On behalf of the Council of the Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology, please allow me to bid you a very warm welcome to the Asian Pacific Digestive Week to be held on 2nd to 5th November 2016 at the Kobe Convention Centre, Hyogo, Japan.

The APAGE is greatly honoured to be a component association and to be associated in hosting this prestigious annual gathering which is held in conjunction with the Japan Digestive Disease Week (JDDW). The JDDW draws over 20,000 participants annually and with this combined meeting, the registrants will greatly benefit from the sharing of knowledge and expertise.

The Organising Committee has aptly chosen the theme of “Innovative Approaches to Gastroenterology” and has worked hard to assemble leading experts and key opinion leaders from all over the world to provide comprehensive insights into advances in gastroenterology. The scientific content has been so designed to cover both the cutting-edge and future perspectives, as well as current issues in the management and treatment of digestive diseases. The Organising Committee has lined up excellent social programmes.

This year, we adopted digital poster system so that all the accepted posters are presented in front of the TV screen with moderators on site. Thus, deeper discussion and questions to the presentations are expected. In addition to the regular endoscopic hands-on seminar, we also created several education programmes encompassing gastroenterology; basic science seminar featuring in silico analysis of gut microbiota, clinical science seminar for writing a good manuscript, and clinical technology seminars for abdominal ultrasounds and high-resolution manometry.

We also plan to have an Asian Food Court where you can sample Asian snacks for free in the afternoon for three days.

I would like to wish all delegates an enjoyable time in Kobe, Japan, and will take the opportunity to renew old friendships and make new acquaintances whilst having cross-fertilisation of ideas and practice.

Professor Kentaro Sugano
President
APAGE
MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
PROFESSOR VAROCHA MAHACHAI

Dear Colleagues of APAGE,

It is now coming to the end of two terms of my responsibilities as the Editor-in-Chief of the APDNews. This four-year experience has given me exposures to activities, interaction and communication among our colleagues in the Asia Pacific region. The APDW2015 Conference in Taipei, Taiwan, on 3rd to 6th December 2015, was of high quality, well-organised and exceptionally successful, where a total of 3,100 participants from 39 countries attended. The APAGE has always been supportive of the guideline and consensus meetings in the region. There have been many academic activities in the past year including the three consensus meetings: the Bangkok Consensus on H.pylori Management in the Asean countries, Consensus on Prevention and Treatment of Gastric Cancer in the Asia Pacific Region, and the most recently, the Consensus Meeting on Antiplatelet and Anticoagulant in GI Bleeding in Tokyo.

The recent APAGE endorsed IBD Forum was a great success, jointly-organised with the Gastroenterological Association of Thailand, held in the northern city of Chiang Mai, Thailand. The conference attracted over 300 participants and the quality of the meeting was exceptional. The APDNews provides a platform for sharing the news, information and activities among our colleagues in the Asia Pacific region. We welcome new ideas and innovation to make this APDNews stronger and successful.

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Welcome Remark from President of APDW Federation, Professor Dr Khean-Lee Goh

Welcome Reception

The Gastroenterological Society of Taiwan along with the Digestive Endoscopy Society of Taiwan, Taiwan Association for the Study of the Liver, and Taiwan Surgical Society of Gastroenterology, was honored to host the Asian Pacific Digestive Week (APDW) 2015 in Taipei, Taiwan from 3rd to 6th December last year.

APDW 2015 was centered on the theme “Advances in Digestive Medicine”. Recent progress in both gastrointestinal and liver research was highlighted in the scientific programme. A large panel of experts from within and outside the Asia-Pacific region shared their experience and presented their best work in this congress. In total, 188 speeches were delivered, 1,076 papers (856 Posters, 55 Oral Papers) were presented and more than 3,200 registrants from 39 countries joined this conference. Forty Sponsors/exhibitors supported this conference with 12 industry sponsored symposia. It offered a remarkable atmosphere for discussing groundbreaking research and progress in the field of digestive medicine, including the Okuda Lectureship (by Professor Dr Ed. Gane), Marshall & Warren Lectureship (by Professor Dr Jaw-Town Lin), “How to achieve global

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control of HBV infection” by Professor Dr Mei-Hwei Chang, WGO Distinguished Global Lecture (by Professor Dr K L Goh), etc. Finally, a live demonstration of therapeutic endoscopy on 20 subjects was conducted during the meeting and demonstrated the development of these techniques in the Asia-Pacific region.

