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*FAVA's vision will be recognised by the public as an unified professional association servicing the veterinary needs of the region and the mission is to enhance the quality of people's life in the region through responsible animal care and welfare by a unified professional association.*

The Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations, FAVA is an organization in the Asia and Oceania with 80,000 members. The activities are regularly promoting academic activities and collaborating agro-veterinary-industry sector for the improvement of veterinary profession in the region. The Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA) was founded in 1978 in Manila, Philippines. The Thai Veterinary Medical Association under the Royal Patronage, TVMA has been a FAVA member since 1984.

The FAVA's members are Australian Veterinary Association (AVA), Bangladesh Veterinary Association (BVA), Hong Kong Veterinary Association (HKVA), Indian Veterinary Association (IVA), Indonesian Veterinary Association (IVA), Veterinary Association of Malaysia (VAM), Korea Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA), Mongolian Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA), New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA), Japan Veterinary Medical Association (JVMA), Federation of Veterinary Association of Pakistan (FVAP), Philippines Veterinary Medical Association (PVMA), Singapore Veterinary Association (SVA), Sri Lanka Veterinary Association (SrVA), Taiwan Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA), Thai Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) and Vietnam Veterinary Medical Association (VNMA). The present president of FAVA is Dr. Jim Edwards, New Zealand Veterinary Association

and Dr. Pratuang Sudsakorn, president of TVMA, will be the next president in this coming October 2008.

The FAVA's Values are to coordinate and facilitate technical assistance for FAVA member associations, to establish mutually beneficial relationships with local and international agro-veterinary industries, to encourage veterinarians to provide quality veterinary services and educate the public i.e FAVA congress every two years, publishing information and arranging the training program that facilitate improvement of veterinary education relevant to the region.

While, the world has rapid communication, FAVA have tried to respond by developing the FAVA web site; [www.asianvet.com](http://www.asianvet.com), which is now visited by many people from all over the world and forms the basis of contact for many of our organisations. Issues must be addressed by FAVA in a manner which respects the country associations who are members. FAVA have encouraged the adoption of improved animal welfare network in our region and finding sources of information to assist in developing plans for emergency diseases as well as codes of welfare for different animal species. Other areas of mutual interest are veterinary nursing as well as standards for livestock and laboratory technicians.

FAVA has now developed a linkage with the World Veterinary Association and World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WVA WSAVA). This connection needs to continue to exploit its influence through linkages and sharing of information and ideas. In this way, FAVA can work together to achieve our vision of being a unified professional association servicing the veterinary needs of the region. Finally,

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on behalf of TVMA, we wish to thank all member associations for their valuable contributions. We realize that it is sometimes difficult to contribute, but everyone has always done their best and we can be proud of our collective achievements.

By the year 2008, it is a great opportunity for the Thai Veterinary Medical Association under the royal patronage to host *The 15<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations, FAVA (FAVA Congress 2008 & OIE Symposium)*. The congress in cooperation with the World Organization of Animal Health (OIE) is scheduled to be held on **27-30 October, 2008 at Sofitel Centara Grand and Bangkok Convention Center, Bangkok, Thailand** with the theme of *Food Safety: Veterinary Roles for the World Kitchen*. The objectives of the Congress are; to promote the co-operation of regional and global Agro veterinary-industry sectors, to provide an academic exchange among the researchers and to build up the connection for the diseases monitoring; zoonosis and emerging diseases in the country and the region.

The expected delegates are the representatives of local, regional and global livestock development, veterinary officers from government and private sectors,

academic researchers, veterinary practitioners and students approximately 1,000 participants. The scientific program with honourable contribution of world recognized keynote and invited speakers, will localize on food safety from farm to table, regional cooperation in combating zoonosis i.e avian influenza, rabies, veterinary education, companion animals, wildlife medicine, animal welfare etc with more than 200 abstracts and posters. Exhibition will be incorporated with commercial and technical from veterinary drugs and instrument, animal and food product manufacturers. TVMA will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary establishment for the solidarity of ethics, professional science education, research and national development together with the celebration of 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FAVA in the 15<sup>th</sup> FAVA congress, the biggest international conference in the Asia-pacific region.

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