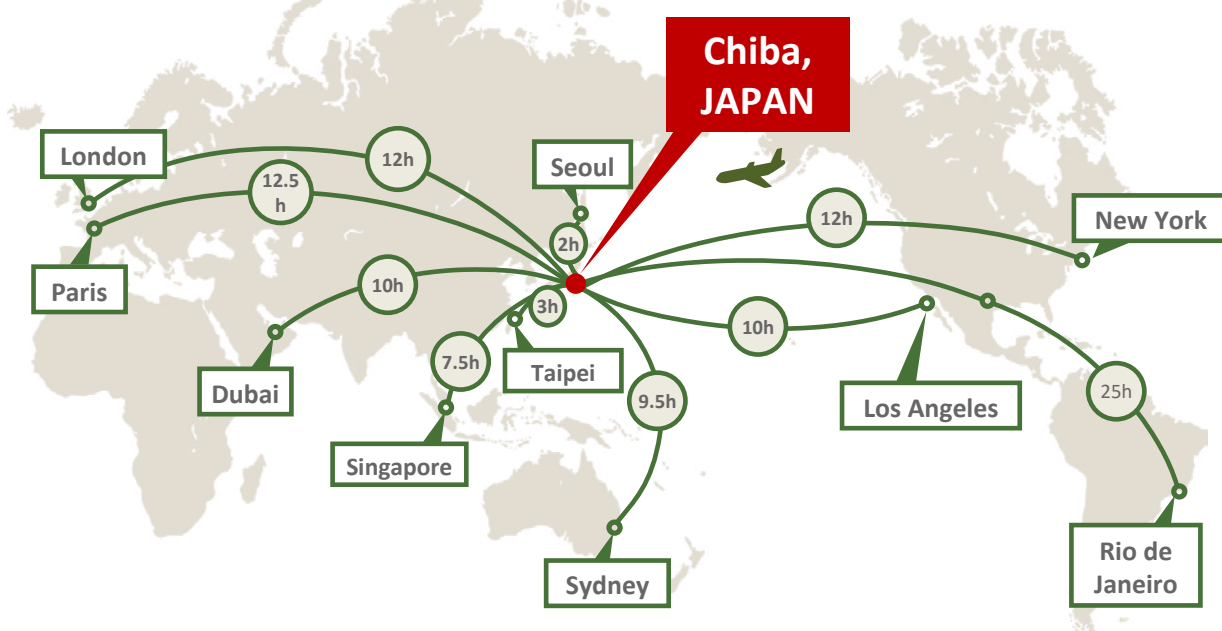




## International Access

There are two international airports which will serve as entry point for participants, the Narita Airport and Haneda Airport. These airports serving international carriers from many parts of the globe. Direct shuttle bus from the 2 airports are available, offering easy access to Makuhari Messe and Central Tokyo.

### Non stop flights, airtfares, and number of flights from some major cities



#### Narita Airport

International flight average per day 239  
Cities with direct flights 117

#### Haneda Airport

International flight average per day 112  
Cities with direct flights 35



## Makuhari Messe





## City and venue

Chiba City is the capital of Chiba Prefecture, located approximately halfway between Narita International Airport and Tokyo. It is a large, developing city that plays a large role in capital functions. On the other hand, the city that is also rich in lush greenery and beautiful waterfronts. The suggested venue, Makuhari Messe is the city's main convention complexes located in Makuhari area.

The city is also just a stone's throw from Tokyo, - Japan's capital and the world's most populous metropolis which offers a seemingly unlimited choice of shopping, entertainment, culture and dining to its visitors. It is home to Japan's iconic destination such as Tokyo Tower, Tokyo Sky Tree, Asakusa, Shibuya Crossing and more. From Tokyo Station, Shinkansen train connects large cities throughout Japan.

## Makuhari Area

Makuhari is designated as national strategic special zone situated along Tokyo Bay in a 522 hectares reclaimed land. It is strategically located about 30 minutes away from Central Tokyo.

In the area, hotels, restaurants, shopping centers, and entertainment facilities are all within walking distance. Among other major facilities located nearby are Outlet Park, Aeon Mall, and Mihama-en Japanese Garden. Makuhari Beach and parks nearby offers fantastic view of Tokyo Bay, Tokyo Metropolitan, and Mt. Fuji.

Feel the ocean breeze as you jog along the beach or nearby parks as physical booster to start a day.