This congress undoubtedly was an excellent opportunity to provide all participants with knowledge of the most current developments in gastroenterology, hepatology, gastroenterological surgery, and endoscopy and to provide fertile ground for sharing clinical experiences and basic research. All the participants benefited from this occasion to exchange views, visions and experiences with each other. They also experienced and enjoyed the cultural and social events in Taipei, including welcome party, opening ceremony and faculty dinner.

Finally, I would like to particularly thank the APDW Federation for their support along the way, as well as our sponsors for their generous contribution.

Jaw-Town Lin
Chairperson
Asian Pacific Digestive Week 2015
The Gastroenterological Society of Taiwan
Professor Shu-Dong Xiao was born in 1931 in Huangpi city, Hubei Province, China. He graduated from the Shanghai Second Medical College (currently known as Shanghai Jiaotong University School of Medicine) in 1955, majoring in medicine. Because of his excellent performance, he remained working as a resident of the Department of Internal Medicine in Hongren Hospital after graduation, and transferred to the Department of Internal Medicine of Renji Hospital after department adjustment. In 1978, he was promoted as the Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and in 1986 as the Professor of Internal Medicine, as well as the supervisor of post-graduate and PhD candidates. He was the Chief of Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Renji Hospital, Shanghai Jiaotong University School of Medicine; the Director and Emeritus Director of Shanghai Institute of Digestive Disease; the Director and Emeritus Director of the Key Laboratory of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Ministry of Health; the Emeritus Professor of Renji Hospital, Shanghai Jiaotong University School of Medicine and the Director of Shanghai Clinical Medical Center of Gastroenterology.

In the 1960s, because of the relatively backward development of Gastroenterology, Professor Shao Ji Jiang, the Chief of the Department of Internal Medicine and the Academician of China National Engineering Research Institute, proposed that the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology should be separated as an independent division from the Department of Internal Medicine. Though an established attending doctor in cardiovascular diseases, Professor Xiao accepted the proposal and participated in setting up the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. This was the starting point of his career in Gastroenterology.

In the 1950s and 1960s when schistosomiasis ran rampant in China, the young Dr Xiao, together with Professor Ming Xin Huang, Professor Ru Sun Pan and Professor Jiang, worked hard to prevent and treat schistosomiasis in the countryside, making great contribution to people's health at that time.

In 1984, he and Professor Jiang founded the first institute of digestive disease in China, that is, the Shanghai Institute of Digestive Disease.

Professor Xiao not only contributed as a pioneer to the clinical and basic researches in digestive diseases, particularly in gastrointestinal tumors and its precancerous lesions, as well as Helicobacter pylori (H pylori) infection and its related diseases, but also had a wide knowledge in a number of fields. He always stood fore of the disciplines with acute observation. He diagnosed the first case of Deulafoy syndrome in China, which was further confirmed by pathology. He helped settle the research focus of diagnosing and treating gastrointestinal diseases by endoscopy, making the Shanghai Institute of Digestive Disease one of the first in the application of endoscopic diagnosis and treatment for upper gastrointestinal diseases in China. Together with Fudan University, he started the research on diagnosing gastric cancer with florescence in 1980s. He was also one of the first to study the mechanism of H pylori infection and its related diseases, the epidemiology of H pylori in the population and the diagnosis of and treatment for this bacterial infection in China, particularly the treatment with furazolidone for H pylori-related peptic ulcer disease had achieved satisfactory results. Different from the belief of some of the researchers that Chinese patients did not have gastric body atrophy and its related pernicious anemia, Professor Xiao found that gastric body atrophy did exist in Chinese patients with chronic gastritis. During a period of eight years, more than 30 patients with pernicious anaemia were diagnosed and treated at the Shanghai Institute of Digestive Disease; their symptoms and signs were significantly improved after the administration of vitamin B12. In 2000, Professor Xiao invited Professor Xiao Qian Cong from the Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, SIBS, CAS to cooperate on the research on stem cells. The accomplishments he had achieved won him the Second and Third Prizes continued on page 6
of National Science and Technology Progress Award, the First Prize of Chinese Medical Science Prize and the First Prize of Shanghai Science and Technology Progress Award.

