

2nd Medical Convention Special Supplement

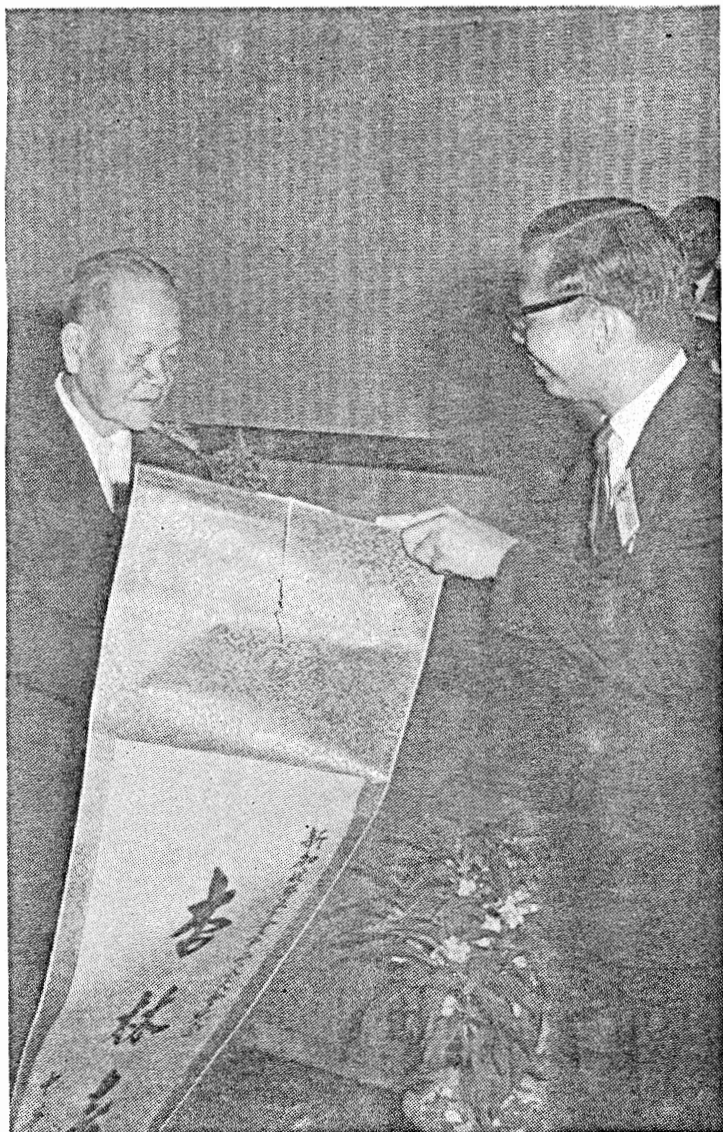
A GREAT SUCCESS - - - -

The Second Medical Convention held on the 14th to 18th August 1969 was a tremendous success. There has never been such enthusiasm and participation by so many doctors, especially the general practitioners, at any of the previous S.M.A. functions. Altogether nearly 270 registered for the Convention but on the first Sunday afternoon over 300 attended the lectures. The interest shown by the general practitioners shows the need for an academic body for the GPs.

The Convention was opened by Mr. P. Coomarasamy, Speaker of Parliament on the 14th August following a short tea reception in the afternoon. Numerous messages were read at the opening ceremony and the foreign guests were introduced to the participants. To mark the 150th Anniversary of Singapore and to establish goodwill between the Ministry of Health and the S.M.A., the President presented twenty wheelchairs to the Director of Medical Services, Dr. Ho Guan Lim, on behalf of the Association. The ceremony was followed by the S.M.A. Lectureship by Dr. Gwee Ah Leng.



Mr. P. Coomarasamy, Speaker of the Singapore Parliament opening the 2nd Medical Convention.



Dr. W.O. Phoon, President of the SMA receiving a congratulatory banner from Prof. Khaw of the Chinese Medical Association, Taiwan.

Topics of interest to General Practitioners featured in the lectures to the doctors. Two public forums were held during the Convention. The first was on "The Future of Medicine in Singapore" and there was a capacity audience. It is hoped to produce a small booklet containing the talks given at the forum. The second forum on "Heart Disease and You" was equally well attended. Nearly four hundred people turned up, many had to stand or sit on the floor, and many more regrettably had to go away as there was not even standing room.

The success of the forums and the Medical Convention augurs well for the future of medical care in this country. The keenness of the lay public to know latest developments in the care of their health is most commendable. Medical Conventions stir up interest, foment controversy, make contacts, renew acquaintances, and

generally set things humming which would otherwise be impossible. Gathering data and knowledge from journals and tapes do have their place in the continuing post-graduate training of the doctor, but tapes do not talk back and books sometimes have a tendency to act more as soporifics, so it is usually the light banter at conventions which sharpens the intellect of those attending.

