



President's Message



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It is a pleasure to see that the Society is growing and so is the Journal. I welcome all our new members and our authors. I hope that together we can make our Society a strong and representative body of Asian scientists, and the Journal another strong mouthpiece of the Asian scientists. In today's world, everything is inter-related. So even though we are the Asian Society of Pharmacognosy, we welcome allied scientists to become our members and contribute to the Journal. Interactive collaboration is the key tool towards building up a future, which we can be proud of in leaving that world to our next generation. Without proper and fruitful collaboration none of us will survive.

Global climate change is not coming, it is already upon us. Climate change is affecting practically all countries of the world. Species are getting extinct at an alarming rate. If we do not act in time, next it will be the turn of our species to vanish from Planet Earth. Perhaps everybody has noticed that this year's dengue and chikungunya diseases were more widespread in their nature and causing more human fatalities. It has been argued by some scientists that climate change is enabling the *Aedes* mosquito to appear in new places from where they previously were absent. Also to be noted is despite best efforts from scientists and considerable funding, there still are no medicines against these two viral mosquito-borne diseases.

Various plants from *Bryonia alba* to *Carica papaya* have been used by traditional medicinal practitioners against dengue and chikungunya with varying degrees of success. Perhaps the remedy to viral diseases lies in plants. Yet we are destroying plants in a manner as to be totally oblivious of tomorrow. Somewhere the greed of a section of the humans must be stopped to save the human race. For that it is the solemn duty of scientists to build up awareness and to discover remedies. Or else we all will have to face a vengeful Nature with no place to hide.