He served for many years as the Director of Chinese Society of Gastroenterology (CSGE), with outstanding accomplishment. He expanded the groups from two to four in CSGE, therefore, increasing the academic communication, promoting the diagnostic and therapeutic level of digestive diseases in China. In 2000, Professor Xiao served as the Council Member of the APAGE, and the President of APAGE in 2008. In July 2005, he became the Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP). On 24th November 2009, he was honored as the Master of the World Gastroenterology Organization, who was heretofore, the only laureate in China.

More than 60 of his academic manuscripts were published in the journals including the Science Citation Index. Professor Xiao worked as the Chief Editor for several books and textbooks in Chinese, including Gastric Cancer (1987), New Theory and Technology of Gastroenterology (1999), Jiangshaaji’s Gastroenterology (2001 and 2015) and Chinese Gastroenterology (2008), and co-edited the Internal Medicine (4th Edition), which was the textbook for national medical colleges and universities. He also served as an editorial board member of several excellent international journals including Alimentary Pharmacology & Therapeutics, Gut, Best Practice & Research in Clinical Gastroenterology, Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Journal of Gastroenterology, Scandinavian Journal of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Gastroenterology and Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.

In 1996, he commenced the publication of the Chinese Journal of Gastroenterology, which is now one of the Statistic Source of Scientific and Technological Thesis of the National Science and Technology Ministry in China. In 2000, the inaugural issue of the Chinese Journal of Digestive Diseases (now known as the Journal of Digestive Diseases) was published by Professor Xiao and his colleagues. This journal, which has been included in the Medline and SCI-E, provided a platform for foreign scholars to learn about the latest achievements of Gastroenterology in China.

Professor Xiao had invited a number of famous scholars from different countries and regions to give lectures in China. Together with other Chinese scholars, he organised APDW 2004 in Beijing which was a big success. He and his colleagues also held the Shanghai International Conference of Gastroenterology in 1988, 1996, 2000, 2005, 2009 and 2014, on behalf of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Department of Internal Medicine, Renji Hospital, Shanghai Jiaotong University School of Medicine.

With the deepest sorrow, I heard that our great leader, Professor Dr Shu-Dong Xiao passed away on 22nd July 2016 in Renji Hospital, Shanghai Jiaotong University, where he spent most of his career. As the Congress President of the Asian Pacific Digestive Week (APDW) in 2004, he initiated the first Asia-Pacific consensus on Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD) which was published in our official journal, Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. The core group of this consensus has now developed into holding regular IBD meetings, telling us his outstanding foresight in gastroenterology in Asia. He also served as the President of Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology from 2008 to 2010. Under his leadership, our Association has developed into a global society as he had built an international network through several Shanghai International Conferences of Gastroenterology and creation of Journal of Digestive Diseases.

Although he gathered great respect from everyone, he remained graceful and fair, reminiscent of a man of supreme virtue. We are obliged to share this sad bereavement with his family and Chinese colleagues and pray his soul shall rest in peace.

Kentaro Sugano
President, Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology
The Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology was first published in January 1986. The founder editors of the journal were also our pioneer Asian Pacific leaders in Gastroenterology and Hepatology and included Professors Kunio Okuda, SK Lam, DJC Shearman, Lawrie Powell and VI Mathan. The JGH, aside from the principal task of publishing the journal were, in reality, the first truly cohesive group of leaders in the GI fraternity in the Asian Pacific region and fulfilled an unofficial but important task of weaving together the whole GI fraternity in the region.

