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Editorial

This special issue of *Desalination and Water Treatment*, titled “Recent Progress in Membrane Science and Technology in Aseania 2009,” contains selected papers presented at the Fifth Conference of the Aseanian Membrane Society (AMS 5), held 12–14 July 2009 in Kobe, Japan.

The first Conference of the Aseanian Membrane Society (AMS) was held in Tokyo (Japan) in 2002, and the second conference was held in Seoul (Korea) in 2004. Beijing (China) was the site of the third AMS conference in 2006. In 2007, the 4th Conference was held in Taipei (Taiwan).

There were more than 430 participants representing the AMS and the EMS (European Membrane Society), and 408 papers were submitted, which made AMS 5 very successful. The purpose of AMS 5 was to exchange knowledge concerning state-of-the-art developments and future perspectives on membranes and membrane processes, and that goal was achieved successfully. The papers were of high quality and covered all aspects of membrane science and technology, including water treatment and gas separation with polymeric and inorganic membranes.

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