

***Second Announcement and
Invitation To Participate***

"Trends & Challenges"

**9th ASEAN Conference in
Medical Laboratory Technology**

18 - 22 November 2002

Singapore Polytechnic



Organised by
Singapore Association for Medical Laboratory Sciences

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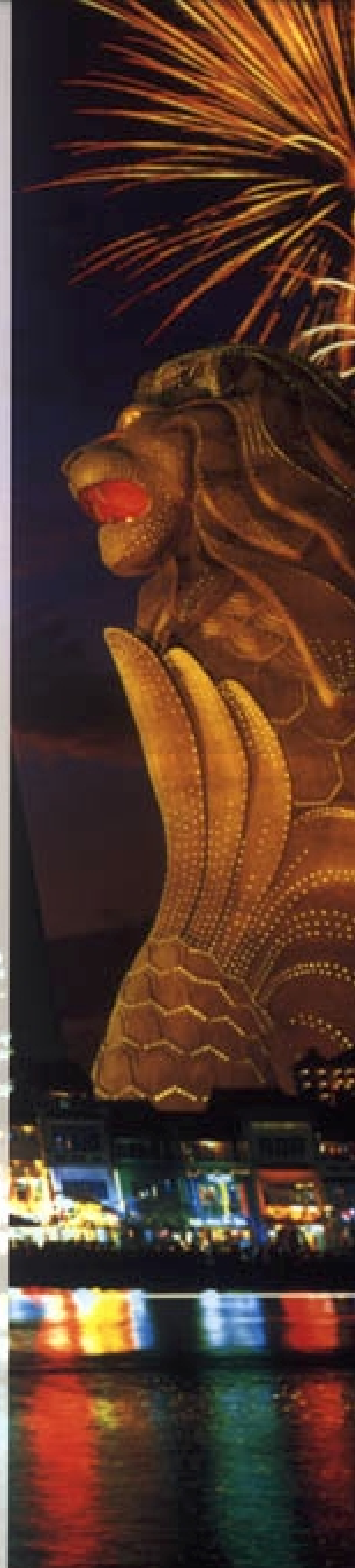
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Welcome Message

It is a great pleasure to invite you to participate in the 9th ASEAN Conference in Medical Laboratory Technology. Singapore is proud to be the host of this Conference which will be held from 18 - 22 November 2002.

The Organising Committee has lined up an exciting programme for every medical laboratory scientist and those interested in medical laboratory science in this region. Several eminent international and local speakers will speak on topics and conduct sessions in their fields of expertise.

The keynote address and the varied mix of plenary lectures, symposia, workshops, free communications and poster sessions have been carefully selected to ensure a stimulating and wide-ranging Scientific Programme.

The Social Programme for participants and accompanying guests has been planned to provide not only an introduction to the many scenic attractions of our beautiful garden-convention city, a veritable shopper's paradise, but also an insight into the rich and unique blend of our multicultural society and cuisine. In addition, arrangements can be made for visits to our equally fascinating ASEAN neighbours.

A Trade Exhibition is also being organised in conjunction with the Conference. This will showcase state-of-the-art medical laboratory equipment and diagnostic aids by leading manufacturers, suppliers and specialists

On behalf of the Organising Committee, may I extend this invitation to all our colleagues and friends to come to Singapore to make this event enjoyable, educational and unforgettable. My Committee and I look forward to seeing you in Singapore, come 2002.

Dr Eddie H S Ang
*Chairman
Organising Committee*

Theme

"Trends and Challenges" is chosen as the theme for the 9th ASEAN Conference in Medical Laboratory Technology in Singapore from 18 - 22 November 2002. The theme is befitting as we focus our attention on the professional development of our knowledge and skills in meeting the demands of society in the first one hundred years of the 21st century.

