

# The 23<sup>rd</sup> AAVS Assembly Meeting

November 8, 2025, in Yogyakarta, Indonesia



https://aavs.jpn.org/

# Meeting Agenda

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Membership status and Introduction of new members
- 3) AAVS activities since the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting
  - AAVS Office
  - Working Groups (VEE, VER, AWE)
- 4) Financial report
- 5) Nomination of Executive Committee Members
- 6) Proposal on financial support to Working Groups
- 8) Open discussion including future activities
- 9) 24<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting in Tokyo

# 2. Membership status and Introduction of new AAVS Members

# AAVS Members (as of November 2025)

\* AAVS HP > About AAVS > AAVS Members

#### Sixty members

59 Regular Members and 1 Associate Member

#### Status

- 53 active members (paid membership fee for 2025)
- 7 inactive members (have not paid membership for 2025)

#### Two New Members

- College of Veterinary Medicine, Cagayan State University, Philippines.
- Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, India

# 3. Activities since the 22nd Meeting

- AAVS Office
- -Working Groups (VEE, VER, AWE)

# **Management of AAVS**

#### **Executive Committee:**

strategy making & key-decision making

#### **Working Groups:**

Veterinary Education Enhancement
Veterinary Education Research

#### **AAVS Office:**

administrative management



Technical & operational support (with MoU)

Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific,

World Organisation for Animal Health

**WOAH-RRAP** 

# AAVS Office – roles and responsibilities

- Point of contact for inquires: secretary@aavs.jpn.org
- Support organizing events and other activities
- Maintain AAVS website: https://aavs.jpn.org/
- Support Treasure: Issue invoices & manage accounts
- Award the Kei-Ichiro Maeda Memorial T&C Award
- \* Supported by WOAH RRAP, AAVS Fellows (UTokyo) and Interns

# Statutory Members of AAVS Office

[General Incorporated Association ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY SCHOOLS] (Established by Japanese Act)

Position	Present	New	
President	Dr. Haga	Dr. Matsuwaki	
President	(University of Tokyo)	(University of Tokyo)	
Vice President	Dr. Takiguchi,	Dr. Takiguchi,	
	(Hokkaido University)	(Hokkaido University)	
Members	Dr. Sato	Dr. Sato	
	(Yamaguchi University)	(Yamaguchi University)	
	Dr. Hori	Dr. Nakagawa	
	(University of Tokyo)	(University of Tokyo)	
Audit	Dr. Kuwahara	Dr. Sekizawa	
	(University of Tokyo)	(University of Tokyo)	

# Special Activities of AAVS Office in 2024-2025

- Publication of Newsletter: AAVS POST
- Awarding the Kei-Ichiro Maeda Memorial T&C award
- Establishing a new logo for VetEd Asia

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The latest news & updates from the Asian Association of Veterinary Schools



To provide AAVS members with various updates from the AAVS Secretariat To serve as a platform for information sharing among members.



What's New About AAVS

#### Protected: eNewsletter ("AAVS Post")

HOME / Protected: Members Platform / Protected: eNewsletter (\*AAVS Post")

AAVS Post (Past issues)

Instructions for authors (Updated: 27 May 2025)

Available though AAVS website

#### The Kei-ichiro Maeda Memorial T&C Award 2025

- 5 Applicants from 5 countries
- Prize winners:
  - Dr. Ryota Tochinai, The University of Tokyo, Japan
  - Dr. Nathita Phumthanakorn, Mahidol University, Thailand

Award ceremony and lectures will be held after the assembly meeting

### VetEd Asia LOGO!!





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# Report from Working Groups

Veterinary Education Enhancement (VEE):

Dr. Norine Medina, Central Luzon State University

Veterinary Education Research (VER)

Dr. Nayana Wijayawardhane, University of Peradeniya

• Animal Welfare Education (AWE)

Dr. Yi-Chun Lin, National Chung Hsing University

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



# Working Group on VETERINARY EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT

## **NORAINE P. MEDINA**

Chair
Central Luzon State University

**Bi-Ling Su** 

Co-Chair National Taiwan University

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# **Veterinary Education Enhancement**

#### **Objectives:**

- 1. Enhance Veterinary Education in Asia
- 2. Promote and facilitate Harmonization of Veterinary Education in Asia
- 3. Enhance collaboration and cooperation among AAVS members and various regional stakeholders on veterinary education



#### Members:

- Coming from active members of AAVS
- All interested faculty members who expressed interest to work on a task force

