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Holiday greetings to all TPAA members and families,

As 2011 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the TPAA Foundation and myself to wish you happy holidays and a new year filled with good health, happiness and prosperity.

The Foundation had a very busy year and we are thankful for all the support from our members, families and friends. We fulfilled many humanitarian causes with very generous donations in support of Thailand and other countries during their time of need. I am proud to highlight the many accomplishments that the TPAA Foundation 2011 has achieved.

1. In March 2011, we started the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Fund, and through your humanity and generosity, we raised over \$9000, which we donated to the Japanese Consul in Chicago in early May 2011. These funds were later wired to Tohoku University Hospital in Sendai, Japan.

2. In April 2011, we created the Thailand Flood Relief Fund and the NakornSrithamaraj Hospital Flood Relief Fund for which we raised close to \$30,000. We then donated \$10,000 directly to the NakornSrithamaraj Hospital and \$20,000 to Thai Red Cross to be distributed equally to the NakornSrithamaraj and Surajthani provinces, the areas hit hardest by the flood. These contributions were made to Thai Red Cross through the Royal Thai Consulate office in Chicago.

3. From June 25 to July 5, 2011, we organized a fundraising cruise to Alaska, which included a CME course, "New Insights into Old Diseases". This event was held to benefit the TPAA annual medical mission in Thailand, the TPAAF Education Trust Fund and other foundation functions. We successfully raised more than \$10,000 during this event.

4. On July 31, 2011, TPAAF hosted a golf outing that was cosponsored by the Thai Golf Club of Chicago as part of its annual Dr. Sam's memorial Cup tournament to raise additional money for the annual TPAA Thailand medical mission. We had an exceptional number of participants including members and friends from the Thai Golf Club. From this event, we raised close to \$4000.

5. On October 8, 2011, the Foundation and the TPAA Midwest Chapter jointly sponsored a 6 hour category I CME program, "Advances in Medical Care", featuring our next generation physicians as presenters. For this event, we had good attendance from both generations of members.

6. In November 2011, we started a second fundraising campaign for donations to aid victims of the Thailand floods that paralyzed the country for months. We raised more than \$40,000 to donate to the Thai Red Cross with the stipulation that they be used for purchasing medicine and medical supplies related to water borne diseases. This donation was made through the Thai General Consulate Office in Chicago. I also want to acknowledge Drs. Prem and Chumnong Chantra who donated an additional \$10,000 to the Thai Red Cross for the purchase of 3,000 "magic (waterproof) pants" for the flood victims.

7. The Foundation assisted the U.S. Chula alumni organization in raising over \$46,000 to donate to the Chula medical school in support of the Sirikit and PethChompoo funds.

8. The foundation donated \$20,000 to the Ban Pa Sao school project on behalf of Dr. Pusadee Lilavivat.

9. Lastly, I would also like to acknowledge the very generous donations from TPAA members and families for various other charitable causes and endowment funds of the foundation.

These highly successful events and activities would not have been possible without the professionalism, hard work and sacrifice of the 2011 officers, committee chairpersons and committee members, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for making the 2011 foundation function both efficiently and effectively to serve the TPAA members.

Have a wonderful new 2012.

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