Invited Speakers

“Tracking Penicillin-nonsusceptible Streptococcus pneumoniae - The Hong Kong Experience”

Prof Margaret Ip
Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong

“Appropriate Laboratory Technology Issues for Developing Countries: Experience in Bangladesh”

Prof Liaquat Ali
Coordinator, Biomedical Research Group
Bangladesh

“Use of Problem Based Learning as an Educational Format for Medical Technologists”

Prof L C Chan
University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong

“Quality Assurance in Immunohistochemistry”

Mr Keith David Miller
University College London
United Kingdom

“The Aging Male and Automation in Autoimmune Diseases”

Mr Gene Grindal
EURO/DPC Ltd
United Kingdom

“Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant - Future Directions”

A/Prof Patrick Tan
Singapore General Hospital
Singapore

“Norwalk-like Viruses”

Dr Teo Keng Fong
Ngee Ann Polytechnic
Singapore

“Anthrax Infections”

A/Prof Paul Ananth
National University Hospital
Singapore

“PCR-based Disease Detection Technology of Hep B Vaccine”

Dr Alex Thian
Research Biolabs Holdings Pte Ltd
Singapore

“PCR-based Molecular Diagnostics Pathogens”

Dr Shanthi Wasser
Research Biolabs Holdings Pte Ltd
Singapore

“Morphology of Blood and Bone Marrow in Haematology Practice”

Dr P Kuperan
Tan Tock Seng Hospital
Singapore

“The Role of Computer-Based Microscopy Simulation in the Haematology Laboratory”

A/Prof Lee Szu Hee
National University Hospital
Singapore

“Harvesting and Cryopreservation of Haemopoietic Stem Cells”

Dr Tan Lip Kun
National University Hospital
Singapore

“Flow Cytometry in Haematology”

Dr Liu Te Chih
National University Hospital
Singapore

“The Impact of HLA Matching of Marrow - Stem Cell Transplant”

Prof Ren Ee Chee
Department of Microbiology (NUS)
Singapore

“Free Radicals in Health and Disease and the Use of Supplements”

Prof Barry Halliwell
Department of Biochemistry (NUS)
Singapore

“PCR Technology in Clinical Diagnosis”

Dr Tan Boon Huang
Dept of Medical Research Institute (NUS)
Singapore

“The Impact of Molecular Biology in Paediatric Cancer”

Dr Vasanthi Rajalingam
KK Women’s & Children’s Hospital
Singapore

Conference Information

Registration Fees

	Before 02 Sep 2002	After 02 Sep 2002
AAMLT Members:		
Delegates	S\$300	S\$375
Accompanying Persons	S\$200	S\$200
Non-AAMLT Members		
Delegates	S\$325	S\$400
Accompanying Persons	S\$225	S\$225
Day Registration	S\$75	S\$90
Student Registration	S\$150	S\$150

Registration fees for delegates will include all Conference documents and attendance at all sessions and official AAMLT events, with lunch and coffee/tea on each Conference day.

Registration fees for accompanying persons will include a full day excursion, a half-day city/shopping tour and attendance at Opening Ceremony.

Day registration is available for participants who attend the Conference sessions for less than five days. All social activities are not included and will be separately charged for those who wish to attend a particular event.

Cancellations and Refunds

The registration fee will be refunded upon receipt of a written notice of cancellation as follows:

Before 1 Oct 2002 : 100% refund of registration fee.

Between 2 Oct to
1 Nov 2002 : 50% refund of registration fee.

After 1 Nov 2002 : No refund.

Acknowledgement

Your registration will be acknowledged in writing with confirmation of your requirements according to your Registration Form and upon full payment being received.

Poster Presentation

A poster exhibition will be held at the Conference venue during the Conference. All participants are invited to view the posters.

Trade Exhibition

A trade exhibition will be held at The Concourse (Level 1), Singapore Polytechnic and will display the latest products in medical laboratory technology. The trade exhibition will allow exhibitors many opportunities to interact with delegates attending the scientific and education sessions.

