

ADDRESS AT THE SOUTH-EAST ASIA WHO MEETING

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I have the privilege and honour to represent the International Federation of Gynaecologists and Obstetricians (FIGO) in the capacity of the President of the F.I.G.O. at this 26th session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia. I have great pleasure in bringing the greetings of the FIGO from Geneva to 25th anniversary celebration of WHO and its regional office.

As a non-government organisation having official relationship with WHO, FIGO which is an international body constituted by representation of 76 countries of the world and over 25,000 members of the member body belonging to the Obstetrics and Gynaecology fraternity has activities akin to those of WHO in the areas of maternal health, the study of maternal mortality and morbidity and the health of the new born. The FIGO has activities in the field of undergraduate and postgraduate education of budding obstetricians and gynaecologists and has looked with interest into the standard of practice of obstetrics and gynaecology and nursing care and the preventive field of cancer of the genital tract. In all these activities it enjoys a close co-operation with the WHO and guidance and advice

received from WHO on many occasions are highly appreciated and utilised in the implementation of the various activities. In the field of population control and family Planning FIGO has active programme in developing countries and activities of the regional committee for South-East Asia which deals mainly with the developing countries of this part of the world, will be critically studied and supplemented by FIGO.

We are all aware that the Gynaecologists and Obstetricians could play a major role in the regulation and control of human reproduction which is known to have a tremendous impact in reducing the maternal and perinatal mortality especially in the developing countries. In my presidential address in Moscow last month at the occasion of the 7th world congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, I have given the directions to the Obstetricians and Gynaecologists from around the world to be more actively involved in fertility care and control. I wanted them to take serious interest in the Epidemiology of reproduction so as to have an impact similar to what WHO has achieved with most epidemic diseases which are now well under control and which has in

fact, ceased our problem of over population, especially in the developing countries.

Now that the United Nations has declared the next year as the population year; FIGO looks forward to achieve co-operation with WHO's programme in fertility control in the developing countries of the world.

On behalf of FIGO I wish this meeting grand success in securing constructive and productive results and I do hope that the activities of the regional committee will further expand in order to give the developing countries more and more benefit as in the past. It is my honour, Mr. Chairman to offer the greetings of the FIGO in person with great pleasure.

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