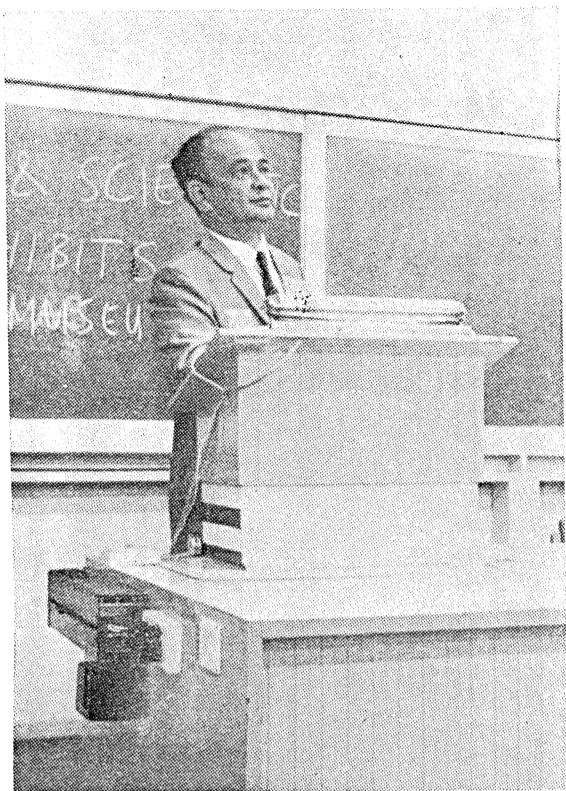
Not the least important amongst the functions in a medical convention are the social activities. A very successful dinner and dance was held at the Tropicana in conjunction with the 4th Singapore/Malaysia Congress of Medicine. The half-hour informal teas between lecture sessions provided opportunities for many GPs to meet old colleagues and make new friends. The informal dinner organised by the Alumni to which registered participants were invited was also a success.

A large number of overseas visitors attended the opening ceremony. We were honoured by the presence of a Malaysian delegation headed by the M.M.A. President Dr. Lim Kee Jin. From Australia, Dr. Edgar Thomson, Secretary of the A.M.A. read a short message announcing plans for the affiliation between the A.M.A. and the S.M.A. There were also the representatives from Ceylon, Hongkong, Taiwan, Japan and Thailand.