Language

The official language of the Conference will be English. There will be no simultaneous translation.

Conference Secretariat

9th ASEAN Conference in Medical Laboratory Technology
c/o Orient Explorer (S) Pte Ltd
141 Middle Road #03-02C
Singapore 188976
Tel (65) 63398687
Fax (65) 63399536 & (65) 63393731
Email: mail@orient-explorer.com
Website: <http://www.9acmlt.calendarone.com>

Conference Venue

Singapore Polytechnic
(Lecture Theatre 1A)
500 Dover Road
Singapore 139651

Sponsorships

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- Must forward a letter of application to the Conference Secretariat
- Must be working full-time in a healthcare institution
- When applying for sponsorship, an abstract must be submitted together to the Conference Secretariat by 2 September, 2002.

Note: Conference registration for successful applicants will be waived. The decision of the Organising Committee is final.

Letter of Invitation

Upon request, the Organising Committee will issue a letter of invitation. The sole purpose of the letter is to facilitate the delegate's travel and visa arrangements. The invitation does not imply provision of financial or other support.

Certificate of Attendance

A certificate of attendance will be issued to all delegates attending the Conference. Day registrants will not be issued with the certificate of attendance.

Liability

The Organising Committee is not liable for personal accidents, loss or damage of private properties of registered participants during the Conference. Participants should make their own arrangements with respect to personal insurance.

Disclaimer

While every attempt will be made to ensure that all aspects of the Conference published in this announcement will take place as scheduled, the Organising Committee shall not be held responsible should it fail to take place for any reason.

Call for Abstracts

The Scientific Committee welcomes the submission of original contributions for presentation at the 9th ASEAN Conference in Medical Laboratory Technology.

Submission and Closing Date

All abstracts must be in English. Abstract forms with 3 photocopies must be submitted by 2 September 2002 and must conform to the guidelines given in the Abstract Form.

Presentation of Papers

The accepted abstract will be classified as an oral or a poster presentation. Please indicate the preferred method of presentation in the space provided on the form.

Notification

All abstracts will be acknowledged on receipt.

Mailing address for Abstract Form

Mail by airmail or courier to
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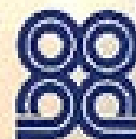
Situated at one of the most important crossroads of the world, Singapore is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city state where tradition and modernity, East and West, meet and mingle most agreeably and harmoniously. When you meet in *New Asia - Singapore*, you are at the centre for business and pleasure.

The various luxury hotels, offering impeccable standards of Asian service and hospitality, and modern shopping malls dotting this tropical island are well-connected by the efficient Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) network, and Singapore's bustling port, world-renowned Changi Airport, and thriving business, are all testimonies to Singapore's standing as one of the leading financial, economic and trading centres in the region. As Asia's convention and exhibition capital, Singapore offers superb facilities and excellent support in every aspect of event planning and co-ordination.

When it comes to fun, Singapore is your tropical playground, where there is so much to discover and experience. To what your appetite there is a wide choice of cuisine from all over the world found right here in this gourmet paradise. Besides this, a wide choice of leisure experiences awaits you, from spa treatments to pub-hopping, sightseeing, trishaw rides, non-stop shopping and attractions galore. And for your entertainment pleasure, there is an array of cultural and modern dance, theatre concerts and world-class musicals found in this City for the Arts. This trendy city keeps you entertained non-stop, where the world comes together for pure enjoyment.

The climate in Singapore is warm and welcoming all year round with temperatures ranging between 31°C in the day and 23°C in the night. English is a widely spoken language and the common business language of all. And you'll be able to experience Singapore to the fullest, especially since Singapore is known to be one of the safest cities in the world.

Economic progress has given Singapore a 21st century facade and outlook. Yet the country's essence is very much steeped in age-old Asian mores, cultures and traditions. Whether you're here for business or pleasure, Singapore has everything to make your stay a most memorable experience. So come live it up in *New Asia - Singapore*.