Several years later, the idea of a foundation associated with the journal was mooted. After much discussion between the editors of the Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology (JGH) and the publishers of the Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology – Wiley Blackwell, the JGH Foundation was established in 2002 for the advancement of medicine, medical research and education, training, and research in general, in the fields of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, within the Asian Pacific region. Its overall aim is to enhance the quality of medical practice and the health of the communities concerned.

The Inaugural Chairman of the JGHF was Professor Geoffrey Farrell (Canberra) from 2002–2008, and he was ably succeeded by Professor Neville Yeoman (Melbourne) from 2008–2012. Professor KL Goh (Kuala Lumpur) has been Chairman from 2012.

The JGH Foundation provides support in a number of ways for major scientific meetings in the region, acts as a source of advice for editors and the publisher of the journal, and assists in developing evidence-based guidelines for clinical practice in Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

Ownership of the Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology (JGH), is the dual responsibility of the publisher (Wiley-Blackwell Publishing Asia) and the JGH Foundation, which makes it different in this respect from national and specialty journals.

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Note: Ms Fiona Bailey joined the JGHF as Executive Director in September 2015.

A FEW OF THE ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY THE JGH FOUNDATION:

1. **Sponsorship for Asian Pacific Digestive Week (APDW)** that includes funding for:
   - Lectureships – the Okuda and Warren and Marshall Lectures and two Emerging Leaders lectures for Hepatology and Luminal Gastroenterology
   - Travel grants
   - JGHF Young Investigator Award

2. **Sponsorship for the APASL**
   - Lectureship
   - Travel grants

3. **Joint APAGE/JGHF Fellowship**
   JGHF and the Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology (APAGE) have joined together to offer a Clinical/Science Fellowship to assist someone early in their career to spend 12 months in a host centre for advanced technological, within the region.

4. **Short-Term Fellowships**
   These fellowships facilitate short-term training and experience in technical, clinical or research skills that will enhance the career prospects of the Fellow, and which is likely to benefit other gastroenterologists and standards of practice in the country of origin.

5. **Project Grants:**
   Seeding grants help to foster initiatives for consensus meetings and several other projects based in the Asian Pacific region that are designed to set Clinical Practice guidelines or to assist co-operative research studies.

**Editor’s footnote:** Professor KL Goh has served in many leadership capacities in Asian Pacific Gastroenterology for several years. He was the President of the Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology (APAGE) from 2010–2014, and from 2014 to the present time, serves as the President of the Asian Pacific Digestive Week Federation. He was Editor of the JGH from 1997–2003, and from 2003, was Editor Emeritus and Member of the JGHF, and served as Treasurer from 2008–2014.
The consensus meeting was held in Dusit Thani Pattaya, Thailand on 21st and 22nd November 2015. The meeting was organised by the Gastroenterological Association of Thailand and endorsed by APAGE. This meeting was instrumental to provide an opportunity for under-represented countries to voice their opinions to other APAGE countries, as well as to global communities. A total of 34 members including regional experts and international experts gathered and met for two days and came up with a consensus on *H. pylori* management in the region. There were four main issues in the consensus development: Epidemiology and Disease Association, Diagnostic Tests, Treatment of *H. pylori*, and Post-Treatment Follow-up. The meeting was also endorsed by the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand, and partially funded by JGHF. The report on the consensus will soon be submitted to JGH for publication.

The meeting held from 16th to 17th July 2016, focused on the development of analysis and treatment of irritable bowel diseases, hepatitis, and colorectal cancer, plus modernised skills on endoscopy operations. More than 200 GI specialists and family physicians from two Coasts and four Regions attended this meaningful event.
Gastric cancer is the fourth most common cancer and second leading cause of cancerous death. Over 70% of all cases were estimated in the Asia-Pacific region. Last consensus from the region on this issue was published almost 10 years ago. There have been tremendous advances in this area in the last decade and thus, a new consensus is greatly needed to update with the progress in this area.