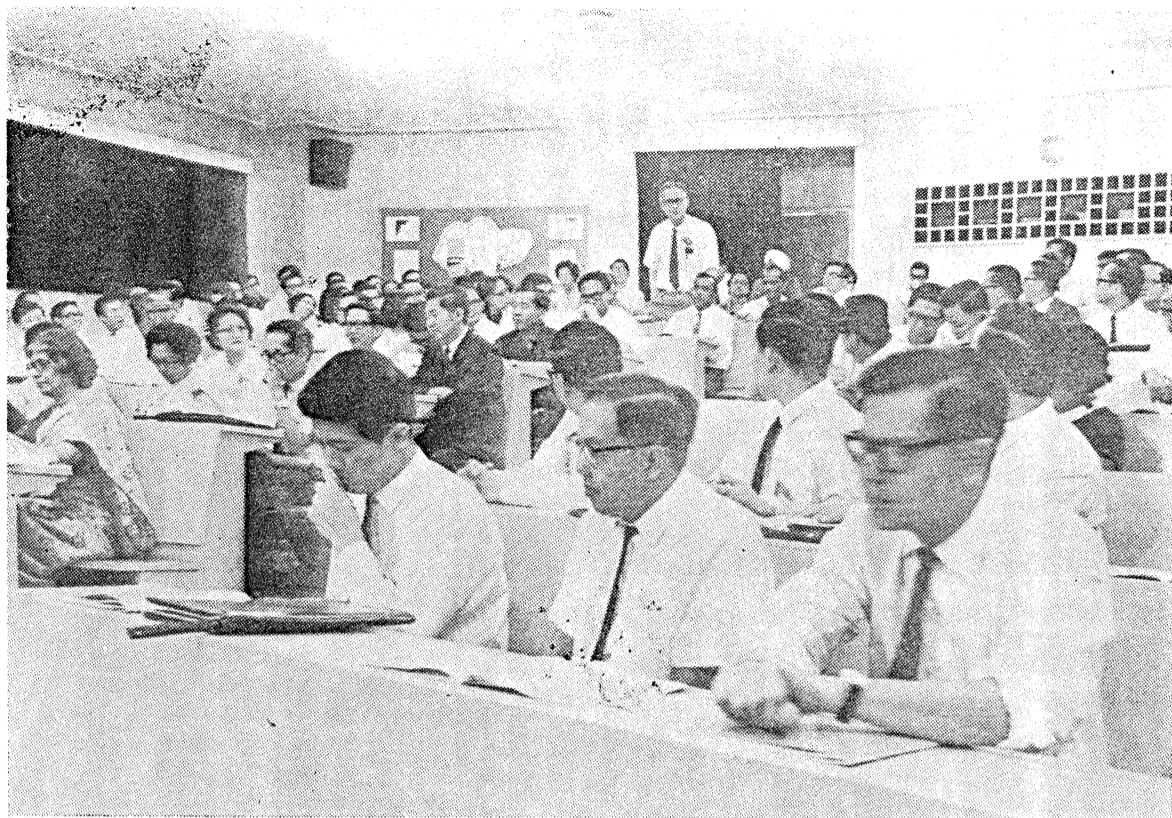
Regional Co-operation

Singapore and Malaysia will co-host the Commonwealth Medical Association's Conference next year. This will mark a significant step forward in co-operation between all the Commonwealth medical bodies, particularly of this region.

The S.M.A. is also to be affiliated to the Australian Medical Association, and the New Zealand Association. Steps have already been taken to finalise the affiliation and it now only awaits ratification before the affiliation is formalised.



Dr. Colin Marcus, a past President of the Singapore Medical Association and also a past President of the Society of Private Practice chairing one of the lecture sessions.



Dr. Tan Chee Khoon one of the registrants, a well known M.P. of the Malaysian Parliament and a past President of the Malaysian Medical Association is seen questioning the speaker on his lecture.

Lecture Session


The most successful aspect of the 2nd National Medical Convention was the lecture sessions for general practitioners which was attended by a packed hall of 268 registrants. This is the first time that such a large gathering including general practitioners attended such a course in Singapore and may be considered an indication for the need of an academic body for practitioners.

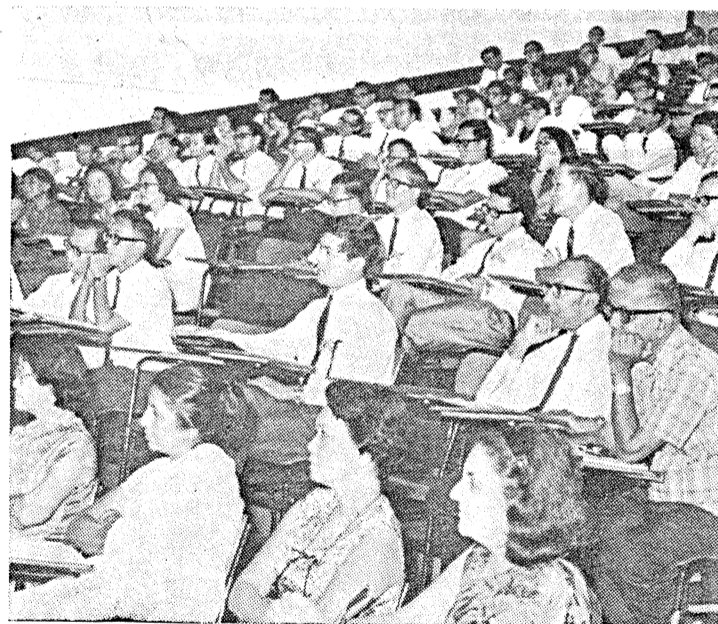


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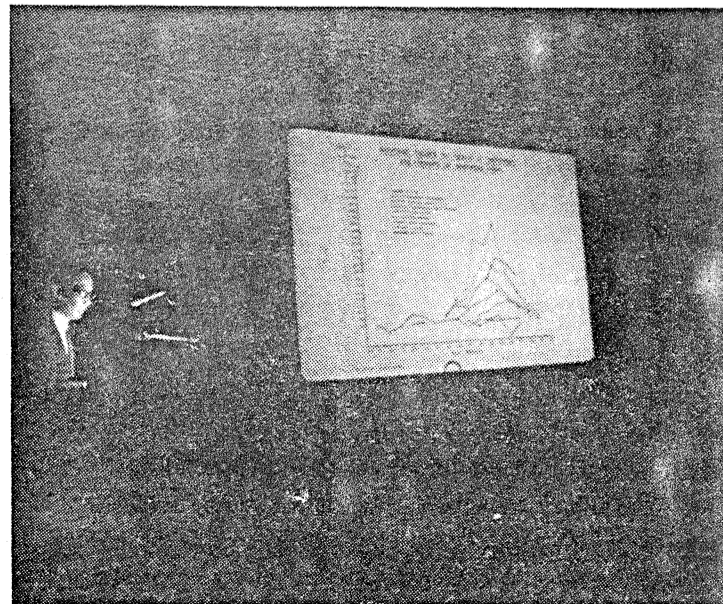
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A section of the crowd at the New Lecture Theatre in the Faculty of Medicine



Dr. Charles Toh projecting a slide in his lecture to the registrants.