General Information

Airport Transfers

The most convenient means of transport is by taxi. Flagdown fare is \$2.40 for the first 1km, with surcharge of S\$3 for trips from Changi Airport. Other additional charges include 50% charge for trips between midnight and 6.00 am. The AIRBUS operates daily from 6.00 am to midnight at every 20 minutes with stops at major hotels.

Airport Tax

An airport departure tax of S\$21 applies to all destinations departing from Singapore.

Visas

All international visitors require a valid passport for entry into Singapore and some visitors will require a visa also. Please check with your travel agent or local Singapore Embassy for information. If you require a visa, we recommend that you apply early as processing documentation can take time.

Weather

Singapore enjoys warm tropical weather throughout the year. Temperatures reach a maximum of 31°C during the day, falling to a pleasant 25°C during the evening hours.

Currency

The unit of currency is the Singapore Dollar (S\$). For currency exchange, banks and money changers are located in most shopping centres and at the airport. One US\$ is approximately equivalent to S\$1.774 (as at June 2002). You are advised to check the rates applicable in your own country. Credit cards are widely accepted.

Food

Food is a national passion among Singaporeans. From street-side hawker stalls to Cordon Bleu, the city is home to a delicious array of Chinese, Indian and Malay cuisines as well as culinary favourites from all over the world. There are restaurants that suit every budget.

Shopping

Singapore's duty-free port status brings together the world's most competitive bargains; good service and a wide range of goods provide an unbeatable shopping experience. Most shops are open 7 days a week, between 1000 hrs and 2100 hrs.

Transport

Inexpensive public transport is readily available in Singapore. The Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) system offers quick access to all parts of the island. An extensive network of buses also plies the entire island.

Taxis are easily flagged from taxi stands or along the streets. All taxis are metered. There is a S\$3.00 surcharge for a journey originating from Changi Airport. Congress hotels are all within walking distance of bus stops and MRT stations.

Electricity

The electric current is 220-240 volts AC, 50 Hertz; and upon request, most hotels will provide transformers to guests with electrical appliances of a different voltage.

Smoking

Please note that we operate a strict no-smoking policy at all our events. In addition, smoking in Singapore is banned in public buses, taxis, lifts, theatres, government offices, cinemas, shopping centres, restaurants and covered areas.

Tipping

It is prohibited to tip at the airport and is discouraged in hotels and restaurants where a service charge of 10% is usually included. A tip should only be exercised in instances where the bill does not include a service charge.

Littering

Please note that there are laws in place to discourage littering.

Organising Committee

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Abstract Form

9th ASEAN Conference in Medical Laboratory Technology
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() Prof () Dr () Mr () Ms

Name _____
Family Name-underlined First Name Other Names

Institution _____

Mailing Address _____

Postal Code _____ Country _____

Tel _____ Fax _____ NRIC/Passport No _____

Presentation Preference: Oral Presentation Poster Presentation

EXTENDED DEADLINE: 2 SEPTEMBER 2002

Invitation for Oral / Poster Presentation

The Organisers invite participants to submit abstracts for oral/poster presentations. Participants are requested to indicate their choice of oral or poster presentation in the Registration Form but the Organisers reserve the right to make the final decision.

