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Tokyo to Host the 7th Asian and Oceanian Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Congress (AOPMC) and the 13th International Symposium of the Asian and Pacific Parkinsonism Association (APPA)

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The Tokyo Convention & Visitors Bureau (TCVB) is delighted to announce that Tokyo has placed the winning bid to host the 7th Asian and Oceanian Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Congress (AOPMC) at the Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba on March 18-20, 2021. AOPMC 2021, the second such gathering to be held in Japan, is anticipated to lead to future breakthroughs in Parkinson disease and other movement disorder research, and is expected to attract over 1,200 specialists from more than 30 countries.

Coinciding with the AOPMC, the 13th International Symposium of the Asian and Pacific Parkinsonism Association (APPA) will also be held in the Japanese capital. The APPA Symposium will offer an in-depth look at the latest trends in the treatment of movement disorders, and will provide local patients and their caregivers with a unique opportunity to learn from world-renowned physicians.

The deciding factors for Tokyo winning the bid was the International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society (MDS)'s recognition of the Japanese medical community's long-standing contributions to the organization's mission, and the solid proposal made by the Tokyo Bid Committee. The Committee was highly motivated to secure hosting rights for the convention in 2021, inspired by the success of the 2019 World Parkinson Congress in Kyoto. The Kyoto Congress not only attracted specialists from all around Japan, but also patients and their families who came to learn about the latest treatment options.

The resounding success in the AOPMC 2021 bid process would never have happened without the strong leadership and steadfast commitment of the Japan Bid Committee, its chair Prof. Nobutaka Hattori, and all of its members. The TCVB also played a major role, bringing its considerable experience to bear to help the Tokyo Bid Committee prepare its bid proposal and presentation materials. Finally, a generous subsidy from the Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG) to provide financial and in-kind support for the convention was also an important factor in the decision.

The convening of this congress in Tokyo - the center of academic activities of many research-oriented societies, will surely have a significant impact on academia in Japan as well as in neighboring Asian and Oceanian countries. The TMG and the TCVB will continue to support the MDS to deliver a successful and unforgettable AOPMC and APPA in Tokyo.

About the International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society (MDS)

The MDS is an international professional society of clinicians, scientists, and other healthcare professionals who are interested in Parkinson's disease, related neurodegenerative and neurodevelopmental disorders, hyperkinetic Movement Disorders, and abnormalities in muscle tone and motor control. The Asian and Oceanian Section of the MDS (MDS-AOS) was founded in June 2005, and seeks to bring together doctors, researchers, and healthcare professionals involved in treating Parkinson's disease and movement disorders from throughout Asia and Oceania.

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