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# WELCOME TO 2017 AFPA WORLD CONGRESS

World Congress of Asian Psychiatry (WCAP 2017) / 24 -26 March 2017, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Asian Federation of Psychiatric Associations ([www.afpa.asia](http://www.afpa.asia)) would like to extend our warmest invitation to you to participate in AFPA's next world congress being held from 24 -26 March 2017 at Abu Dhabi, UAE. It is our great privilege and honour to host the 2017 Congress in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Abu Dhabi's strategic location, world-class convention and exhibition facilities as well as many unrivalled attributes, we pledge to make the Congress a fruitful and memorable experience for our participants. The venue city is a unique blend of Asian culture,featuring Arabic traditions, colonial heritage, high-tech modernity and great hospitality. We are pleased that our local host, Emirates Society of Mental Health, a division of Emirates Medical Association, is very enthusiastic to greet you all at Abu Dhabi. A city that is full of cultural heritage and an exciting place for meeting, shopping and enjoying.After the success of our last congress in Fukuoka, Japan (2015), where more than thirty Asian societies were represented, we hope that Abu Dhabi congress will come up as another successful get-togetherfor Asian Psychiatrists and other mental health professionals in 2017.

Asia, where most of the world population lives, presents diverse situations concerning mental health problems. Variations in resources, in the availability of services, in the numbers of mental health professionals and uneven use or absence of national policies for mental health are the salient features of practice of psychiatry in many Asian countries. Most of these countries allocate very few financial resources and have far too little numbers of health workers who could deal with mental health problems.In this situation collaboration among countries and the sharing of experience obtained in the conduct of mental health activities becomes particularly important.

AFPA has been actively involved in many areas of development of mental health in Asian region along with contributing towards improving teaching, training and capacity building in mental health. Since the start of AFPA, a number of collaborative initiatives have in fact emerged in Asia and AFPA congresses have always emerged as an important platform for meeting, discussing and sharing thoughts for future collaboration in many areas of mental health.

We are pleased that 2017 AFPA World Congress will address all these issues and we hope your participation in the scientific programme will add value to our efforts for strengthening AFPA's mission to promote mental health in our region.

**For further details, please visit our conference website: [www.AFPA2017.com](http://www.AFPA2017.com)**

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