LIST OF REGISTRANTS AT THE 2nd National Medical Convention

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| 1. Z. Namazie | 80. Harry Ho | 159. Koh Koon Seng |
| 2. Wan Fook Kee | 81. Tan Jiak Hoon | 160. Phang Pui Soon |
| 3. Liok Yew Hee | 82. George Wong | 161. Wong Lai Hock |
| 4. Yahya Cohen | 83. Jennifer Foo | 162. V.K. Pillay |
| 5. T.P.H. McKelvey | 84. Ng Kong Kai | 163. V.P. Nair |
| 6. Yeo Yee Tuan | 85. Lo Hong Ling | 164. W.C. Lane |
| 7. Teng Ping Ming | 86. Phoon Wai Hoong | 165. Chan Leong Guan |
| 8. J.E. Choo | 87. Woo Kin Fatt | 166. Chew Chin Hin |
| 9. D.A.H. Trythall M.D. | 88. Poh Soo Chuan | 167. Choy Nam Yew |
| 10. Chia Boon Hock | 89. David Yeo Chee Peng | 168. Goh Pek Cher |
| 11. Toh Chiong Hieng | 90. Hu Tsu Teh | 169. W.R. Rasanayagam |
| 12. Chong Kim Foo | 91. Tan Kang Ping | 170. Chen Kwet Shien |
| 13. C. Murugiah | 92. Tan Suan Ek | 171. Wong Sze Pun |
| 14. Evelyn Hanam | 93. Woo Tin Yu | 172. P.C. La'Brooy |
| 15. Loh Siew Gek | 94. Chau Sik Ting | 173. E.D.H. Williams |
| 16. Heng Swee Khoon Andrew | 95. M.E. Harrell | 174. R.A. Smart |
| 17. Dorothy L.F. Ho | 96. Chang Kwong Chee | 175. Tan Seng Huat |
| 18. Lee Siew Chin | 97. Richard C.M. Lee | 176. Tan Chee Khoon—K.L. |
| 19. Lim Soon Beng | 98. Goh Yong Lee | 177. See Kim Piow—Johore |
| 20. Yeo Meng Siang Johnny | 99. L.S. Da Silva | 178. Lee Lai Hung—Johore |
| 21. Yeoh Oon Swee | 100. L.L. Chang | 179. Khoo Hai Kee—Johore |
| 22. Yeoh Gueh Kwang | 101. L.E. Tay | 180. Chong Kwong Tek—Malacca |
| 23. Tow Siang Hwa | 102. Neo Chye San | 181. H. Breitreiz—Bangkok |
| 24. Tan Cheng Im | 103. Chan Kai Poh | |
| 25. Tan Sze Kheng | 104. Chen Jan Thye | |
| 26. C. Hoffmann M.D. | 105. Tan Kai Eng | |
| 27. M.B. Subramanian | 106. M.M. Hogben | |
| 28. Bhagwant Singh | 107. Tan Joo Liang | |
| 29. O.R. Gunaratnam | 108. Quek Cheng Kim | |
| 30. Ng Boon Gim | 109. Chew Pin Kee | |
| 31. Pulli Martin | 110. Lalitha Ramachandran | |
| 32. Foo Chee Guan | 111. Chew Wan Heong I. | |
| 33. S. Kumarapathy | 112. K. Karunakaran | |
| 34. Chan Swan Tong | 113. Lau Kheng Tiong | |
| 35. Wong Yuen Poh | 114. Lim Lean Huat | |
| 36. Gordon M.H. Oh | 115. Caroline Ong | |
| 37. B.K. Sen | 116. Tow Siew Ai | |
| 38. Wong Ah Teek | 117. Cheng Shao Lin | |
| 39. Lim Chan Yong | 118. Wong Kin Yip | |
| 40. Jerry Lim Kian Tho | 119. William Heng | |
| 41. J. Chong Yean Chiong | 120. N. Ramaswami | |
| 42. Yeoh Kheng Hai | 121. Teo Hock Hye | |
| 43. Lim Hsin Loh | 122. Ang Beng Chong | |
| 44. J.T.P. Handy | 123. Paul Wee | |
| 45. Sibyl Kiani | 124. Thung Liong Hooi | |
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| 47. Paul Genstler M.D. | 126. Ang Teo Kiang | |
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| 49. Ong Eng Leng | 128. Kwa Soon Bee | |
| 50. Ng Eng Lim | 129. T.H. Oh | |
| 51. Albert Wee | 130. N. Singh | |
| 52. Wong Hon Yip | 131. Chong Tong Mun | |
| 53. Koh Eng Kheng | 132. J.P. Lopez | |
| 54. Mrs. Koh Eng Kheng | 133. Ted Wong Hoption | |
| 55. Lee Keng Thon | 134. Robert Ng | |
| 56. Chew Shin Fun | 135. A. Kulkarni | |
| 57. Wong Heck Sing | 136. Colin Marcus | |
| 58. Mrs. Wong Heck Sing | 137. Lai Song Tat | |
| 59. Kutbuddin Dohadwala | 138. Chan Man Yin | |
| 60. F.W. Pais | 139. E.K.B. Kwee | |
| 61. Lim Boon Keng | 140. Tan Eng Seng | |
| 62. Loh Kum Fong | 141. J. Leong Hon Koon | |
| 63. Tay Kah Seng | 142. Law Nai Koey | |
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| 65. Lim Chin Hin | 144. Lim Kee Loo | |
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| 76. Wong Yip Chong | 155. Yeoh Ewe Hong | |
| 77. Eileen Aw | 156. O.C. Leow | |
| 78. Tan Kian Yong | 157. Chew Kay Lee | |
| 79. Tan Swee Teck | 158. Tan Yok Kwang | |

