



# Asian Association of Veterinary Schools (AAVS): *Networking to Improve Veterinary Education*

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# About AAVS

**Asian Association of Veterinary Schools (AAVS)** is an international organization for veterinary educational institutions in Asia that was established in **2001**.



# Mission

To contribute excellence in veterinary sciences by upholding animal health and welfare and safeguarding human health by promoting best practices in veterinary education, research, and profession in Asia.



# Vision

AAVS is recognized as a valued partner and global leader in advancing veterinary science.



# AAVS Office



**University of Tokyo**

*Tokyo, Japan*



# Membership

**50** members from **16** countries

Educational institutions (universities, faculties, colleges, departments, etc.) of veterinary medicine in Asian countries.



# Officers and Executive Committee Members

Position	Term* (Years)	From	To**	Institution
President	2	Sept 24	2025	Seoul National University, R.O Korea
Past President	2	Sept 24	2025	Universiti Putra Malaysia
Vice President	2	Sept 24	2024 2025	Central Luzon State University, Philippines
Representative from East Asia	2	June 19	2025	National Taiwan University, Taiwan
Representative from South Asia	2	June 19	2024	University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
Representative from Southeast Asia	2	June 19	2024	Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia
EC Member 1	2	June 19	2024	Kasetsart University, Thailand
EC Member 2	2	June 19	2025	Chattogram Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Bangladesh
Treasurer	5	June 19	2025	Dr. Takiguchi, Hokkaido University
General	3	June 19	2026	Dr. Matsuwaki, University of Tokyo, Japan



# Strategic Plan 2022-2026

## 1 Enhancing Veterinary Education

- To improve the quality of veterinary education
- To promote the harmonization of veterinary education
- To collaborate with various stakeholders on regional veterinary program accreditation

## 2 Promoting Training and Development Programs

- To promote collaboration in research, symposia, training and any other activities
- To promote staff and expert exchange and mobility
- To promote student exchange and mobility

## 3 Strengthening One Health Concept

- To strengthen education and training on One Health topics
- To advocate policy and activities on One Health
- To promote research and development of integrative approaches in addressing issues on One Health

## 4 Enhancing Operational and Partnerships

- To effectively communicate with various stakeholders
- To increase visibility and linkages
- To promote partnerships with various stakeholders of mutual interest and benefit





# Activities

- Annual Meetings (1<sup>st</sup> – Seoul, Korea in 2001)



Annual Meetings (21<sup>st</sup> – Sapporo, Japan in 2023)

# Activities

## • Working groups

### Veterinary Education Research (VER)

Chair: **Prof. Nayana Wijewardena**,  
Sri Lanka

- *Webinar for faculty members*
- *CPD seminars for WG members*
- *Joint research projects*
- *Journal Club*

### Veterinary Education Enhancement (VEE)

Chair: **Prof. Noraine Medina**,  
Philippines

Co-chair: Prof. Bi-ling Su, Chinese  
Taipei

- *Webinars for faculty members*
- *FAVA-AAVS Joint Education  
Committee on Veterinary  
Education in Asia*

# Activities

- Scientific award for young researchers and students (2019-)
- AAVS Newsletter (2021-)
- Regular online meetings/symposia (2021-)
- Collaboration with other organizations e.g., Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA) – MoU signed in 2023, Southeast Asian Veterinary School Association (SEAVSA), AAVMC Council on International Veterinary Medical Education (CIVME)



# AAVS Virtual Meetings and Symposia



## Themes covered since 2021

- *Veterinary Education under COVID-19 situation*
- *Veterinary Education in Asia: collaboration with International Organizations*
- *Accreditation of Vet Schools in Asia*
- *Veterinary Education Research*
- *DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) in Veterinary Education*
- *Supporting Scholarship and Innovation in Veterinary Medical Education, Editor in Chief, Journal of Veterinary Medical Education (JVME)*

*Some were organized in collaboration with Member Institutions*



# DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) IN VETERINARY EDUCATION:

importance and potential way forward for Asia

ZOOM WEBINAR



**Standing at the Intersection of Veterinary  
Medicine & Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

*Dr Lisa M. Greenhill*

American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges



**Experience sharing: DEIB initiative at  
UVAS Lahore Pakistan**

*Prof. Hafsa Zaneb*

University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences

**Importance of developing cultural  
competency in veterinary education**

*Prof. Lubna Nasir*

University of Glasgow, Scotland



**Experience sharing: DEI @ Jockey Club  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
And Life Sciences (JCC)**

*Dr Alan McElligott*

City University of Hong Kong



**Initiatives related to Diversity, Equity, and  
Inclusion (DEI) of AAVS Member Institutions**

*Dr Mark Jaypee C. Gonzales*

Central Bicol State University of Agriculture, Philippines



Moderated by: *Prof. Pan-Dong Ryu*  
Seoul National University, RO Korea

# Virtual CPD Sessions

- ✓ Introduction to Quantitative and Qualitative Research Paradigms in Educational Research, 2023
- ✓ Problem-Based Learning, 2023
- ✓ Teaching of Clinical Skills, 2023
- ✓ Embracing Research on Day-1 Competencies to Enhance Veterinary Education, 2024
- ✓ The Use of AI and Digital Technologies to Enhance the Learning of Gen Z Veterinary Students, 2024



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