Special Session:
CELEBRATING THE ASIA REGION'S EXCELLENCE AND ADVANCES IN RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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Background

• Who are the nurse leaders in Asia?
• Where are they?
• What are their scope of work? What impact do their work have in their own community and/or country?
• Why are they not often seen or heard in the international arena, or even in Asia?
About the Session

Goal

• To showcase the excellence in nursing scholarship in Asia and also recognize the Asian nurse leaders in their contribution to the profession and society

Presentations

1. Lambda Alpha-at-Large, Korea
2. Lambda Beta-at-Large, Taiwan
3. Pi Iota, Hong Kong SAR
4. Upsilon Eta, Singapore
5. Conclusion
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Objective 1: The state of scholarship development in Asia

**Korea:** As of 2014, the Lambda Alpha Chapter consists of 13 nursing schools with a total of 787 members (405 & 382 life/annual members. The Korean Society of Nursing Science (KSNS), was founded in 1970, and now with over 3,400 members.

**Taiwan:** A total of 18 master’s programs in nursing and 11 doctoral programs in nursing.

**Hong Kong:** more than 60 PhD prepared academics in the 4 universities in Hong Kong.

**Singapore:** Bachelor of Nursing (2007), Master’s (2003), and PhD (2011) (through the School of medicine prior to 2011).
Objectives 2: The areas of success in the Asia Region with regard to research development and scholarly work


Taiwan: Nursing research are funded by the Ministry of Health and Welfare and National health research Institutes. The Taiwan Nurses Association has published the Journal of Nursing Research (JNR) in English since June 2001. It is one of the five nursing journals indexed by SCI and SSCI in Asia.

Hong Kong: The expertise of our nurse academia covers the wide spectrum of clinical and health related research areas. Members received numerous awards or involved in the taskforce/committee of STTI.

Singapore: The President was awarded the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame (2013).
Objective 3: the opportunities and barriers relating to regional and international research and collaboration

**Korea:** Main barriers for international research collaboration: time constraint, lack of information on international funding and opportunities to communicate with other researchers, and heavy work load.

**Taiwan:** offers a variety of scholarly workshops and training programs to promote nursing research.

**Hong Kong:** These scholars have established strong network and collaboration with other universities around the world. They received recognitions in professional bodies worldwide and been invited as keynote speakers at numerous international conferences and exchange events.

**Singapore:** Regional and global research collaboration, faculty and students exchange, organize international conferences, joint application of research grants.
Conclusion

We are successful in achieving the overall aims of this special session to:

✓ showcase the excellence of nursing scholarship in Asia and to recognize the contributions of Asian nurse leaders to the profession and society.

✓ introduce our nurse leaders to each other and create a platform for the sharing of expertise.

✓ create a formal platform for Asian nurse leaders to participate in scholarly exchanges with the ultimate goal to form a “STTI Asia Nurse Scholars Alliance” strives to realize the mission and vision of the STTI in the Asia regional.
Thank you!

Prof. Ok Soo KIM, Lambda Alpha-at-large, KOREA

Prof. Pei-Shan TSAI, Lambda Beta-at-Large Chapter, TAIWAN

Dr. Alice KY WONG, Pi Iota Chapter, HONG KONG SAR

Prof. Sally Chan, Upsilon Eta Chapter, SINGAPORE

Dr. Jerome Babate, Iota Sigma (unable to attend the conference)

Prof. Misae Ito, Department of Nursing, Faculty of Health and Welfare, Kawasaki University of Medical Welfare, Kurashiki, JAPAN  (will attend the conference later)

Ms. Shela Hirani, Rho Delta chapter, PAKISTAN (unable to attend the conference)