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Editorial

New cooperation between APAGE and JSGOE



Dear the members of APAGE,

I would like to extend my cordial greetings to you from Tokyo, at the time of full-blown cherry blossoms. I have been appointed as a new associate editor-in-chief of GMT. I feel greatly honored because I understand my role is to usher in a new era into the relationship between APAGE and Japan Society of Gynecologic and Obstetric Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy (JSGOE). Our society has been a member society of APAGE for long years and developed familiar terms with APAGE in many activities. Now, I am determined to tighten the relationship stronger by promoting submission of high quality papers from the members of JSGOE. As I look around the current status of minimal invasive surgeries in Asia, the cutting edge as well as the standard of APAGE is rapidly advancing along with economic growth of the area. Even more, I am confident that members of APAGE are leading the world in many aspects of minimal invasive surgeries. I believe this special issue featuring papers from Japan provides momentum for further progress of science and technology in APAGE, and also embraces the friendship among the members of APAGE. In this issue, the content covers the expanding field of minimal invasive surgeries including oncology, reduced port laparoscopy, etc. Lastly, as a program committee chair, I sincerely welcome you to APAGE annual meeting 2017, which will be held Sep. 7–9 in Okayama, Japan. I hope everlasting blooming of APAGE!

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I have no conflict of interest to declare.



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