Organised by the Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology (APAGE) and the Chinese Society of Gastroenterology (CSG), the Consensus Meeting on Prevention and Treatment of Gastric Cancer took place in Xi’an, China, on 26th and 27th March 2016. There was a panel of 21 experts from eight Asia-Pacific countries/areas who attended the meeting with Professors Kentaro Sugano, K M Fock, Nick Talley and Kaichun Wu as the Steering Committee panel. We have also external reviewers from North America (Professor David Graham) and Europe (Professor Ernst Kuipers) who participated in the consensus formation.

After a couple of rounds of discussion and voting online, a set of 31 clinical questions and statements were presented and discussed on topics on prevention, diagnosis, as well as treatment of gastric cancer. Finally, 28 statements were reached in consensus by voting, covering most detailed topics, such as target population and optimal age for *H. pylori* screening and eradication, surveillance of pre-cancer lesions, endoscopic procedures for early gastric cancer prevention and treatment, serological diagnosis and monitoring of gastric cancer, etc.

This consensus meeting updated our current understanding on prevention and treatment of gastric cancer, and it was believed to be helpful for our daily clinical practice in the Asia-Pacific region.
The second clinical forum on Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) was held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, on 26th to 27th August 2016. The meeting was a follow-up from the first successful meeting held in Penang, Malaysia in 2014. The theme of the meeting was “IBD in the Asia Pacific – Time to Move Forward”. The aim of the clinical forum was to focus on best clinical practice in IBD and apply them to an Asian setting. The meeting was hosted conjointly by the Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology (APAGE) and the Gastroenterological Association of Thailand (GAT). The organising chairs were Assoc Prof Dr Choon-Jin Ooi from APAGE and Prof Pisaln Mairiang from GAT. The faculty consisted of key opinion leaders from throughout the Asia Pacific, as well as Prof Geert D’Haens from University of Amsterdam.

The meeting began with two pre-congress workshops; the first one focusing on identifying dysplastic lesions in IBD and the second one on nutritional therapy. This was followed by the main congress with an opening talk by Prof Dr Vineet Ahuja on how to optimise IBD management in countries with limited funding. Other highlights of the meeting included a tandem talk on the use of thiopurines, an exciting debate on colectomy versus long-term biologic therapy and interactive case discussions. Prof Michael Kamm gave a fascinating lecture on the future of IBD management based on host microbiome signatures and pharmacogenomic profiles.

The faculty and delegates also had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful city of Chiang Mai, which provided them with unique experiences in elegant temples, elephant sanctuaries and night markets. Overall, it was an exciting and successful meeting with over 300 delegates from 18 countries.
The 18th Joint Annual Scientific Meeting was successfully held on 28th August 2016 and attended by 267 healthcare professionals. The conference is an annual landmark scientific event jointly organised by six societies for gastrointestinal and hepatobiliary diseases in Hong Kong, namely The Hong Kong Society of Gastroenterology, Hong Kong Society of Digestive Endoscopy, Hong Kong Society for Coloproctology, The Hong Kong Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, The Hong Kong Society of Gastrointestinal Motility and the Hong Kong IBD Society.

There were eight lectures covering hot topics in gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy and surgery delivered by renowned speakers. Guest speakers from overseas included Dr George Webster from the United Kingdom and Dr Marta Jimenez-Toscano from Spain. Other honorable local speakers included Dr Kelvin Lam, Professor Wai-Keung Leung, Dr Raymond Tang and Dr Heyson Chan.

The programme was stimulating. Some of the exciting topics included treatment of autoimmune liver diseases and management of primary sclerosing cholangitis; update of faecal microbiota transplantation; innovative surgical treatment of rectal cancer; management of serrated adenoma/polyp; recent advances in endoscopic biliary intervention and biologic therapy in IBD.