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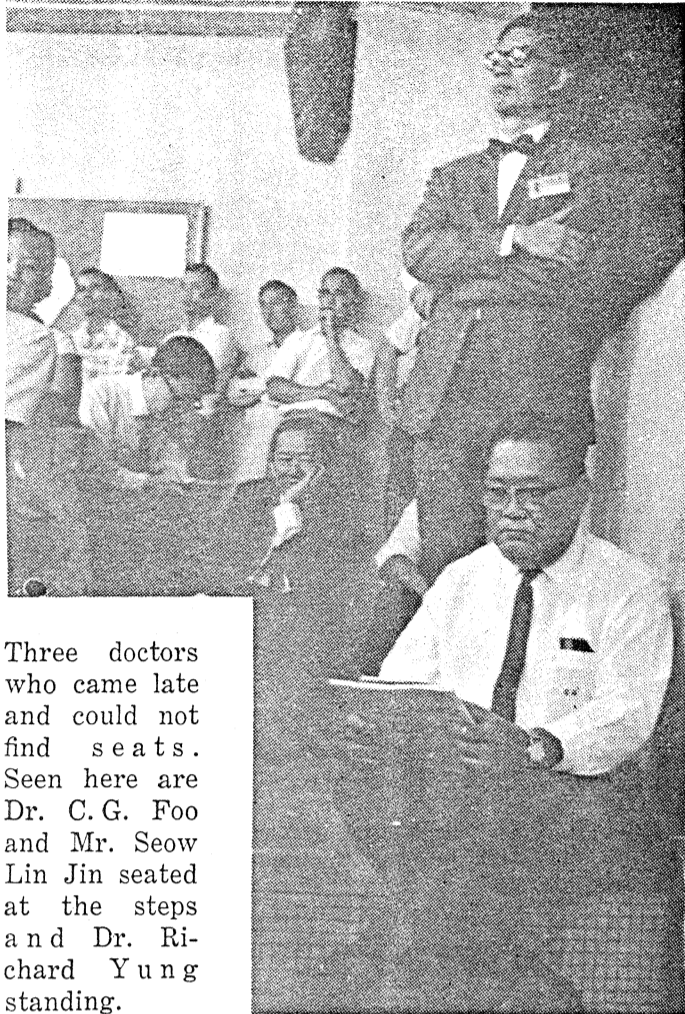
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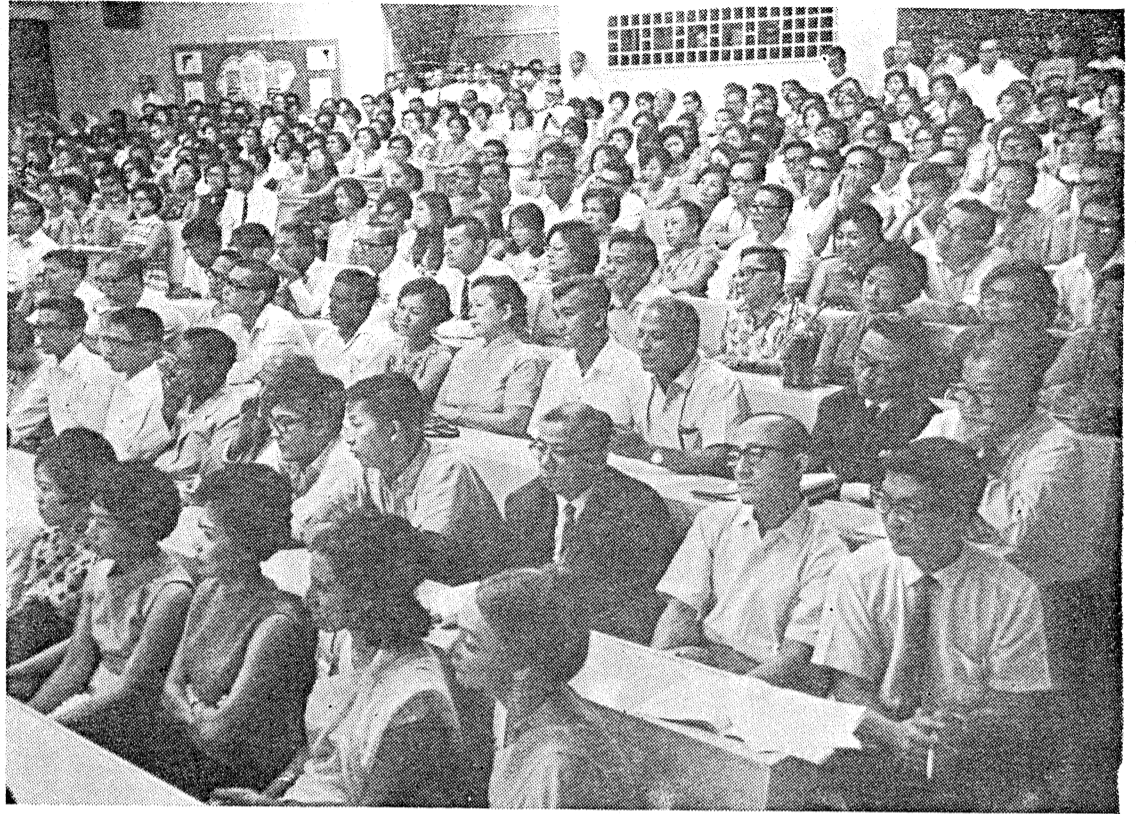
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Table listing names and affiliations, likely a continuation of the registrant list.