# AAVS ANIMAL WELFARE EDUCATION SURVEY PRESENTATION April 8, 2025

# Webinars Conducted

Number of the audience: 61



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**Upcoming Webinar** 

ONE HEALTH
Silent Pandemics: Drivers,
Dynamics, and the Veterinary
Frontline

# • Silent Pandemics: Drivers, Dynamics, and the Veterinary Frontline

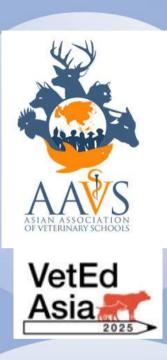


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Gender Equality,
Disability, and
Social Inclusion
(GEDSI) in Veterinary
Education

Collaborative Research with WOAH, FAVA, AAVS and IVSA

# Thank you



#### Collaboration on GEDSI between WOAH-FAVA-AAVS-IVSA in Asia Pacific

#### 1. Context

WOAH has been seeking to strengthen its knowledge, capacity and communication on gender equality, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI) in recognition of its impact on the realisation of human rights, organisational performance and the delivery of activities in the veterinary sector. Thanks to the support of the Australia Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), studies were commissioned by WOAH in 2023<sup>1</sup> and 2024<sup>2</sup> to assess the progress and identify potential gender inequality issues within the workforce in Asia Pacific.

Despite the consistent rise in numbers of qualified women professionals, the animal health sector's culture, institutions, and policies are yet to be fully adjusted to this change. Most of the existing policies do not explicitly consider gender, disability and social inclusion considerations, and efforts are needed to adjust institutional practices and address stereotypes against someone's ability to be competent veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals. If this is not addressed, the industry may miss a substantive number of capable employees.

To raise attention and awareness on why Veterinary Services should consider GEDSI in their work, WOAH organised an <u>awareness raising webinar</u> in April 2025. To continue efforts to engage veterinarians, veterinary schools and veterinary students on GEDSI, WOAH, FAVA, AAVS and IVSA have decided to partner to implement several GEDSI related activities.

Based on the networks and added value of each network, the collaboration will focus on the following activities:

- Online questionnaire-based surveys addressed to Veterinary Professionals, Veterinary Schools and Veterinary Students
- Trainings for relevant audiences
- Support to a comics competition promoting GEDSI in the Veterinary Services
- Participation in key events to present the results of the surveys and promote GEDSI



# Activities of Veterinary Education Research-WG (Nov. 2024-Nov. 2025)

Nayana Wijayawardhane Chair, VER-WG, AAVS University of Peradeniya Sri Lanka

#### INTRODUCTION

Establishment of VER-WG – Jan 2022

#### **Objectives**

- To <u>establish a network</u> of veterinary educational researchers in the region
- To <u>foster research collaborations</u> among the member institutions in the domain of veterinary education
- To <u>support the member institutions in development</u> of evidence-based policies and academic initiatives
- <u>To impart awareness surrounding advancements</u> in veterinary educational research
- To globally <u>contribute to knowledge base</u> in the field of veterinary educational research



#### **MEMBERSHIP**



#### **Core Group Members 13**

#### **General Members**

*2025- 95 Members, 2024- 92 Members 2023 - 82 Members,* 2022 – 30 Members

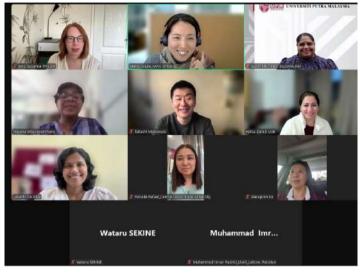
# Meet the AAVS VER-WG Core Team

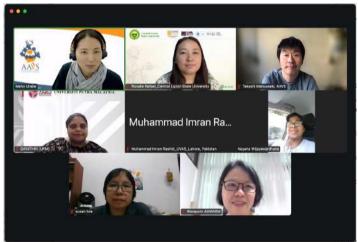
Name	Position	Affiliation University of Peradeniya	
Dr. Nayana Wijayawardhane	Chair		
Dr. Lalanthi De Silva	Deputy Chair	Deputy Chair University of Peradeniya	
Dr. Waraporn Aumarm	Deputy Chair	Kasetsart University	
Dr. Hafsa Zaneb	Immediate Past Chair	University of Bristol	
Dr. Maho Urabe	AAVS Office Support	World Organisation for Animal Health	
Dr. Ronalie B. Rafael	Secretary	Central Luzon State University	
Dr. Gayathri Thevi Selvarajah	Member	University Putra Malaysia	
Dr. Pan Dong Ryu	Member	Seoul National University	
Dr. Susan Taylor	Member	City University of Hong Kong	
Dr. Muhammad Imran Rashid	Member	University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences	
Dr. Ma. Suzanette Lola	Member	University of the Philippines-Los Banos	
Dr. Takashi Matsuwaki	Member	University of Tokyo	

# Members To date, there are a total of 95 members of the group from 26 veterinary institutions in Asia and one veterinary school in the United Kingdom.

