

### Dr. David Yen President John Tung's Foundation ROC.

Founder and funder of APACT (1989)

U.S. Trade Representative using trade pressure (threat of trade sanction) to open cigarettes market in Asia



## With market opening agreement favoring the Transnational Tobacco Companies (TTCs)



IN MEMORY OF FOUNDER MR. JOHN TUNG

Dr. Prakit Vatisathokit 132/14 Soi Orapin, Rama 6 Rd., Bangkok 10400, Thailand

May 11, 1989

Dear Dr. Prakit Vatisathokit:

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the Asian-Pacific Conference on Cigarette Smoking and Health (APCCSH) scheduled on June 10-12, 1989 in Taipei. You are recommended by Ms. Wong Wai Leng. She said you are a very useful resource person. According to our regulations, your expenses of accomodations in Taipei will be covered by APCCSH. In special, we will offer US\$450 to you when you arrive Taiwan.

Please inform us your itinerary in Taipei, including arrival time, departure time, and flight no., then we can greet you at airport.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman Organization Committee, APCCSH





Anti Smoking poster and flag of 9 Asian countries at the 1<sup>st</sup> APACT meeting held on 10-12 June 1989 in Taipei



#### **Dr. Ted Chen** Tulane University USA.

- Obtained 140,000<sup>+</sup> signatures in support of Thailand
- Key organizer and founder of 1<sup>st</sup>
  APACT meeting
- Co-ordinate all subsequence APACT meetings



**Dr. Greg Connolly**. D.M.D., Department of Public Health, Boston MA American Cancer Society USA, 11 June 1989.



**Dr. Prakit Vathesatogkit**. Department of Medicine Mahidol University ASH Thailand, 11 June 1989.



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1<sup>st</sup> APACT meeting members signed a letter to the U.S. President Bush opposing U.S. cigarettes export policy. (Taipei ROC. 12 June 1989)

Newspaper Ad. sponsored by John Tung's Foundation on behalf of APACT. (Washington D.C. 19 September 1989)

# Thailand – U.S. cigarettes market opening dispute was sent to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)



"Trade for life Summit" Planning strategies to stop U.S. cigarettes export policy and countering the trans national tobacco company (Chantilly Virginia USA. 3 January 1990)

## **Opposing U.S. cigarettes export policy**

## 4 May 1990

- Dr.Greg Connolly
- Dr.Prakit Vathesatogkit
- Testify before U.S. Senate Committee on Labour and Human Resources

## 17 May 1990

- Dr.Judith Mackay
- Dr. Prakit Vathesatogkit
- Testify before U.S. House of Representative Sub Committee on Health and the Environment

#### Internationally

 GATT's decision on U.S.-Thailand Cigarettes export dispute (1990) laid the standard for international trade on tobacco.

#### **Development in the U.S.**

- The Doggett Amendment barred U.S. personnel agencies from promoting tobacco abroad (1994).
- President Bill Clinton's Executive Order (2001) prohibits Federal Agencies from interfering in non-discriminatory tobacco control policies of other countries.

APACT's effort in conjunction with health groups in USA and around the world, led to the change in the U.S. Government policy to stop using trade threat to support cigarettes export. Many of the earlier APACT Conferences, the themes and contents have emphasized on policy advocacy and countering tobacco industry tactics.

#### APACT conferences 1989-

Australia	1
China	1
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Indonesia	1
Japan	2
Korea	2
Philippines	1
Taiwan	3
Thailand	2

	АРАСТ	MEETINGS			Organiser
	Date	Place	No. countries	No. partic- ipants	President APACT
01	June 1989	Taipei, Taiwan	10	25	Dr David Yen
02	1991	Seoul, Korea	?	180	Ms. Chong Kwang-mo
03	6-8 June 1993	Omiya, Japan	?	150	Dr. Yasutaro Owaku
04	22-24 Nov 1995	Chiang Mai, Thailand	30	300	Dr. Hatai Chittanondh
05	23-26 Nov 1998	Subic Bay, Philippines	22	330	Dr Daniel Tan
	May 1999 (10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)	Taipei, Taiwan	19	150	Dr David Yen (Host)
06	26-29 Oct 2001	Hong Kong	34	432	Prof Shiu Hong Lee
07	15-18 Sept 2004	Gyeongju, Korea	39	430	Dr. Il-Soon Kim
08	17-20 Oct 2007	Taipei, Taiwan	40	560	Professor Ted Chen
09	6-9 Oct 2010	Sydney, Australia	41	700	Dr Harley Stanton
10	18-21 Aug 2013	Makuhari, Chiba, Japan	42	785 Reg 702 Att 80 Youth	Dr Tadeo Shimao
11	24-25 Sept 2016	Beijing, China	27	500	Dr Hu Daoyi
12	12-14 Sept 2018	Bali, Indonesia			Arifin Panigoro
13	3-4 Sept 2021	Bangkok, Thailand			Prof. Ronnachai Kongsakon
14	2023	Malaysia			
15	2025				