

Attending the 1st Asia QA Forum

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A growing number of regulatory submissions are made world-wide, and preclinical and clinical studies for drug development are requested to be performed internationally. Thus, it is becoming ever more important to understand each countries' regulations, interpretation of those regulations and views of the respective regulatory authorities. QA professionals all over the world gather in conferences and forums to exchange updates on regulations and current industry standards. The SQA Annual Meeting is a good example where regulatory inspectors and industry experts in GLP, GCP and GMP come together to promote global harmony and development. Nowadays, Asian counties are taking on bigger roles in the drug development pathway and making its presence in the global arena. Therefore, it is most important for QA professionals from Asian counties to participate in the transaction and harmonization of the global trend.



It was my pleasure, therefore, to participate in the first Asia QA Forum held in Tokyo, Japan on July 5th. The cool breeze in Odaiba greeted me as I met various QA professionals from 8 different Asian countries. This being the first Asia QA Forum, much was focused on getting to know the GLP regulations for each country and their own way of compliance. After a heartfelt welcome from JSQA president Dr. Tatsuo KUROKAWA, Dr. Seiko Miyazaki, inspector from PDMA, gave us insight into the importance of the Asia QA Forum with her lecture on harmonization of Asian drug development regulatory authorities. Dr. Tsung-Yun Liu, President of TSQA explained the current regulatory authority's organization of Taiwan and its monitoring system, and Dr. Jahangirbin Kamaldin, a GLP inspector of Malaysia avidly explained to us his experience of the Malaysian GLP monitoring system. ICSQA President Dr. Natesan Settiagounder specifically described the history of GLP inspection in India and its current status while CSQA Vice-chair Mr. Xigeng Bai professed the status of China's GLP certification and some of the major findings. The real life experiences and examples of the lecturers were more realistic and direct beyond any expectations. Based on a status analysis from those much appreciated lectures, I believe they presented a direction for Asian QA professionals to follow. The dinner banquet prepared by JSQA afterwards was as much of a delight as the lectures.

I was deeply impressed how perfectly the Asia QA Forum has been organized despite being the first. I would like to express my gratitude for Dr. Y. Hasegawa and Ms. Satoko Takahashi who have worked so hard to organize this forum.

With great honor, the 2nd Asia QA Forum will be held in Korea hosted by KSQA. The 2nd Asia QA Forum is scheduled to be held in July of 2015 under the title "Continuing Efforts for Quality in Asia". Based on what we have learned from the first Asia QA Forum hosted by JSQA, KSQA will make efforts to host another great Asia QA Forum. Thank you.

2nd International Forum

Asia Quality Assurance Forum

JULY 2 (THU) and JULY 3 (FRI), 2015*

KOREA



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* Tentative



SCHEDULE FOR KEY DATES

- **August, 2013 – Jan, 2014**
 - Call for Plenary, Keynote, Lecturers
 - Call for Symposium Proposals
- **4th Quarter of 2014**
 - Listing Plenary, Keynote, Invited Lecturers
 - Call for Paper (oral and poster presentation)
- **1st Quarter of 2015**
 - Early Registration

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LECTURES and SESSIONS

MAIN THEME:
"Continuing Efforts for Quality in Asia"

➤ **SESSIONS**

- Plenary and Keynote Lectures
- Concurrent Sessions
- Panel Discussion
- Symposium

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