# **CORE** Group meetings

Meeting 1	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Meeting 2	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Meeting 3	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025
Meeting 4	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025
Meeting 5	18 <sup>th</sup> September 2025





### CPD Events- Nov 2024- Nov 2025



<b>—••••</b>		CPD webinar 2	CPD webinar 3	CPD webinar 4
D A E	'Enhancing Veterinary Education: Leveraging Digital Platforms and Artificial intelligence for Efficient Case-Based Learning"	"Paw-wer Up!: Leveling Up Veterinary Education with gamification"	"Addressing moral distress in veterinary practice"	"Principles of simulation education and debriefing techniques"
Date 1	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025
JUCANCI	Prof. Duncan Ferguson, University of Illinois, USA  ODESSING MORAL INTERNATY PRACTICE PRACTIC	Prof. Manraj Sigh Cheema, University of Putra Malaysia  Paw-wer up:  Now Comme the Transforming Meteriaura Education How To commodern your necessary of party for promotern of party for promotern your necessary of party for promotern of party for part	Dr. Allen Alvarez, University of British Columbia, Canada  ***PRINCIPLE STATES***  **PRINCIPLE STATES**  **PRINCI	Dr. Albert Chan, Prince of Wales Hospital, and Chinese University of Hong Kong

# On going/proposed collaborative research

- Gaps in animal welfare education On going
- Moral distress among veterinary students and veterinarians- On going
- Survey on AMR and AMU among veterinary undergraduate students.- Proposed
- Survey on the awareness of behaviour indicators in dogs and cats among veterinary undergraduates- *Proposed*
- Entrustable Professional Activity (EPA)- Proposed
- Perception of veterinary students on learning communication in the veterinary curriculum-Proposed
- Survey on the professional identity of veterinary students- Proposed
- Exploring the nature, level, and scope of teacher development programs being run in member institutions- *Proposed*



# Veterinary Education Research Session

#### **Oral presentations**

- 1) SPRIDIVE: Student Presentation in Digital Innovation for Veterinary Education
- 2) Comparing AI Tools and Human-Graded Literature Review Scores in a Veterinary Research Course
- 3) A Facts, Issues, Law, and Application (FILA) approach to teaching critical analysis in veterinary animal welfare, jurisprudence and ethics.
- 4) Clinical Skill Learning and Objective
  Assessment in Veterinary Medical
  Education: A Perspective from Long-Term
  Practice
- 5) Gamification in Small Animal Oncology: Enhancing Engagement, Learning and Critical Thinking Through InGNeoSA™
- 6) Evaluating an AI-Enhanced Assessment Framework in Veterinary Education
- 7) Assessment of freshman veterinary undergraduates' understanding of behavioral indicators of welfare in cats and dogs

- 1) Dr Mohammad Sabri Abdul Rahman, Universiti Malaysia Kelantan
- 2) Dr Ibrahim Elsohaby, City University of Hong Kong
- 3) Dr Syamira S. Zaini,
- Universiti Putra Malaysia
  4) Dr Aneela Durrani,\*
- University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS),
- Lahore
- 5) Dr Gayathri
- Thevi Selvarajah,\* Universiti Putra Malaysia
- 6) Dr Santiago Alonso Sousa,\* City University of Hong Kong
- 7) Dr Nayana
- Wijayawardhane, University of Peradeniya

#### Poster presentations

- 8) High-fidelity bovine vulva model for teaching Day-1 competence to veterinary students
- 9) The Kambing at Tupa [Goat and Sheep]
  Extension Program as a Platform for
  Clinical Skills Development in Veterinary
- 8) Dr Eloi R G Guarnieri,\* CityUniversity of Hong Kong9) Dr Ian Cary B. Prado\*,Philippines Los Banos10) Dr Mohammad

Lutfur Rahman, Chittagong

#### Students

- 10) The Anatomy Museum at CVASU: A Mainstream Learning Tool for Opening New Horizons in Veterinary Education
  11) Veterinary Education: Is it a Prime Career Choice in Pakistan?
- Veterinary and Animal Sciences University 11) Dr Muhammad Imran Rashid\*, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS), Lahore

