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Welcome Message

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

2020 has been a tough year for most of us, mostly due to the challenges arising from coping with the COVID-19 pandemic and adapting ourselves to the new normal. We have experienced lockdowns and many social distancing measures that we have not imagined before. A physical meeting that can bring us together again is basically impossible even towards the end of the year. While we can't stay close physically, the distance can't stop us from having fruitful academic exchange. With the endorsement from WHO, the [Asia Pacific Tele-Ophthalmology Society](#) has been conducting [monthly webinars](#) since June 2020 and we are taking it further to organize our annual meeting online with free registration and CME credits for all participants.

Featuring top-notch speakers from Korea and around the world, APTOS 2020 will showcase clinical applications of artificial intelligence in telemedicine and the role tele-ophthalmology plays in reaching the unreached and in difficult circumstances in which the physicians and the patients are miles apart. We have not imagined we can be working from home for so long that people start to talk about having a virtual office. By the same token, while we can't imagine having a virtual clinic right now, we can be sure that technology will keep advancing and one day, it will become a new normal for all of us.

Last but not least, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our co-hosts, the [International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness](#), [Yonsei University](#), and [Zhongshan Ophthalmic Center](#), for their efforts in making APTOS 2020 online a reality.

We look forward to seeing you online.

Yours sincerely,



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Opening, Plenum & Ophthalmology Fun Quiz

We are honored to have [Dr Alarcos Cieza](#) from the World Health Organization as our

officiating guest. She will share with us the WHO perspectives on the use of telemedicine and artificial intelligence in the elimination of preventable blindness. We are also privileged to have the following speakers join us in the Plenary Session:



[Eui Suk CHUNG](#)
(South Korea)



[Amanda DAVIS](#)
(Australia)

Despite the many limitations of an online meeting, we will have a very modest social program in which attendees can participate in the [Ophthalmology Fun Quiz](#) during the Closing Session. The one who can manage to answer all the questions correctly and most speedily will receive a small prize.

Registration & CME Credits

Registration is FREE. Please click the links below to register for the session(s) you are interested in:

1. [Opening & Plenary Session](#)
2. [AI & Global Health + Lunch Symposium](#)
3. [Technical Updates in AI: Generative Adversarial Network \(GAN\)](#)
4. [Natural Language Processing \(NLP\) in Medicine & Closing](#)
5. [AI Workshop](#)

APTOS 2020 can accommodate a maximum of 500 participants. Free access will be granted on a first come first serve basis the moment you join our annual symposium. **The 501st attendee will not be allowed into the webinar and will be prompted that the event is full.** The best way not to miss it will be getting ready for the webinar a bit ahead of the scheduled time so that you can be with us once it is broadcast. Please be sure that you do sync your calendar when you sign up to receive meeting reminders.

One must watch all the sessions in order to earn the CME credits. We will check the attendee report to verify. Attendance in the [AI Workshop](#) is an elective.

[Register Now](#)

AI Workshop & 2nd Big Data Competition

The [Asia Pacific Tele-Ophthalmology Society](#) will host its 2nd Big Data Competition at its 6th Annual Meeting in 2021. More information will be disclosed in due course. In

order to better equip our contestants for the Competition, we will be conducting an AI workshop online immediately after APTOS 2020. Details are given as follows:

Date: December 12, 2020
Time: 15:00 – 16:00 (GMT+9)
Venue: Online via Zoom



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