Three doctors who came late and could not find seats. Seen here are Dr. C.G. Foo and Mr. Seow Lin Jin seated at the steps and Dr. Richard Yung standing.

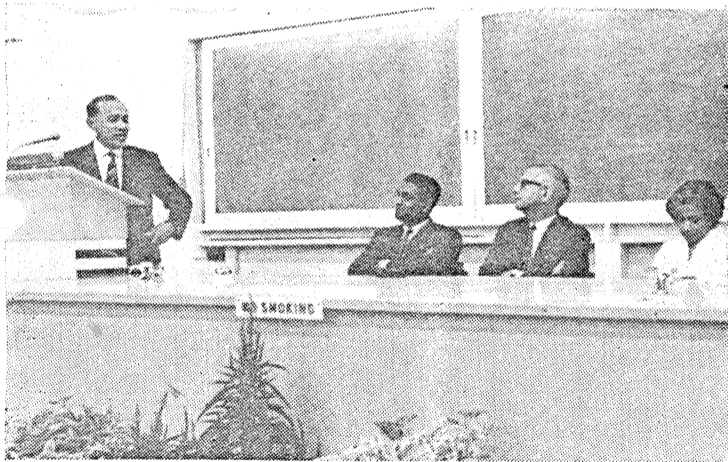


A section of the crowd which filled the lecture hall on "Heart Diseases and You". Note: The crowd standing at the back of the hall and jamming the entrance.

PUBLIC FORUMS

A RECORD CROWD

The public forums on "The Future of Medical Practice in Singapore" and "Heart Diseases and You" were highly successful. The only regret was that many had to be turned away while others had to sit on the floor as the Pathology Lecture Hall was filled to capacity.



Dr. Ho Guan Lim speaking on the "future of hospitals in Singapore" stressing a point with Prof. V.K. Pillay, Mr. Yahya Cohen and Dr. Nalla Tan, the chairman looking on.



Dr. Edgar Thomson, Secretary of the Australia Medical Association announcing impending merger of AMA and SMA.

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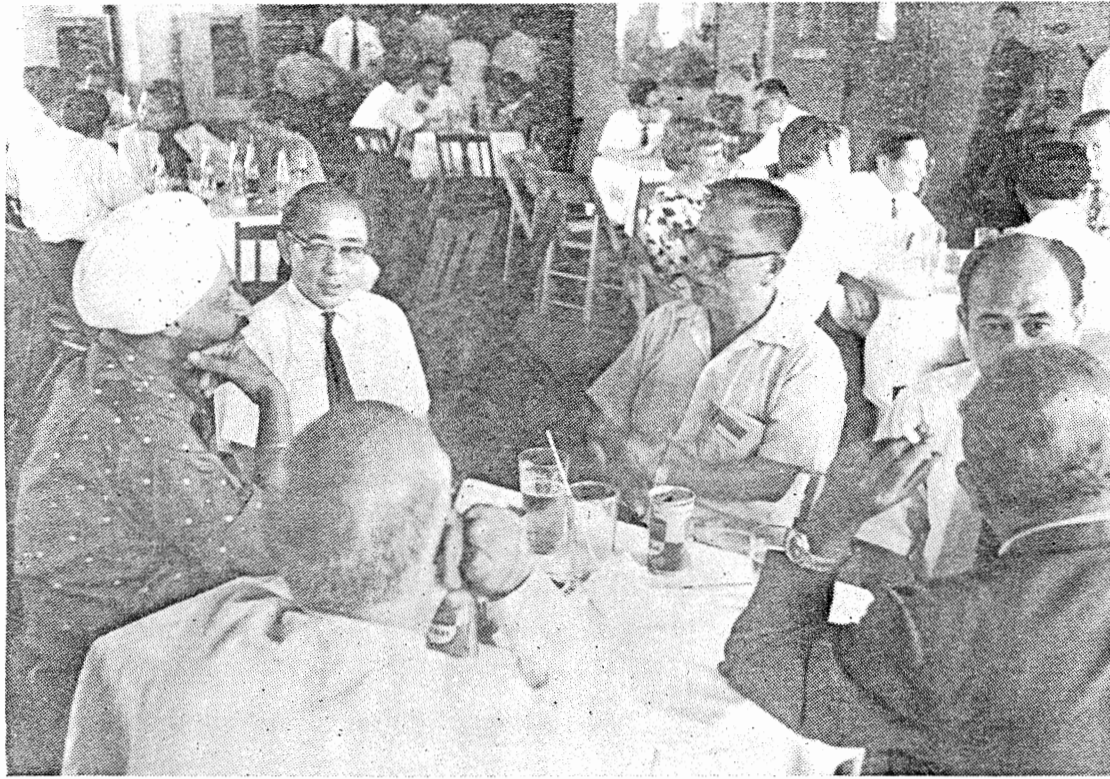


