



Asian Association of Veterinary Schools (AAVS):

Networking to improve veterinary education outcomes

Virtual Meeting: Promoting SA VEE & VSB Network and AAVS Membership Among South Asian Veterinary Schools

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About AAVS

The **Asian Association of Veterinary Schools (AAVS)** is an international organization for veterinary educational institutions in Asia that was established in 2001.

- **Mission**

To contribute excellence in veterinary sciences by upholding animal health and welfare and safeguarding human health by promoting best practices in veterinary education, research, and profession in Asia.

- **Vision**

AAVS is recognized as a valued partner and global leader in advancing veterinary science.

AAVS Membership

Membership: Educational institutions (universities, faculties, colleges, departments, etc.) of veterinary medicine in Asian countries

Over 50 Members from 16 countries in East Asia, South-East Asia, and South Asia sub-regions (<http://www.aavs.jp/aaav/about/aavs-members/>)

South Asia:

Countries	University
Bangladesh	Chattogram Veterinary and Animal Sciences University
Pakistan	University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore
Sri Lanka	University of Peradeniya

Management of AAVS

Executive Committee:

strategy making
& key-decision making

Working Groups:

Veterinary Education Enhancement
Veterinary Education Research

AAVS Office:

administrative management



Technical &
operational support
(with MoU)

World Organisation for Animal Health

Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific

Officers and Executive Committee Members

Position	Institution
President	Seoul National University, R.O Korea
Past President	Universiti Putra Malaysia, Malaysia
Vice President	Central Luzon State University, Philippines
Representative from East Asia	National Taiwan University, Taiwan
Representative from South Asia	University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
Representative from Southeast Asia	Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia
EC Member 1	Kasetsart University, Thailand
EC Member 2	Chattogram Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Bangladesh
Treasurer	Dr. Takiguchi, Hokkaido University, Japan
Secretary General	Dr. Matsuwaki, University of Tokyo, Japan

AAVS Strategic Plan 2022 – 2026

Strategic Goals

1 Enhancing Veterinary Education

- To improve the quality of veterinary education
- To promote the harmonization of veterinary education
- To collaborate with various stakeholders on regional veterinary program accreditation

2 Promoting Training and Development Programs

- To promote collaboration in research, symposia, training and any other activities
- To promote staff and expert exchange and mobility
- To promote student exchange and mobility

3 Strengthening One Health Concept

- To strengthen education and training on One Health topics
- To advocate policy and activities on One Health
- To promote research and development of integrative approaches in addressing issues on One Health

4 Enhancing Operational and Partnerships

- To effectively communicate with various stakeholders
- To increase visibility and linkages
- To promote partnerships with various stakeholders of mutual interest and benefit

Activities

- Annual meeting of Deans (2001-)
- Working groups on Veterinary Education Research (VER) and Veterinary Education Enhancement (VEE) (2022-)
- Scientific award for young researchers and students (2019-)
- AAVS Newsletter (2021-)
- Regular online meetings/symposia (2021-)
- Collaboration with other organisations
 - Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA)
 - MoU signed in 2023
 - AAVMC Council on International Veterinary Medical Education (CIVME)
 - jointly organized VetEd Asia 2024, Korea
 - South East Asia Veterinary School Association (SEAVSA)
 - joint meeting planned in November 2025, Indonesia

 American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges	 Council on International Veterinary Medical Education	 FAVA 2024
Clinical Skills & OSCE Workshop Saturday 26 th October 2024 at 13:40-17:40, Daejeon, Korea For participants of FAVA 2024: https://www.fava2024.org/ Click or scan to book a place: https://forms.office.com/r/TYgg38kpfk Contact: aavs_cong_2024@aavs.jp		
		
A workshop for educators interested in veterinary clinical skills Tips for success for in promoting student learning and using OSCEs		

Annual Meetings

11-13 September 2023 (Hybrid, Sapporo, Japan)



26-28 October 2024 (Daejeon, Korea)



1st	2001	Seoul, Korea RO
2nd	2002	Tokyo, Japan
3rd	2003	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
4th	2004	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
5th	2005	Bangkok, Thailand
6th	2006	Jakarta, Indonesia
7th	2007	Taipei, Taiwan
8th	2008	Seoul, Korea RO
9th	2009	Seoul, Korea RO
10th	2010	Sapporo, Japan
11th	2012	Bangkok, Thailand
12th	2013	Surabaya, Indonesia
13th	2014	Seoul, Korea RO
14th	2015	Hua Hin-Chua Am, Thailand
15th	2016	Taipei, Taiwan
16th	2017	Seoul, Korea RO
17th	2018	Tokyo, Japan
18th	2019	Putrajaya, Malaysia
19th	2021	Virtual
20th	2022	Virtual
21st	2023	Sapporo, Japan
22nd	2024	Daejeon, Korea

The 23rd AAVS Meeting
to be hosted by
Universitas Gadjah
Mada, Indonesia,
Nov 2025

