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## "Welcome" from Mark Shafarman

*Chairman, HL7.org*



Dear Health Informatics Colleagues, Dear Clinicians interested in Health Information Technology, Honoured Guests

I welcome you to the 1<sup>st</sup> Asia-Pacific HL7 Roadshow!

The use of computers in healthcare brings with it many new possibilities, but also new challenges. Clinicians and technologists will be able to let computers do tasks that have the risk of errors and are repetitive. But computers lack the intelligence and understanding of humans and so "standard" ways of expressing and doing things are necessary.



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The event will inform and educate on the necessity of health Information Standards, what standards are available and the function of the HL7 Standards.

The international HL7 organisation creates, develops and supports global standards for the exchange, management and integration of electronic healthcare information. HL7 promotes the use of its standards within and among healthcare organisations to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of healthcare delivery for the benefit of all. I'd like to extend a sincere and friendly invitation to all of you to join us in these global activities.

I wish you a successful event and hope it will help you specify, design and implement good health information systems.

*Mark Shafarman - Chairman HL7.org*



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## **Message from Stephen Chu**

***Vice-Chairman, HL7 New Zealand***



Dear Asia-Pacific Health Informatics Colleagues and Distinguished Guests: Greetings from HL7 New Zealand! A very warm welcome to the first HL7 Roadshow in our region.

Rapid advances in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) allow us to connect healthcare services around the world and to perform robotic microsurgeries by remote control. However, connectivity alone is no longer considered adequate. For systems to interoperate and for the exchanged information to be understood and used by humans, standards are the critical ingredient. HL7 has provided a set of inter-



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**nationally accepted standards for cost effective health information interchange used in over 30 nations.**

**I am extremely honoured to have this opportunity to share with you some of our experiences in HL7 standards development and implementation. I look forward to meeting you all. I am absolutely confident that your excellent organisation capacity and dedications will ensure this inaugural HL7 Asia-Pacific Roadshow a highly successful event.**

