

WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear colleagues, friends, and AOCC members,

*It is our great pleasure to invite you to attend the 9th Annual Meeting of the Asian Organization for Crohn's and Colitis (AOCC2021) to be held in Guangzhou, China, from **Oct. 14-16, 2021**.*

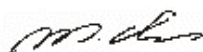
The Asian inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) community aims at conducting a three-day knowledge sharing, scientific learning and intensive network communication around the latest advances in IBD basic translational and clinical research.

*AOCC continues to develop new programmes and initiatives and will again bring together the most eminent IBD experts from around the globe with the goal of improving the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care of patients. The programme developed by the Governing Board of AOCC will provide you with an outstanding academic experience. The theme of AOCC2021 "**Breaking the Boundaries for Asian Inflammatory Bowel Diseases**" will provide a truly valuable opportunity to establish contacts with IBD experts and health workers inside and outside Asia.*

This year, AOCC has decided to take on the current challenges posed by the ongoing pandemic head-on and create a unique and exciting collaborative opportunity to link virtual and on-site events into a seamless, productive interactive experience. We sincerely hope that you will participate in the AOCC2021. Your presence will be a truly worthwhile experience. We will work together to advance IBD science and care and offer real hopes to patients. We therefore encourage you to attend and make a contribution to this amazing achievement in Guangzhou.

We look forward to seeing you all in Guangzhou.

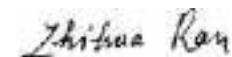
Yours sincerely,



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