Interactive panel discussions were held at the end of each of the three symposia. Delegates participated actively throughout the discussions. This year’s meeting continued to provide a valuable platform for local and overseas gastrointestinal professionals and experts to exchange knowledge and share experience in different perspectives of GI diseases. It was proven to be an enjoyable and rewarding event.
Anti-thrombotic agents are increasingly used in Asia. Management of patients on anti-thrombotic agents who require gastrointestinal endoscopy has become a common and important clinical challenge. Recently, a joint APAGE–APSDE Task Force was established to develop practice guidelines on the management of patients on anti-thrombotic agents undergoing emergency or elective GI endoscopy. A face-to-face meeting was held on 2nd and 3rd September 2016, in Tokyo, Japan. Members included gastroenterologists (Francis Chan, Kazuma Fujimoto, Khean-Lee Goh, Lawrence Ho, Varocha Mahachai, Nageshwar Reddy, Kentaro Sugano, Ming Shiang Wu), cardiologists (Young Hoon Jeong, Byran Yan), a neurologist (Kitazono Takanari) and an epidemiologist (Kelvin Tsoi). The report is under preparation and will be presented in APDW 2017.

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Professor Dr Kentaro Sugano, President of the APAGE, was awarded the Marshall and Warren Medal, presented by Professor Dr Peter Malfertheiner, President of EHMSG.
The World Endoscopy Organization (WEO) partners with Gastroenterological Association of Thailand (GAT) to organise a new edition of PET (Program for Endoscopic Teachers)

Following the success of the Program for Endoscopic Teachers (PET) WEO, is happy to announce another edition of PET, to take place on 30th November and 1st December 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The PET course’ primary objective is to provide attendees with both cognitive and technical instructions in methods to teach endoscopy to trainees in residency or fellowship programmes. Understanding the role as a training leader and learning about effective teaching techniques is the expected outcome of these courses.

The edition in Bangkok features two days of lectures and discussions. The programme will cover many relevant topics to Endoscopy teachers, including what are the characteristics of a good endoscopic trainer, work on simulators and a detailed look on what training tools are available. As always, the programme includes a session with hands-on simulators, where experts showcase specific teaching techniques when handling equipment.

This edition will have at least six international faculty attending, including: Dr Jonathan Cohen as Co-Course Director, Drs Jeff Conklin, Dennis Jensen, Rome Jutabha, Bret Petersen, all from the USA, and Christopher Khor from Singapore. The course will follow suit other PET courses held in Hyderabad, Moscow, Alexandria, Rio de Janeiro, Bogota and Chicago.

Course directors Dr Jonathan Cohen, Rome Jutabha, Chomsri Kositchaiwat and Varocha Mahachai, there will be approximately 40 participants from Thailand and ASEAN countries. The lectures will be taught in English. This edition of PET is made possible with educational grants from industrial supporters, as well as with support from WEO and GAT.

If you are not planning a trip to Bangkok at the end of the year to attend this edition of PET, please note WEO can help you organise a PET in your home country – contact us via secretariat@worldendo.org.
The World Endoscopy Organization (WEO) is happy to present **ENDO 2017 – the first World Congress of GI Endoscopy**, which will take place from 16th to 19th February 2017 in Hyderabad, India.

ENDO 2017 will be the first and only conference entirely devoted to gastrointestinal endoscopy with world-renown endoscopists as faculty. It is an exciting event aimed at addressing gaps and foster dialogue for greater quality in endoscopy. The programme combines three and a half days of Live Demonstrations, Symposia, Postgraduate Program, Nurses' Track, Learning Center, Posters & Exhibition, with focus on interaction between participants and experts.

The Scientific Programme includes cutting-edge information on a broad range of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Oncology topics presented from the perspective of an endoscopist. Presentations will combine basic science and clinical practice, with a spotlight on topics relevant to the Asia-Pacific region and emerging countries. All endoscopic procedures will be covered during the four days of the congress.

Hyderabad, the host city of ENDO 2017, is the perfect blend of traditional and modern – a city where sleek skyscrapers share space with heritage monuments and an eclectic mix of communities ensures a vibrant culture. Within 30 minutes driving distance from the congress center takes you to tourist attractions such as KBR National Park, Golconda Fort, The Hyderabad Shopping District and Jubilee Hills. Pre- or Post-Congress Tours to Goa and Kerala as well as day-tours in Hyderabad can be booked when registering for the event.

We look forward to seeing you in Hyderabad, India.

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