Message from Chairman, Organising Committee

Dear Colleagues,

Genomic medicine, the utilization of genomic information in clinical care, is at an early phase in development globally, but poised to be of significant impact. There has been much genomics research-related activity in Singapore in recent years. There is now increasing recognition that we need to cross the bridge from the preclinical to the clinical domain, and to harness genomics for healthcare.

The time is therefore ripe for an event to showcase the healthcare-relevant genomic activities that are taking place in Singapore. It is with this in mind that the Molecular Diagnosis Centre, Department of Laboratory Medicine, National University Hospital, has organized a Singapore Molecular Diagnostics Symposium on 27-28 April 2017, the focus being on Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS), the technology driving the implementation of genomic medicine.

The aim of this symposium is to educate local and overseas healthcare professionals on the clinical utility and implications of NGS. This symposium may also appeal to non-healthcare professionals, including members from industry and government agencies. The spectrum of topics will be wide-ranging, encompassing reproductive medicine, prenatal diagnostics, inherited disorders, infectious diseases and oncology.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I warmly welcome you to join us at this exciting event.

Best wishes,
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