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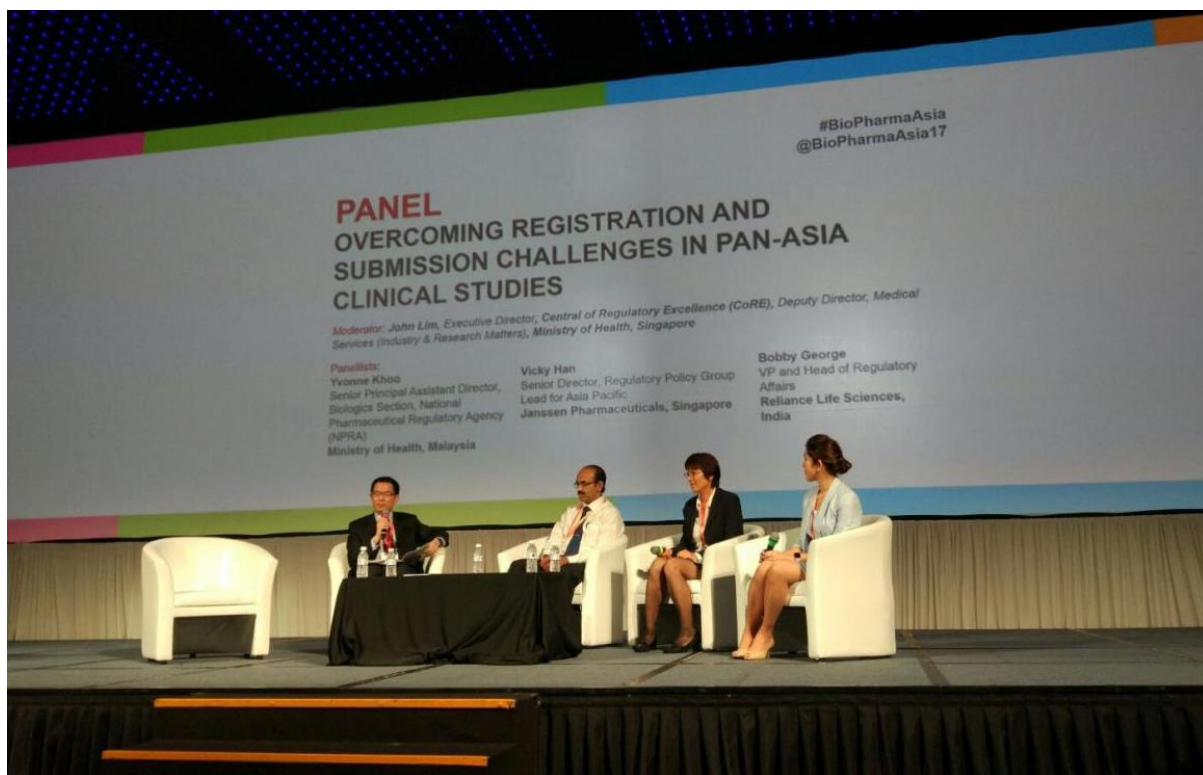
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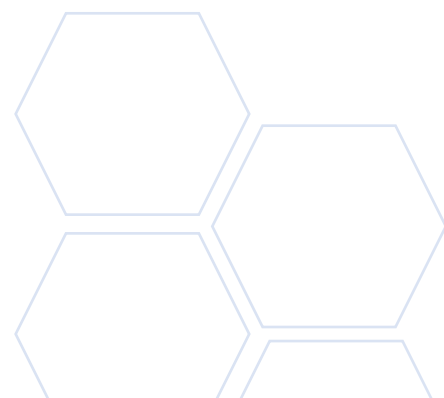
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At the BioPharma Asia Convention 2017 held in Singapore from 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> March, A/Prof John Lim was invited to chair a panel discussion on “Overcoming registration and submission challenges in pan-Asia clinical studies” as part of a conference track focused on regulatory affairs in clinical trials.

The distinguished panellists included Dr Yvonne Khoo from Malaysia’s National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA), Ms Vicky Han from Janssen Pharmaceuticals Singapore, and Dr Bobby George from Reliance Life Sciences in India.



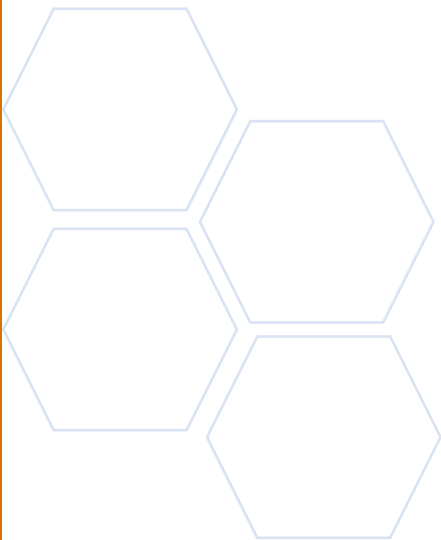
*A/Prof John Lim chairing a panel discussion on “Overcoming Registration and Submission challenges in pan-Asia clinical studies” at the BioPharma Asia Convention 2017*



Discussing the current outlook of pan-Asia clinical studies, the panel highlighted considerable efforts and progress that had been made to facilitate such studies and address the key challenge of regulatory heterogeneity. Notable examples of positive moves across Asia included the pilot [ASEAN-WHO SIAHR joint assessment project](http://npra.moh.gov.my/index.php/announcement/1104-asean-joint-assessments-procedure-for-pharmaceutical-products-information)<sup>1</sup> led by NPRA Malaysia, and recent regulatory reforms in various jurisdictions (e.g. India and China).

Sharing the opinion that more could be done moving forward, the panel discussed the importance of improving communication between regulators and the industry in facilitating good regulatory policies and processes. A key recommendation was to leverage capacity building initiatives to foster trusting relationships and enable understanding of the scientific basis to regulatory requirements, while also creating opportunities for dialogue to address divergence and promote convergence.

[Weblink: <http://npra.moh.gov.my/index.php/announcement/1104-asean-joint-assessments-procedure-for-pharmaceutical-products-information>]



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