Working Groups

- **Veterinary Education Research (VER)**

Chair: Prof. Nayana Wijewardena, Sri Lanka

- *Organize webinars and CPD sessions for faculty members*
- *Facilitate collaborative research projects*
- *Organize “VetEd Asia” for sharing of veterinary education research findings*

- **Veterinary Education Enhancement (VEE)**

Chair: Prof. Noraine Medina, Philippines

Co-chair: Prof. Bi-ling Su, Taiwan

- *Organize webinars and CPD sessions for faculty members*
- *FAVA-AAVS Joint Education Committee on veterinary education in Asia*

Problem-based Learning

2nd CPD Session
AAVS – Veterinary Education
Research Working Group

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Qualities and competencies to be developed through
undergraduate veterinary education



By the Joint Education Committee of FAVA-AAVS

AAVS Virtual Meetings and Symposia



Examples of themes covered since 2021

- Veterinary Education under COVID-19 situation
- Collaboration with International Organisations to improve veterinary education
- Accreditation of Veterinary Schools in Asia
- Veterinary Education Research (including how to publish research findings)
- DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) in Veterinary Education
- Animal welfare education

Some were organized in collaboration with Member Institutions

Virtual CPD Sessions

(Continuing Professional Development)

Example of topics covered:

- Introduction to Quantitative and Qualitative Research Paradigms in Educational Research, 2023
- Problem Based Learning, 2023
- Teaching of Clinical Skills, 2023
- Embracing Research on Day-1 Competencies to Enhance Veterinary Education, 2024
- The use of AI and digital technologies to enhance the learning of Gen Z veterinary students, 2024
- Use of virtual reality in veterinary education, 2024
- How Games Are Transforming Veterinary Education, 2025

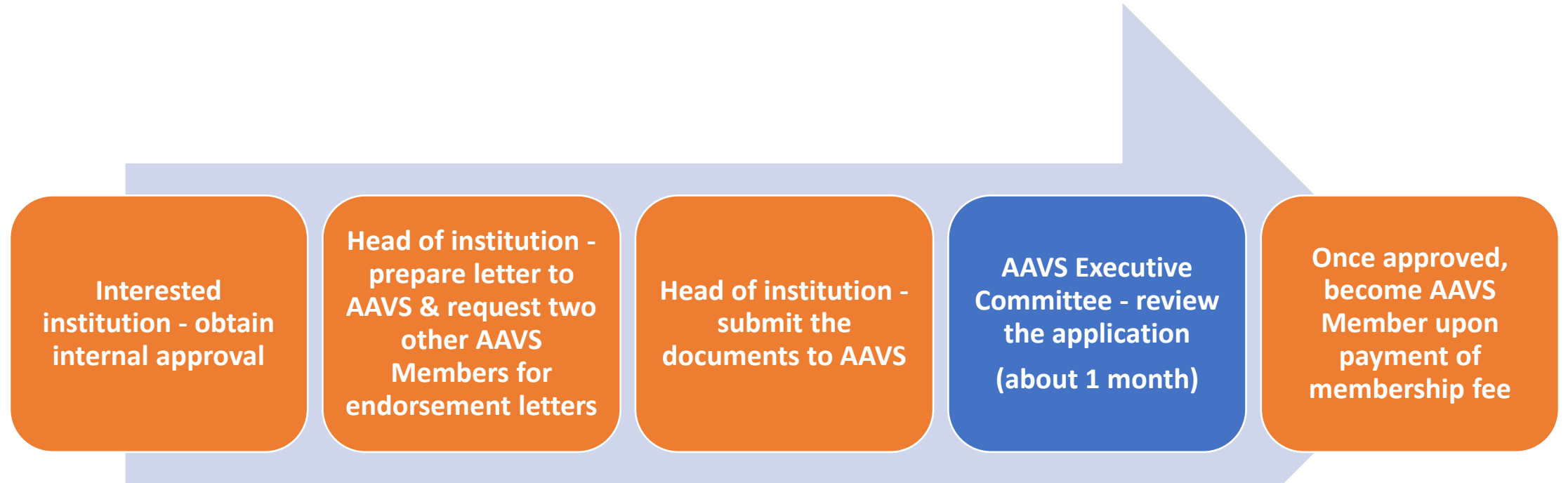


Membership requirements and application process

According to AAVS Bylaws ...

- Members of the Association are **the educational institutions** (universities, faculties, colleges, departments, etc.) **of veterinary medicine in Asian countries, recognized or accredited by the relevant national authority in their country.**
- An application to become a member of the Association must be **submitted by the Head of the Veterinary Institution**, endorsed by at least two (2) Member Institutions and approved by the Executive Committee.
- The Regular Member is to pay an **annual membership fee of US\$ 100** (via PayPal or bank transfer)

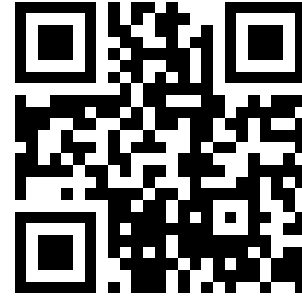
Membership application steps



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