Dear doctors, colleagues & partners

I’m Hajime Watahiki, the president of the 106th Japan Society of Aesthetic Surgery (JSAS) Congress.

We would like to appreciate for the opportunity of collaboration between IMCAS and JSAS since 2015. We think this collaboration contribute to the sustainable advancement of Aesthetic Surgery of Asia. Both the interest and the number of participants in IMCAS from JSAS members are growing yearly.

Our society was authorized by the then Ministry of Education in 1966, and we have been the leading Japanese aesthetic surgery society for 50 years. Currently, more than 1000 doctors, colleagues, and partners have joined as society members.

Under the national health insurance program, health care is provided to anyone and anywhere in Japan by paying only 30% of its medical expense. It enables us to lead everyday life without strain or anxiety of the payment. On the other hand, aesthetic surgery had been a ‘wealth care’ for a long time, because it’s not covered by national health insurance. Nowadays, aesthetic surgery is becoming more and more common and beloved by a lot of Japanese people.

But then there are less opportunities to learn skills of aesthetic surgery in educational institutions such as university hospitals in Japan. So doctors who would like to take a part in this field get on-the-job training in clinics belonging to JSAS. The doctors of JSAS members are positive about learning new treatments and techniques from conferences held in other countries and papers published in overseas academic journals. From this point of view, again, we would like to acknowledge our gratitude for the collaboration with IMCAS and having a great opportunity to learn.

The theme of the 106th JSAS Congress is “aesthetic surgery, the opening of a new era” with safety and trust. I believe the conference will give practical hints to your medical service. By all means, we are looking forward to seeing you at our JSAS conference in Japan in May 2018!

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