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Welcome!

The Asian Association of Police Studies (AAPS) is an international organization established to bring scholars, practitioners, NGO representatives, students, and concerned citizens together to advance scholarly and professional knowledge concerning the field of criminal justice. This includes, but is not limited to, the evaluation and development of criminal justice systems and activities in various countries/regions in Asia/Pacific and other parts of the globe.

To facilitate and promote this work, the AAPS is launching a new biannual bulletin, *AAPS TODAY*. The *AAPS TODAY* will feature current stories and information regarding the association, the work of association members, the universities and organizations they represent, and the criminal justice systems they study. Membership in the AAPS is free and open to criminal justice practitioners, scholars, NGO representatives, students, and concerned citizens. If you have an interest in the field of criminal justice, we urge you to join our international family.

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From the President



Dear AAPS members, Happy Chinese New Year.

More than two years have passed since we met at your 2019 annual conference here in Taipei. I hope to see you soon, after the COVID-19 pandemic has ran its ugly course.

In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, our journal, *Asia Pacific Journal of Police & Criminal Justice*, is still moving forward. Being the founding member and current president of AAPS, I really appreciate the tireless editing and long hours that Hsiao-Ming Wang, Judith Harris, and Jurg Gerber have contributed to bring our journal back to life. Through their efforts, the AAPS journal was back in early 2021.

We were happy to learn that Lawrence's and Srisombat's articles about Hong Kong and Thailand policing respectively were published. I too was fortunate to have a paper on comparative police institutions focusing on mainland China and Taiwan published in mandarin recently. With these, and similar articles, I do hope the AAPS can publish a book of Asian Policing in the near future.

The AAPS has existed more than twenty years. I believe we will have another 2 decades of prosperous AAPS. Let's work together to achieve it.

Charles (Kuang-Ming) Chang
President
AAPS



Dr. Hsiao-Ming Wang has awarded the Distinguished Professor at University of Houston-Downtown (UHD) on September 22, 2020.

Dr. Wang, professor of criminal justice, joined UHD in 2001 after his teaching at University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 1998-2001 and his studying Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University in 1995-1998. During his 19 years at UHD, Dr. Wang has also served as visiting professor at Central Police University in Taiwan, and later at the College of Law of the National Taiwan University in Taipei, Taiwan.

Dr. Wang's research has appeared in the *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, the *Law and Society Review*, and *Social Justice*. The topics that Dr. Wang investigates speak to his commitment to social justice, to public safety, and especially to his appreciation of how academic research ought to be used in solving practical problems that transcend international borders. Some examples: Prison violence in Texas, marijuana legalization and arrest rates in the USA, and contingency/emergency planning for protection against international terrorism.

As instructor, Dr. Wang has a long and impressive record of teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in Criminal Justice; some online, some in person, and some as hybrids. To date, Dr. Wang has served on more than 30 Master's Theses committees.

Dr. Wang was also the 2015 recipient of the Faculty Excellence in Service award for his tireless efforts on behalf of the UHD community, the greater Houston community, and for that matter, the global community. He was UHD Faculty Senate President in academic year 2018-2019. Media outlets like the World Journal in New York, KXYZ radio, and Fox News in Houston have frequently turned to Dr. Wang for his expertise on matters like campus safety, gun control, and terrorism.

Dr. Wang joined the AAPS in 2004. Currently, he is serving for the AAPS Executive Committee and the Editorial Board of *Asia Pacific Journal of Police & Criminal Justice*.

Dr. Srisombat Chokprajakchat's recent publications



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Member Accomplishment

Chris Lin(林耿徽) was awarded the doctoral degree (PhD) from the Dept. of Security and Crime Science, University College London UCL. His research interests include police legitimacy, police education and training, police socialization, evidence-based policing, and democratic policing.



Good News From Members

Yung-Lien Lai, who has been called Edward was promoted as the chair of Department of Crime Prevention and Corrections at Central Police University since August 2020.

He received his Ph.D. from Sam Houston State University (SHSU) in May 2011. Later, he went back to Taiwan and received a project assistant professor position (a non-tenure track position) offered by the Graduate school of Criminology at National Taipei University where is the first stop of his academic career. In February 2012, he was recruited by his mother school, Central Police University to be an assistant professor (a tenure track position) in the Department of Crime Prevention and Corrections.



Over the past decade, Lai was devoted himself in academic research in policing and corrections fields, including police-citizen relations, organizational behaviors, and inmate issues. As a results, his recent publications have shown in *Asian Journal of Criminology*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*, and *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*.

In addition, he continuously received grant funding from government agencies, among which most were funded by Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST). Due to his harvest academic productions, he was promoted as associate professor in 2016 and full professor in 2018, respectively. Before being the chair of Department of Crime Prevention and Corrections, he has been the chair of Public Relation Office of Central Police University for two years.

Editor Message: Call for Papers for *Asia Pacific Journal of Police & Criminal Justice*

Whereas *Asia Pacific Journal of Police & Criminal Justice (APJPCJ)* - formerly, *Asian Policing* - is a peer-reviewed scholarly journal published twice a year by the Asian Association of Police Studies (AAPS) that has been dormant for several years, the editors and members of the editorial board have resurrected it recently. The journal aims to provide a meaningful forum for exchange of knowledge, information, and research outcomes among academicians, researchers, practitioners and policymakers on all aspects of police and criminal justice in the Asia Pacific region.

With the unique regional focus, the primary emphasis will be on comparative perspectives among countries in Asia, North America, South America, and Oceania. The journal publishes theoretical papers, conceptual papers, empirical research, in-depth literature reviews, and comparative studies that significantly contribute to the knowledge of police and criminal justice in the Asia Pacific region.

Practitioners and policymakers also are encouraged to submit articles focusing on new ideas, new policies, and the evaluation of innovative strategies. Analytical book reviews will also be considered for publication.

We added an *Online First* feature to our journal that lets us publicize articles before the publication of the next issue of the journal. As of the publication of this newsletter, we have two articles on *Online First*: <http://www.the-aaps.org/journal/online-first/>. We strongly encourage members of AAPS to submit their research to us for publication consideration in *APJPCJ*.

On behalf of the editorial board:

Jurg Gerber
Hsiao-Ming Wang
Judith Harris