



The 15th Congress of the ASEAN Federation of Endocrine Societies (AFES2009)
"The Art and Science of Endocrinology: From Evidence to Practice"



Dear Colleagues and friends,

It is my pleasure as a Chairman of the congress and President of the Endocrine Society of Thailand to welcome you to the 15th Congress of the ASEAN Federation of Endocrine Societies – AFES2009. Plans are already well underway to make this AFES Congress a successful event. There are abstracts from various countries while more than 50 renowned speakers have confirmed their participation to the congress. Not to mention that the registration number is growing steadily as we will reach the end of early bird period registration within this month.

The scientific committee has some innovative and exciting program ideas to help all participants gaining experience and knowledge from this congress. This year the symposia will focus on **"The Art and Science of Endocrinology: From Evidence to Practice"** and pre-congress will cover **"Networking to attain the goals of diabetes management and prevention"**. So, there will be something for everyone and we would like to encourage you to register **within 30 June 2009** in order to get the early bird rate and the abstract submission **deadline is 31 July 2009**.

For those who are not sure about the political situation in Thailand, we would like to ensure you once again that the current situation is on course for a speedy resolution by all parties. The Prime Minister H.E. Abhisit Vejjajiva has also given priority to economic recovery and called for national unity, thus there should not be any causes for political protester. Queen Sirikit National Convention Center, the congress venue and congress official hotels, are located in major business area of Bangkok and are easily access to both in luxury shopping centers and the most famous Sunday market, Jatujak.

Regarding the swine flu (H1N1) situation in Thailand, Ministry of Public Health Thailand has monitored this situation closely and announced the measurement to protect and prevent the flu. We are expecting disappearance of it by the end of rainy season.

We hope that the visitors who come to Thailand during November – December will have the lovely time both before and after the congress because it is the time that we will celebrate for His Majesty the King's Birthday. Major streets and buildings will have light decoration, and we can guarantee that you will enjoy our cultural, food, warm welcoming of Thai people. Finally, we hope that you would consider to participating in the congress.

With warm regards,

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