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Since early 2020, the world has entered the third year of COVID-19 pandemic which has huge impacts on global economy and human life including the health care. Over 6.3 million people in the world have died from COVID-19. Many COVID-19 patients suffered long term symptoms physically and psychologically caused by different types of SARS-COV-2. Besides developing vaccines and potential drugs, to find more comprehensive ways to efficiently combat this unprecedented health crisis and challenge is extremely important and urgent. Integrative medicine (IM) which covers a broad range of systems and practices including applications of nutrition and supplements, mind-body practices, excises and life-style adjustment, psychotherapy, herbal medicine, acupuncture/acupressure, teleconsulting combines conventional medicine with complementary and alternative medicine and traditional medicine, it has played immense roles during the current COVID-19 pandemic. Many APEC economies have showed strong interest and being practicing on potential medical methods, procedures, and tools of IM systems for COVID-19 care and other infectious diseases, as well as general health care. The United States (National Institutes of Health) has proposed an APEC project titled 'Integrative Medicine (IM) and COVID-19 Care'. With supports from APEC co-sponsoring economies (Chinese Taipei, Indonesia, and Thailand) and APEC Support Fund/ASF:APEC Cooperation on Combating COVID-19 and Economic Recovery, the project is to bring APEC economies' health and medical professionals, scientists, and policy experts together to present and discuss current science-based IM systems on coping, preventing, and treating for COVID-19, especially in the areas of care strategies on comprehensiveness, safety, efficiency, feasibility, deliverability, and cost-saving.