THE ASIAN SOCIETY OF TRANSPLANTATION

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Dear AST Members,

You may have received a letter from Prof Yingyos Avihingsanon, on behalf of the Thai Transplantation Society, about CAST 2027. As President of the Society, I owe you a clear account of the facts so that you can judge for yourselves.

1. **The General Body Meeting of 6 September 2026**
As you are aware a written notice of this meeting was sent to all members one month in advance as required by Article 18 of the AST Constitution. The GBM is the highest authority of the Society, and it decided that CAST 2027 will be held in India. Attached are minutes of the meeting.

2. **Why the venue was changed**
The 2023 award to Pattaya was made by the lawful Executive Committee, of which I was a member as Vice-President. We regret having to change it. Before the GBM, the Executive Committee made every effort to resolve matters with the Thai organisers, and Prof Terence Kee, an AST executive, even travelled to meet Prof Yingyos in person. Those efforts were not successful, because the Thai organisers chose to work with a separate group rather than the elected leadership of the Society.

3. **The separate "Executive" in Seoul**
After I was elected President at CAST in Kuwait in November 2025, a separate group declared a new president and executive. This excluded both the elected President and the Immediate Past President, Prof Maggie Ma. No General Body Meeting, according to the Constitution, took place, . The claim that I resigned is untrue and has been contradicted by members and past presidents who attended the meetings concerned. That group controls the old AST website, the Society's accounts and the secretariat in Seoul, but it has no constitutional standing.

4. **CAST 2027 in India**
Our Indian colleagues have secured the venue and launched the congress website:

AST Secretariat
Email: AST.Secretary.2025@gmail.com

- Dates: 14-17 October 2027
- Venue: The Forum Hotel & Convention, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Website: www.cast2027.com

5. **Elections in 2027**

My term ends in December 2027. The General Body Meeting at CAST 2027 will be properly notified to every member, and all regular members in good standing will be entitled to vote and stand for election under the Constitution. I am committed to a fair and transparent election so that the Society can move forward united.

Our colleagues in Thailand, Korea, Japan, the Philippines and every other country remain valued members of AST and will be welcome in India. Asia has the largest population in the world and the greatest need for transplantation. Our Society should be serving that need rather than divided by a dispute over control.

If you have questions, please write to the AST secretariat at AST.Secretary.2025@gmail.com. I would be glad to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

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President, Asian Society of Transplantation
On behalf of the AST Executive Committee

