

Adieu 2016, 13th International Congress on Shoulder and Elbow Surgery

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The Lamp of the East
In the golden age of Asia
Korea was one of its lamp-bearers
And that lamp is waiting to be lighted once again
For the illumination in the East

Great Bengali poet Rabindranath Tagore wrote this poem. Tagore became the first Asian to win the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913. He was also the person who first called Gandhi a "Mahatma" meaning a "great soul".

That lamp is waiting to be lighted once again for you from Korea, from Jeju in this time.

The triennial meeting of the International Congress on Shoulder and Elbow Surgery (ICSES) was held on Jeju Island, Republic of Korea, May 18–20, 2016, with the theme "New light upon

your shoulder" as Tagore mentioned.

The ICSES 2016 Jeju logo design depicts a shoulder joint fitting into the joint of an elbow. It also symbolizes the glenoid and the humerus. Blue means trust and responsibility and purple symbolizes dignity.

We were well aware of the role that ICSES expects Korea to play. As a member of ICSES, Korea should be responsible, considerate and accepting. I wished we would work hand in hand for shoulder and elbow. Isn't that what friends and families are for?

Thank you all for traveling long distances to get here, and hope you would feel at home on this beautiful island, I would like you to have chances to explore the unique culture of Korea and Jeju.

Thank you, all of you.

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