

Terveiset Myanmarista

I am very glad to be selected by the sponsorship of the Finnish Society of Anaesthesiologists to train at BARTC (Bangkok Anesthesia Regional Training Center) for the year 2010 course. I am very grateful to WFSA and the Finnish Society to give me the opportunity to train at BARTC. As I come from a developing country, Myanmar (Burma), I would like to share my experiences of the usefulness of teaching an anaesthesiologist who can distribute the knowledge to others in my country.

There are only 285 anaesthesiologists for 54.4 millions people of Myanmar. There are about 20 to 25 new anaesthesiologists trained from the three medical universities per year, but it is not adequate for our population. However, something is better than nothing. In Myanmar, there are four anaesthesiologists who were already trained in Thailand since 2001 according to WFSA scholarship programme and now they take a leading role in teaching to juniors and they have been making a remarkable improvement in practice. Unfortunately, the requirement of doctors and nurses are very high in my country.

Even though there is no anaest-



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hesiologist in some townships, operations have to be done for the sake of poor patients who cannot transfer for communication and poverty reasons. The doctors who are going to give anesthesia with no machine and no monitor also have to do surgical operations at the same time and untrained persons take care of anesthetized patients because of the shortage of manpower and resources. You can guess how unsafe and unfair it is for the patients. This is the real situation in the townships of my country now. If we can train more anaesthesiologists and

do multiplying, extending knowledge especially of the safe anesthesia, it would be an immeasurable contribution to the improvement of health care system of my country.

Now, I am learning anaesthesiology in Thailand and I am sure that I will try to become a good trainer for my juniors and I will work for my people when I go back to my country.

I really appreciate WFSA and Finnish Society of Anesthesiologists for giving us a chance to multiply safe anesthesia in developing countries, especially giving a chance to include my country (Myanmar).

Hopefully, WFSA and Finnish Society of Anesthesiologists are happy to continue to give a hand in helping the suffering people from the developing countries.

Lord Buddha may bless you for your merit of distributing help to save the lives.

Yours sincerely,

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Myanmarissa (ent.Burma) on 54,4 miljoonaa asukasta ja 285 anestesiologia. Suurin osa leikkauksista tehdään epäpätevien henkilöiden valvonnassa ilman monitorointia. Kirjeen kirjoittaja, lääkäri Suu New Khin, on ollut Suomen Anestesiologiyhdistyksen ja WFSA:n (World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists) stipendiaattina Bangkokissa Thaimaassa ja osallistunut BARTC:n (Bangkok Anesthesia Regional Training Centre) kehitysmaiden anestesiologeille suunnattuun koulutukseen.