

**Title: JAPSC in Focus**

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## **Dr Lucky Cuenza**

Hello everyone. I am Dr. Lucky Cuenza, and I am one of the social media editors of the Journal of the Asian Pacific Society of Cardiology. Today we have a very special guest. He's Prof KK Yeo. He is a senior consultant cardiologist at the National Heart Centre, Singapore and he is the editor in chief of the Journal of the Asian Pacific Society of Cardiology. And he will talk to us today about the Journal.

## **Prof KK Yeo**

Thanks Lucky. It's great that we have a chance to chat about the Journal of the APSC. So, I think the APSC is an organisation that represents the professional cardiologists here within the Asia Pacific and with the Journal of the APSC, what we really want to do is to bring the science, the cardiology science, the cardiovascular science generated from within this region to the people and to the medical professionals in this part of the world. I think there are a few key aspects that we want to highlight. First, arising from the APSC, we have several consensus statements spearheaded by our past president, Professor Jack Tan. And many of these consensus documents represent the collective insights and practice patterns here within the Asia Pacific. And this is important because sometimes we may not have access to all the technologies that are available. And the practice patterns are also influenced by geographical as well as cultural aspects within our societies. So having a practice guideline or consensus document really helps guide our community here of cardiovascular practitioners in terms of what is best and most appropriate for our patients. The other part, which I think is of interest to our readership here, is in terms of national data. So, we provide a forum for the scientists, the cardiovascular experts, both cardiologists as well as cardiac surgeons, pharmacists, and a whole range of cardiovascular experts in this part of the world to share some of the data from their respective countries. And this is important because it is crucial that we get to publish about what our national statistics are. And this may include things like

AMI outcomes, heart failure, practice patterns, cardiac surgical outcomes, as examples. I think we are very early in the journey for the Journal of the APSC. It's my privilege and honour to be able to be its Chief Editor. But frankly, a lot of the work is done by our esteemed editorial board that comes across the whole spread of the countries within the Asia Pacific. I'm ably supported by three deputy editors Junya Ako, Dr KW Park, Dr Derek Chew, as well as two associate editors, Dr Jonathan Yap, and Alan Fong. Where do I see us going? I think our goal is to get ourselves indexed in PubMed and to achieve an impact factor. And we are well on our way to that. In fact, we have lots of papers. Our biggest, biggest challenge is to make sure that the papers come from across the region. We want to have a good representation and I strongly encourage all our colleagues in this part of the world to generously write to the Journal of the APSC. I think there are know many papers with what I call science that is new, that is investigational papers and these I think going to be crucial for the journal. What do I mean by new size or investigational reports? It means that it's not just a review paper, it's not just a case report, but really randomised studies, cohort studies and these are important because it represents the latest that can come out from within the Asia Pacific. So, I strongly encourage our community here within the Asia Pacific to contribute with their new sites. This is of course in addition to the national statistics that I hope will be published within the Journal of the APSC as well as consensus documents and hopefully practice guidelines as well. I think this then informs practice and this is meaningful impactful and directly relevant to all of us within the Asia Pacific.