



## APSS MEDTRONIC FELLOWSHIP 2015 19 August 2015 – 19 August 2016

On behalf of APSS, I am pleased to present the report of the APSS Medtronic Fellowship 2015. This fellowship programme marked the first fellowship programme jointly held by APSS and Medtronic. Four (4) fellowships were awarded in the programme, in which each fellow was attached and spent a duration of 3 months in a spine centre of excellence in the Asia Pacific Region. Out of the four awards, three awards were given to applicants from developing countries. The fellowship programme was held successfully between 19 August 2015 and 19 August 2016.

To be able to qualify for this fellowship programme, an applicant must comply with the list of criteria as listed in the programme. One of the pre-requisites is that the applicant must be a member of APOA and APSS and practicing in spine surgery. Economy air travel, hotel accommodation and allowance arrangements were provided to these successful candidates. Upon the completion of the programme, the fellows were required to submit a report and a feedback form before they were allowed to claim their allowance.

Below are the details of the names of the successful fellows, their hosts, the countries and period of the fellowship.

Fellow Name	Center Name	Host	Period
<b>Dr. Sanjay Yadav (INDIA)</b>	The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong	Prof Kenneth Cheung	19 Aug - 20 Nov 2015
<b>Dr. Rajesh Bahadur Lakhey (NEPAL)</b>	Sarawak General Hospital, Kuching, Malaysia	Dr. Chung-Chek Wong	01 Oct - 15 Nov 2015
	University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Prof Mun-Keong Kwan	16 Nov - 31 Dec 2015
<b>Dr. Kumar Shantanu Anand (INDIA)</b>	University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Prof Mun-Keong Kwan	07 Mar - 23 Apr 2016
	Sarawak General Hospital, Kuching, Malaysia	Dr. Chung-Chek Wong	23 Apr - 05 June 2016
<b>Dr. Lau Yan On Yvonne (HONG KONG)</b>	Kyung-Hee University, Seoul, Korea	Prof Ki-Tack Kim	23 May - 19 Aug 2016

The fellows have benefited tremendously from the fellowship programme where they had the golden opportunities to interact and learn from the renowned spine surgeons in the Asia Pacific region. Besides, the fellows were also invited to attend the scientific meetings around the region or within the country that were held during the fellowship period in order to encourage them to contribute to the spine research and enhance their networking. This first successful fellowship programme would not be possible without the cooperation and contributions by Medtronic, dedicated hosts, fellows, APSS Education Committee, and APSS administrative staff. We would like to express our gratitude to all parties who have contributed to the successful APSS Medtronic Fellowship programme in 2015.

For more details about the individual fellowship experience, please refer to the fellowship reports and logbooks submitted by the fellows.

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