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Preface

There are a number of problems which are common to the peoples of South-East Asia. It was therefore not surprising that, in August 1967, the foreign ministers of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand agreed to form a non-military association for political cooperation. This association is termed the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Subsequent events have shown that the meaning which the ASEAN peoples have attached to the term 'politics' in this context has been all-embracing. Indeed, in the words of Gouverneur Morris, who was a delegate at the convention which framed the United States Constitution in 1787, politics is that 'sublime science which embraces for its object the happiness of mankind'.

It was therefore natural that organizations concerned with health care should spring up under the ASEAN umbrella. In particular, the Federation of the ASEAN Otolaryngological Society was founded in Medan, Indonesia, on July 2, 1980.

At the meeting in Medan, it was agreed that the ASEAN Otolaryngological Federation should promote congresses wherein mutual otolaryngologic problems could be discussed and new
relevant knowledge
in the field highlighted. With this in mind, the Otolaryngological Society
of Thailand in cooperation with the Department of Otolaryngology,
Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Bangkok, agreed to organize the
First Congress of the Federation. This took place in Pattaya, Thailand,
in December 1981.
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The Organizing Committee were unanimous that, since ASEAN
otolaryngologists were anxious to hear about new developments which
could have a bearing on their own practice, it would be most appropriate
to include speakers from outside the region. Indeed, the Organizing
Committee were fortunate in recruiting 26 guest speakers who represented
10 countries outside the ASEAN grouping. Moreover, this has
meant that the organizing committee were able to tap the expertise of
all five continents. Thus, what could initially be claimed to be an international meeting became a
world event.
The Organizing Committee were so impressed with the standard
and variety of these invited papers that they have arranged for their publication. The contents of
this book should be of interest not only to the
otolaryngologist of South-East Asia, but also to all those throughout
the world.
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