



# Asia Pacific Council of Optometry

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## **The 18<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Optometric Congress** **Fact Sheet**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Optometric Congress (18<sup>th</sup> APOC) was successfully held between 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at the Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Singapore. The 18<sup>th</sup> APOC was organized by the Asia Pacific Council of Optometry and co-organized by the Singapore Optometric Association and the School of Optometry, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The Congress was supported generously from the following companies: HOYA, Nikon-Essilor Co., Ltd., Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Transitions, Seiko, Carl Zeiss Vision, Alcon, Charmant Group, Tokai, Nidek, Bausch & Lomb, CooperVision and Topcon.

There were total of 531 delegates from 22 countries and regions including Australia, Cambodia, China, Fiji, France, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States and Vietnam. In summary, the attendance record for each day was 487 on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 441 on 25<sup>th</sup> November and 431 on 26<sup>th</sup> November.

During the three-day Congress, there were five invited lectures, three industry sessions, one Primary Eye Care Symposium, as well as scientific paper oral presentation and poster sessions. 41 scientific paper and 41 posters had been presented. 14 presenters were awarded with travelling grant from the Platinum sponsors of HOYA, Nikon-Essilor Co., Ltd. and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care.

The abstracts of Lectures and abstracts of Poster Presentations of the 18th Asia-Pacific Optometric Congress, Singapore: 24 to 26 November 2011 will be published in *Clinical and Experimental Optometry*.