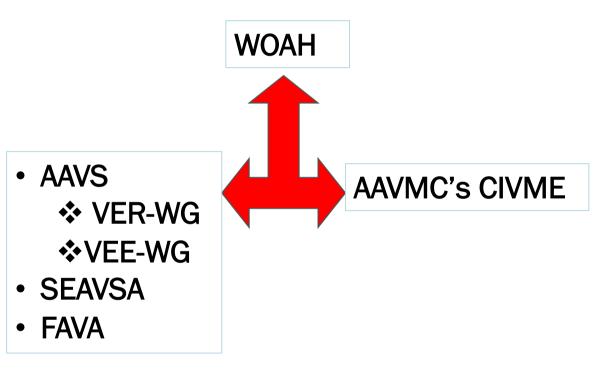






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#### SUSTAINABLE MODEL FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF VE & VER







# Thank you

Thanks to support and commitment of AAVS secretariat, our ENERGETIC CORE group, and AAVS-VER- WG, we know next year will be even better than the last.

We look forward to working together.

Nayana Wijayawardhane Chair-VER-WG

# AAVS Animal Welfare Education

DR. YI-CHUN LIN,
CHAIR OF AWE-WG
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR,
DEPT. ANIMAL SCIENCE, NCHU



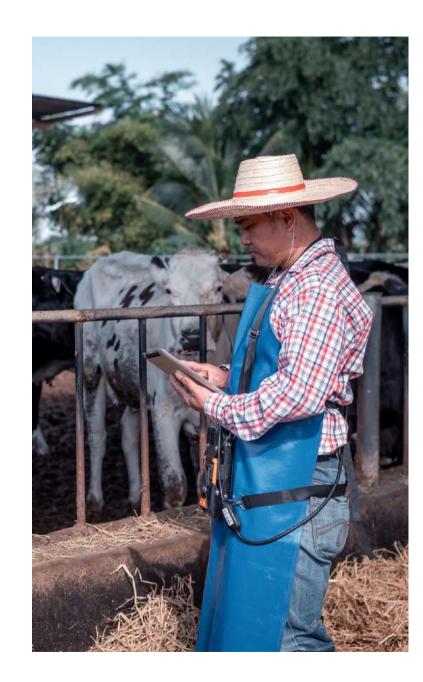
# Strengthening Animal Welfare Education

## **AAVS COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS**

AAVS aims to strengthen veterinary education in Asia through:

- Regional survey insights
- Identifying key challenges
- Promoting collaborative platforms

Together, we can enhance animal welfare education across diverse institutions and cultures.



## Regional Survey Findings

## ANIMAL WELFARE EDUCATION VARIES WIDELY

- Commonly taught across many institutions
- Structure and delivery differ significantly
- Limited practical training for students
- Insufficient resources available for educators
- Gaps in institutional support noted
- Growing interest in collaborative efforts

## Formation of AWE-WG

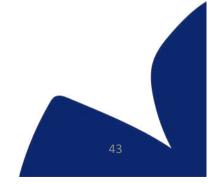
#### **ENHANCING EDUCATION**

The AWE-WG was established to **share expertise** and enhance animal welfare education among members from various countries across Asia.

First meeting: July 8, 2025 (virtual)

Members from Taiwan, Japan, Hong Kong, Philippines, RAWS AG, and WOAH RRAP.

Reviewed survey findings and set collaboration priorities.



## **Objectives Overview**

### **ENHANCE QUALITY**

# Raise the standard of animal welfare education across Asia through collaboration, innovation, and best-practice sharing.

#### **DEVELOP RESOURCES**

Design, compile, and share effective teaching tools, case studies, and pedagogical methods to strengthen learning outcomes.

#### **BUILD NETWORK**

Connect dedicated educators and institutions to create a vibrant regional community committed to animal welfare education.

#### **FOSTER DIALOGUE**

Promote ongoing discussions and exchanges on integrating animal welfare content into veterinary and related curricula.

### **DRIVE RESEARCH**

Identify and pursue opportunities for collaborative studies, projects, and academic publications in animal welfare education.

#### RESPECT DIVERSITY

Honor cultural and regional differences in every program. Ensure cultural, regional, and religious differences are recognized and valued in all educational initiatives and materials.

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#### 01 WEBINARS

AWE-WG will host **two webinars each year** focusing on key animal welfare topics to enhance knowledge and foster discussions among educators in the region.

# Functions and Activities

### 02 RESOURCE SHARING

Members will collaborate by sharing **syllabi**, **case studies**, and multimedia teaching materials, creating a comprehensive resource pool that supports effective learning and teaching methodologies.

#### 03 MAPPING EXPERTISE

A database will be developed to **map educators' expertise** and research interests, facilitating connections and collaboration opportunities among members across Asia.

#### 04 CAPACITY BUILDING

AWE-WG will promote practical training and peer-to-peer knowledge exchange to enhance members' teaching skills, confidence, and regional collaboration in animal welfare education.