Instructions for submission of abstracts

1. Applicants should fill up the Registration Form and submit it together with 3 duplicate copies of the abstract to the Conference Secretariat. Please tick the appropriate box under the Presentation Section to indicate the mode of presentation, ie. oral or poster. The deadline for submission has been extended to 2 September 2002. Facsimile transmission of an abstract cannot be accepted. If additional abstract form is required, photocopies of the original may be used.
2. The Organising Committee is offering Sponsorships to medical technologists who are in need of financial support. To be eligible for consideration, the applicant must meet the following criteria:-
 - Must forward a letter of application to the Conference Secretariat
 - Must be working full-time in a healthcare institution
 - When applying for sponsorship, an abstract must be submitted together to the Conference Secretariat by September 2, 2002.Note: Conference registration for successful applicants will be waived. The decision of the Organising Committee is final.
3. Abstract should contain work that has not been previously published.
4. Instructions for preparing abstracts:
 - a. Practise typing or printing on a rectangle before using the original abstract form. Keep original abstract form clean and do not fold or staple the abstract.
 - b. Use an electric typewriter with "Elite" or similar type, 12 characters to the inch, or word processor using "Times" or a similar font of 10 point size.
 - c. The abstract should not be more than 250 words (inclusive of title, authors, institution, text). Use single line spacing. It must be typed or printed wholly within the box framed without erasures, smudges and editorial corrections as your original submission will appear in print exactly as you submit.
 - d. Type the title of the paper in capital letters and bold. Make the title brief and indicate the nature of study clearly.
 - e. Full names of all authors in capital and small letters, family name in capital letters, with the name of presenting author underlined. The Department, Hospital//Institution, Country of first author follows. Omit degrees, title, etc.
 - f. Leave double line spacing before starting on text of abstract. Text of abstract should begin with statement of the main purpose of the study, preferably in one sentence. A statement of the methods used should follow.
 - g. A summary of the results should be presented in an easily comprehensible manner to support the conclusions.
 - h. Do not indent titles or paragraphs. Do not subtitle.
 - i. Graphs, tables or references should not be included in the abstract.

Failure to comply with these requirements may exclude the abstract from consideration.

Sample Arrangement of Abstract

Title of paper in Capital Letters & bold
THE NEW TRENDS IN LABORATORY MEDICINE

Authors

John PHILLIPS, Hock-Seng LIM
Department of Laboratory Medicine, National University Hospital, Singapore

Text of the abstract begins after double spacing with a statement of the main purpose of the study

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A. REGISTRATION

DELEGATE Female Male

() Prof () Dr () Mr () Ms

Family Name _____

First Name _____ Other Names _____

Mailing Address _____

Postal Code _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email address _____

Passport Number _____
(only for overseas delegates)

ACCOMPANYING PERSON(S)

Family Name _____

First Name _____ Other Names _____

Mailing Address (if not the same as delegate's) _____

Passport Number _____
(only for overseas delegates)

REGISTRATION CATEGORY

AAMLT Members

	Before 2 Sep 2002	After 2 Sep 2002	Total Amount
Delegates	S\$300	S\$375	
Accompanying Persons	S\$200	S\$200	
Subtotal payment A			

NON-AAMLT Members

	Before 2 Sep 2002	After 2 Sep 2002	Total Amount
Delegates	S\$325	S\$400	
Accompanying Persons	S\$225	S\$225	
Subtotal payment B			

Day Registration		Total Amount
Before 2 Sep 2002	S\$75	
After 2 Sep 2002	S\$90	
Student Registration		
Student	S\$150	
Subtotal payment C		

B. OPTIONAL TOURS

(All optional tour prices are subject to change with or without prior notice and in Singapore Dollars)

Code	Events	Cost per person (S\$)		No. of Persons	Total Amount
01	Night Safari Adventure	Adult	S\$60		
		Child	S\$30		
02	City by Night	Adult	S\$43		
		Child	S\$22		
03	Breakfast with the Birds	Adult	S\$49		
		Child	S\$25		
04	City Synopsis	Adult	S\$29		
		Child	S\$15		
05	Sentosa Twilight	Adult	S\$55		
		Child	S\$28		
CHINESE JUNK CRUISES					
J1	Emerald Cruise	Adult	S\$21		
		Child	S\$11		
J2	Starlight Dinner Cruise	Adult	\$38		
		Child	\$19		
Subtotal payment D					

Please indicate your preferred date of visit/travel of the optional tour.

