



# TAN NGUYEN

*Victoria*

06-09-2021

## Positions held with ADOHTA Branches

- ADOHTA VIC General Executive and President
- ADOHTA Inc. General Executive and President

## Any other information important to ADOHTA's History:

Tan initiated engagement with Associations Forum for the Victorian branch and then with National. Since then, Associations Forum have worked closely with ADOHTA to develop and document the strategic plans, executive training and recently the National merger

## **What was the most significant change within the profession during your involvement with ADOHTA?**

Tan was active in the initiation of the International Oral Health Association (IOHA) which was officially formed in Kuala Lumpur in 2019. Initial discussions started between NZ and ADOHTA at the International Conference in Melbourne where a need to collaborate with our like-minded international friends in areas of CPD and advocacy was identified. Tan worked with the founding five countries in 2018 to formulate a Draft Charter. IOHA aim to meet annually to continue to strengthen international networks and are working on increasing member associations - the founding five were Australia, NZ, Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysian Dental and Oral Health Therapy Associations.

## **Brief Outline of your career and achievements:**

As a member of the Curriculum Advisory Committee at the Melbourne Dental School, Tan helped to formulate the school curriculum. Furthermore, his commitments of studying a Master of Science in Clinical Education, Master of Public Health, Health Economics and Public Leadership Credential at the Harvard Kennedy School are evidence to support his qualification and contribution as a clinical educator for oral health professionals.



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## **Brief Outline of your career and achievements:**

- Deakin University PhD Candidate - Assessing Cost-Effectiveness on Oral Health Prevention Interventions.
- Deakin University Honorary Fellow (2016-present) and HDR Student Representative - Health Faculty Board (Jan 2021-present)
- Clinical educator/ supervisor at the Melbourne Dental Clinic (2013-2014)
- Committee member of the Melbourne Dental School Curriculum Advisory Committee
- Research assistant at the University of Melbourne
- Committee member of the National Oral Health Alliance
- Committee member of the Dental Health Services Victoria Population Health Committee
- Dental practitioner member (Victoria) of the Dental Board of Australia 2018-present

## **Brief Outline of your career and achievements cont:**

Tan has played a key role in advocacy for the oral health profession and was instrumental in the preparation work for the recent approval of the revised scope of practice standard, approved by COAG and the Health Ministers in 2019. During his appointment as ADOHTA president Tan has travelled and met with health ministers in almost every state.

Tan was recognized at the IFDH International Symposium on Dental Hygiene 2019 in Brisbane during the 5th World Dental Hygienist Awards ceremony. The Sunstar Foundation together with Sunstar recognized three outstanding dental hygienists who have made significant contributions to the dental and dental hygiene communities and their profession. Tan was one of these recipients for this award in the research category.

Tan continued to promote the dental and oral health therapy profession by maintaining its goal to achieve growth and development in dental and oral health therapy across Australia. He has been successful with several research grants, published peer-reviewed publications and presented in local and international conferences through his position as Honorary Fellow at Deakin University.