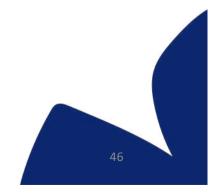
#### 05 LOOKING AHEAD

Future initiatives will include joint research projects, experience-sharing events, and faculty exchanges to deepen cooperation and expand the impact of animal welfare education across Asia.

## Membership and Operation Overview

## **OPEN TO AAVS MEMBER FACULTY**

- Expression of Interest (EOI) process for new members
- Supported by RAWS AG and WOAH RRAP
- Operates under AAVS Secretariat annually
- Quarterly meetings for collaborative communication
- Annual reporting on activities and progress



## Strengthening Animal Welfare Education

#### THROUGH COLLABORATION

AWE-WG is a new regional initiative dedicated to strengthening animal welfare education across Asia. The group will focus on collaboration, sharing of teaching resources, and professional development for educators. In the coming months, AWE-WG will launch a shared repository of teaching materials to support veterinary schools across the region. The first webinar, scheduled for early 2026, will further engage members and promote knowledge exchange. In addition, the working group will prepare its annual work plan for the AAVS Office to guide future activities and ensure continued progress.

## Contact AWE-WG

## **EMAIL ADDRESS**

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## 4. Financial report

Fir	nancial Statement for the Period of 1 January to 31 December 2	024	
		(JPY)	
Income	i. Balance from 31 December 2023	4,142,725	
	ii. Annual membership fees from 50 institutions	763,078	
	ii. Deposit for FAVA 2024 registration fees	1,150,556	
	iii. Bank interest	248	
	Foreign exchange valuation gain*	66,862	
	Total Income	6,123,469	Α
	Operating expenses		
	i. Professional service fee (judicial scrivener, accounting firm)	110,000	
Expenditure	ii. FAVA 2024 registration fees	1,106,652	
	ii. Bank & PayPal fees	54,474	
	iii. Comminication expenses (postal stamp)	0	
	iv . Operational costs for AAVS meeting	155,290	
	Tax (Tokyo metropolitan residents' tax)	70,000	
	Foreign exchange valuation loss*	0	
	Total Expenditure	1,496,416	В
Balance as of 3	4,627,053	С	



\*Exchange rate: 1 USD = 141.82 JPY by MIZUHO as of 29/12/23

1 USD = 158.17 JPY by MIZUHO as of 30/12/24

# 5. Nomination of Executive Committee Members

## Term for each position

Position	Term* (Years)	From	To*	Institution
President	2	September-12	November-8	Seoul National University
Past President	2	September-12	November-8	Universiti Putra Malaysia
Vice President	2	September-12	November-8	Central Luzon State University
Representative from East Asia	2	September-12	November-8	National Taiwan University
Representative from South Asia	2	October-27	2026	University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
Representative from Southeast Asia	2	October-27	2026	Universitas Gadjah Mada
EC Member 1	2	October-27	2026	Kasetsart University
EC Member 2	2	September-12	November-8	Chattogram Veterinary and Animal Sciences University
Treasurer	5	June-19	November-8	Dr. Takiguchi, Hokkaido University
Secretary General	3	September-12	2026	Dr. Matsuwaki, U of Tokyo

## Procedure to nominate the new members

In compliance with the AAVS Operational Document (page 3)

August 6<sup>th</sup>: Call for EOI

October 15<sup>th</sup>: EOI acceptance closed

September 29<sup>th</sup>: EOI approved by EC committee

## EOIs from 5 universities



For: Vice President – National Taiwan University, Taiwan

For: Vice President – Chattogram Veterinary and Animal S

ciences University, Bangladesh

For: RP for East Asia – Yamaguchi University, Japan

For: EC member – University of veterinary and Animal

sciences Lahore, Pakistan

For: EC meber – University of the Philippines Los Banos,

Philippines

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## New positions, suggested

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# 6. Proposal on financial support to the activities of AAVS members

Number of AAVS members reached to 60.

Accumulated carryover reached to 30,000USD.

Make a good use of the money for the benefit of the members

## Income

Membership fee:  $100 \times 50-60 = 5,000-6,000 \text{ USD}$ 

## **Expenses**

Support for annual meeting: 1,000 USD

Administration fee: 1,000-2,000 USD

Support to 3 WGs: Up to 1,000 x3 = 3,000 USD

in 2026, for trial

## 8. Open discussion

## 9. 24th Annual meeting in Tokyo

## 24th AAVS Annual Meeting in Tokyo!



SAVE THE DATE 21-24, April 2026





Co-organized with WVAC 2026

VetEd symposium: April 22 Assembly meeting: April 24