O1 _____ O2 _____ O3 _____

O4 _____ O5 _____

J1 _____ J2 _____

C. POST CONGRESS TOURS

(Passport with minimum 6 months validity required; please check with your embassy if visa is required for entry)

Code	Tour	Cost per person		No. of Persons	Total Amount
		Single	Twin		
PC1	Bali, Indonesia	S\$830	S\$739		
PC2	Phuket, Thailand	S\$740	S\$640		
PC3	Bintan, Indonesia	S\$538	S\$349		
PC4	Penang, Malaysia	S\$630	S\$540		
Subtotal payment E					

Preferred departure date

PC1 _____ PC2 _____

PC3 _____ PC4 _____

D. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Rates quoted are nett inclusive of 1% cess, 3% Goods & Services Tax & 10% Service Charge and is in Singapore Dollars. Rates are specially negotiated and are valid throughout the duration of the Conference. The room rate is applicable Single/Twin/Double Room types. All above room rates (*) include breakfast with the exception of Dickson Court.

To secure accommodation, a non-refundable deposit equivalent to one night's stay is required for each room reserved. The room will not be confirmed unless the appropriate deposit is paid. After the deadline of 1 OCTOBER 2002, room reservations and confirmation will be based on space availability. In the event if the reservation is cancelled on or after 1 OCTOBER 2002, there is a cancellation charge equivalent to one night room rate charge for each room cancelled. Similarly, the Hotels charge a one night room rate should there be a no-show of guest on the check-in date for each room. Deposits pre-paid, less bank charges, will be refunded for cancellation of room made before 1 OCTOBER 2002.

The hotel's official check-in time is 1400 hrs and check-out time is 1200 hrs. Requests for early check-in and late check-out are subject to availability. Additional charges will apply for guaranteed early check-in or late check-out.

Daily transfers from/to the Official Hotels and to/from Congress venue are provided at the hotels marked (*).

DEADLINE: 1 OCTOBER 2002

Hotel	Single/Twin Double Rm Per Night	No. of Nights	Total Amount
*Swissotel The Stamford	S\$206.00		
*Royal Plaza on Scotts	S\$200.00		
*Grand Plaza	S\$165.00 S\$180.00		
* Allson	S\$135.00 S\$145.00		
* Peninsula	S\$140.00 S\$155.00		
* Summer View	S\$ 99.00 S\$105.00		
* YWCA Fort Canning Lodge	S\$ 111.00 S\$ 122.00		
Dickson Court	S\$ 79.00 S\$ 89.00		
Subtotal payment F			

Hotel Booking Details

If my choice of hotel is not available, please book me at the _____

I am sharing the room with Mr/Ms/Dr _____

(only applicable for twin and double rooms)

Room Type [] Single [] Twin [] Double

Check-in date _____

Check-out date _____

Flight Details

Arrival Date/Time/Flight No _____

Departure Date/Time/Flight No _____

E. TOTAL PAYMENT

All payment should be made payable to "9TH ASEAN Conference in Medical Technology"

Section		Amount Payable
Registration Fee	Subtotal for A	
	Subtotal for B	
	Subtotal for C	
Optional Tour	Subtotal for D	
Post Congress Tour	Subtotal for E	
Hotel Accommodation	Subtotal for F	
Subtotal payment C		

Payment Declaration (all payment is made in Singapore Dollars). All bank charges, where applicable, must be borne by the delegate and may NOT be deducted from the total amount payable.

() I enclose a bank draft of S\$ _____ and made payable to "9th ASEAN Conference in Medical Technology".

() I wish to pay by

Mastercard Visa Amex Diners T/T

Payment by credit card and telegraphic transfer is subject to the following administrative fee:-

- Telegraphic Transfer = 3%
- Mastercard/Visa = 3%
- Amex = 4.5%
- Diners = 5%

Card Holder's Name _____

Card Number _____

Expiry Date _____ month _____ year

Signature _____

Date _____

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