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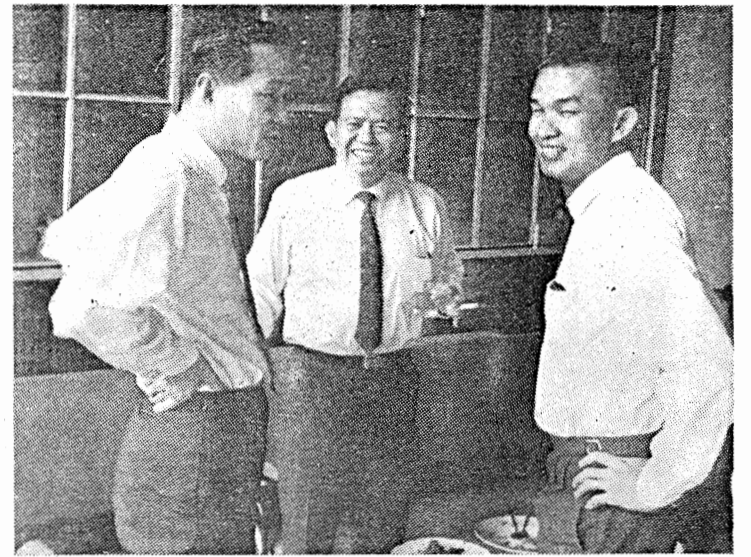
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Dr. Gwee Ah Leng, the editor of the Singapore Medical Journal is seen chatting with Dr. Keshmahinder Singh of Malaysia and Dr. Wong Kin Yip of Singapore. Also in the picture are Dr. Colin Marcus and Dr. Collier of the Ceylon Medical Association.

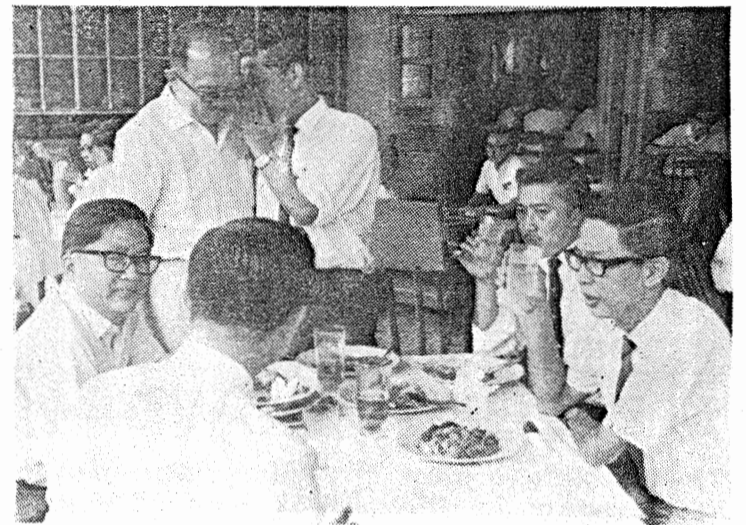


Dr. Lim Kee Jin, the President of the Malaysian Medical Association is seen chatting with Dr. Peter Lee, the President of the Hongkong Medical Association and Dr. Lee from Muar.

Informal Lunch

The Singapore Medical Association was honoured by the attendance of Dr. Ho Guan Lim, the Director of medical services and Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Health at the informal lunch held on 17th August, 1969. Over a hundred registrants took the opportunity to meet old colleagues some of whom they have not seen for many years.

