



The Continental Association of African Neurosurgical Societies (CAANS) has selected Kinshasa and Brazzaville, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Republic of Congo (RC) respectively, as host for the 5<sup>th</sup> CAANS Congress **24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November (Pre-Congress Workshop on Vascular and Spine) and 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November** at **Fleuve Congo Hotel and Tours Jumelles de Brazzaville**. This biannual international congress, previously held in Algiers (Algeria), Cape Town (South Africa), Abuja (Nigeria) and most recently Nairobi (Kenya), is a significant continental health sector event that attracts Neurosurgeons from the entire globe. In line with prior meetings, we expect 350 delegates from all the continents and strong participation of other sister international organizations.

The Vascular Pre-Congress Workshop and Course will be led by Prof Yoko Kato, Fujita Health University, Bantane Hospital, Nagoya, Japan, with more than 20 professors, including five locals, as faculties. Prof Kato, world-renowned vascular neurosurgeon and director of cerebrovascular fellowship programme, has trained neurosurgeons from all over the world, including Congolese Neurosurgeon Dr Kabulo DM in 2023. She will lead the vascular workshop/course 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November in Kinshasa.

The spine Pre-Congress Workshop and Course will be led by Prof Richard Assaker from France. The hands-on course with 3D glasses will have a limited number of participants. The CAANS Congress will begin on the 26<sup>th</sup> in Kinshasa. The second day, 27<sup>th</sup> November, participants will cross the Congo River for round table discussion at Tours Jumelles de Brazzaville and return to Kinshasa the same evening. The 3<sup>rd</sup> day, 28<sup>th</sup> November, will be the closing day in Kinshasa.

Dr Jeff Ntalaja, Congress Chair and President, Congolese Society of Neurosurgery (including neurosurgeons from both DRC and RC), heartily invites everyone for the 5<sup>th</sup> CAANS Congress 2024. The Congolese Society of Neurosurgery has been at work organizing this under the Patronage of the Presidents of DRC (HE Felix Antoine Tshisekedi) and RC (HE Denis Sassou Nguesso).



*Professor Yoko Kato*



*Professor Richard Assaker*



*Dr Jeff Ntalaja*



It's truly an honour to welcome you to **Kinshasa** and **Brazzaville**, the two closest capital cities in the world, linked by the majestic Congo River - considered the umbilical cord between twin towns.



**Dr Kabulo DM**