## New Board Members

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**Tadakazu Hisamatsu**

Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology,  
Kyorin University School of Medicine

I am honored and pleased to have been selected as an AOCC board member. I began my involvement with AOCC by serving as Secretary General at the first annual meeting in 2013, and later as Chair of the Educational Committee. As a board member, I would like to contribute to the further development of AOCC. I believe that in order for AOCC to further develop, it is essential to have more Asian countries participate and to train young people. I would like to tackle these issues in cooperation with other board members.



**You Sun Kim**

Kangdong Sacred Heart Hospital,  
Hallym University College of Medicine, Seoul, Korea

I am You Sun Kim, a new member of the Korea Board of Directors of AOCC since September 2024.

I am truly honored to have the opportunity to work for the development of AOCC together with other great board members.

Since 2018, I have been serving as one of the deputy editors of Intestinal Research, the official journal of AOCC.

I will continue to contribute my small part to the development of AOCC and Intestinal Research. Thank you.

Thanks



Joyce Wing Yan MAK

Department of Medicine and Therapeutics,  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Dear members of the Asian Organisation of Crohn's and Colitis,  
I am deeply honoured and humbled to have been elected as a new board member of this esteemed organization. The opportunity to contribute to the advancement of understanding and treatment of Inflammatory Bowel Disease in the Asian region is both a privilege and a responsibility that I do not take lightly. Being entrusted with this role fills me with a sense of purpose and determination to make a meaningful impact on the lives of individuals affected by IBD. I am excited to collaborate with fellow board members, healthcare professionals, and stakeholders to drive progress, raise awareness, and improve patient outcomes across Asia. I am committed to upholding the values and mission of the organization and look forward to working diligently towards our shared goals. Together, we can make a difference and bring hope to those battling IBD in our region.

With gratitude and enthusiasm,  
Dr. Joyce Wing Yan MAK



Ida Hilmi

University Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

I'm very honored and excited to be part of the AOCC board. AOCC has come such a long way since its inception and has made immense progress in terms of education and research in the field of IBD in Asia. It is my hope that Malaysia will be able to actively participate in future projects and that close collaboration can be forged between AOCC and our affiliated societies.  
Ida Hilmi



Yen-Hsuan Ni

College of Medicine, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan

It's my great honor and pleasure to accept the assignment as the new governing board member of AOCC in 2024. AOCC kept on growing and facilitating the international collaboration with very good regional representation. The annual meeting of AOCC has attracted more and more attendees. The official journal of AOCC, *Intestinal Research*, also has been established as one of the prestigious GI journals. I will be more than happy to contribute to the future development of AOCC and the novel IBD treatment. Moreover, it will be my greatest honor to work together with my fellow esteemed board members. My sincere gratitude for this great opportunity to serve in AOCC.



Wee-Chian Lim

Tan Tock Seng Hospital, National Healthcare Group, Singapore

Dear AOCC members and colleagues,

I am honored and thrilled on my appointment as a board member of AOCC. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve such an important and dedicated organization.

Joining the board of AOCC allows me to contribute to AOCC's mission of advancing research, education, enhancing patient care and improving the lives of individuals affected by Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis across Asia. I believe through our collective efforts, we can make meaningful strides in improving health outcomes and quality of life for those living with Inflammatory bowel disease.

Thank you for your continued support of AOCC. I look forward to collaborating closely with my fellow board members and all of you to achieve our common goals and make a positive impact on the lives of our patients and their families.

Warm regards,  
Wee-Chian Lim



Vineet Ahuja

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi India

It is a great honor and privilege for me to be nominated to the Board of Directors for Asian Organization of Crohn's and Colitis.

Overt the last decade AOCC has changed the landscape of IBD education and research in Asian countries. With a strong leadership and a clear vision, AOCC has set up highest standards in terms of increasing awareness of IBD and educating gastroenterologists, surgeons, radiologists, pathologists, microbiologists, nutritionists with cutting edge knowledge on IBD. It has provided opportunities for multicenter based research related to IBD. AOCC annual meetings have become extremely popular, with faculty consisting of global IBD leaders, state of the art sessions and networking opportunities with colleagues, it has become a benchmark meeting this side of the globe. 'Intestinal Research' the flagship journal of AOCC has progressed by leaps and bounds and again thanks to fierce commitment of AOCC and its members.

I hope that along with other Board of Directors we all put in our best team effort, display fierce commitment, a strong sense of responsibility and advance AOCC to the highest levels.

I thank you again for this extraordinary opportunity.

Warm regards

Vineet Ahuja