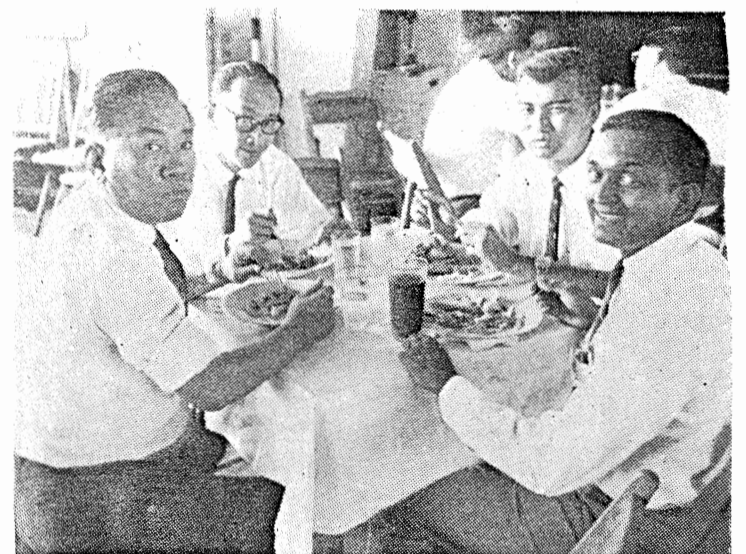
Other social functions of the Convention included a tea reception at the Opening Ceremony. This was followed by a dinner and dance held at the Tropicana and half hourly informal tea between sessions.



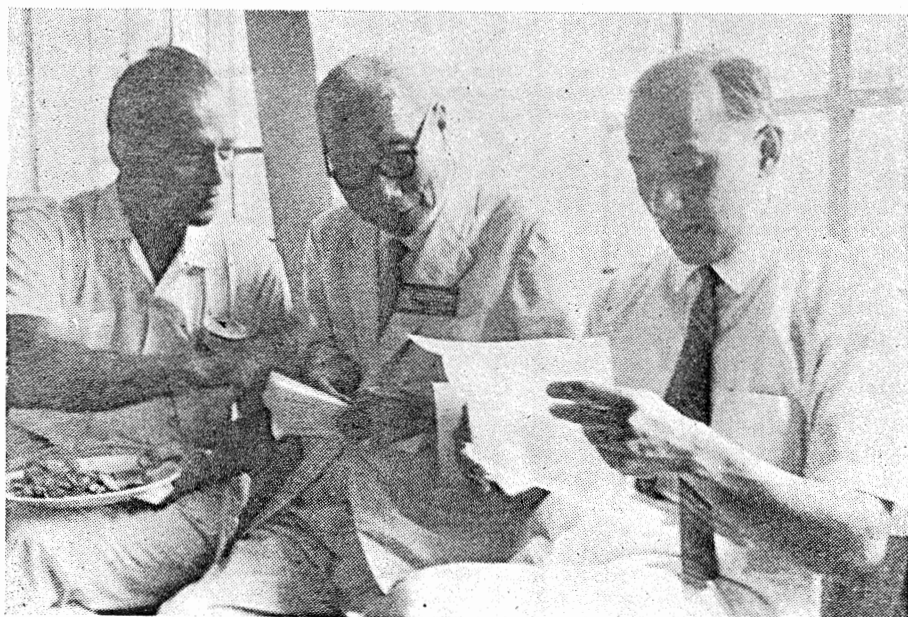
What's the secret? Dr. Andrew Chew, Medical Superintendent of K.K.M.H. whispering to Mr. Choo Jim Eng while Dr. Lim Kee Jin (back to camera) discusses a point with Dr. Leong Hon Koon, Dr. Charles Toh, and Dr. Albert Wee.



A section of the registrants at the informal lunch.



Dr. S. Rasanayagam with Dr. Teng Peng Meng and Dr. L.H. Thung.



Dr. Ho Guan Lim, DMS and Perm. Sec. Health is seen here with Dr. Fred Pais and Dr. Tay (Dr. Tay is the oldest graduate to attend the Convention).

Personalities at the Convention

Dr. R. W. ROBERTS

Dick Roberts the lanky "middle-aged" representative of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners was one of the most popular of the foreign visitors. He stayed two weeks in Singapore during which time he spared no effort to get to know our people and the problems facing the GPs in this part of the world in their attempt to establish an academic body.

His sense of humour and his willingness to try everything was all the more remarkable because all the while he had a severe back ailment which finally caused him to be packed to bed in one of our orthopaedic wards. He had to be flown home and was loaded on to the plane with the aid of a vehicle loader. Despite the agony of the pain in his back Dick Roberts could still see the humour of the situation. Dick was accompanied on his trip here by his charming wife Raia Roberts.

Prof. BRYAN GANDEVIA

Bryan Gandevia is no stranger to this part of the world having worked in Tan Tock Seng Hospital as a visiting consultant for some months. His many friends were very glad to see him again and he had a full programme while he was here although this was slightly marred by an upset stomach. Prof. Gandevia has a keen interest in medical history and hopes to see a society on medical history formed soon in Singapore. He helped to look after Dr. Roberts on his flight back to Perth.