Meet the Editor-in-Chief

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William SC Chao, MD, our Editor-in-Chief graduated from the University of CHIBA, Japan and did his residency training in England and worked as a consultant at the Prince of Wales Hospital and St. Ann's General Hospital before returning to Hong Kong in 1978 to start his practice.

Professor Chao is currently President Elect of the World Endoscopy

Organization (WEO) and President of the Asian-Pacific Society for Digestive Endoscopy (APSDE). He is also the founding President of the Hong Kong Society of Digestive Endoscopy (HKSDE).

A veteran gastrointestinal specialist who excels in endoscopy, Professor Chao is noted for his remarkable effort and achievement in educating future endoscopists and promoting the use of the technology, particularly in China and other medically less privileged countries in Asia. For over four decades, he has been traveling extensively to deliver lectures and organize courses in different parts of Asia. To maximize results from limited resources, he established the "hands-on" training approach, under which local doctors with suitable experience are selected to perform operational procedures under

the supervision of expert endoscopists. In China alone, more than 45 hands-on teaching workshops have been organized in different cities since 1990, with over 1,000 endoscopists benefited from such basic orientation courses on diagnostic and/or therapeutic endoscopy.

In 2000, Professor Chao was elected President of the APSDE and became the first Chinese who held this prominent position. He continued his interests in developing therapeutic endoscopy in the region and helped established several recognized endoscopy teaching centers in China, Australia and Thailand. He is also an honorary professor of over 35 universities in China and Honorary Consultant of the Chinese Society of Digestive Endoscopy.

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Introduction to the second issue

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the second issue of the Journal of Interventional Gastroenterology.

In addition to the conventional format of original articles, reviews, case series/reports and letters, we have added two new areas in the JIG: a section on How it happened/Words of Wisdom where expert/senior endoscopists write about their experience, with an emphasis on what the modern readers can learn as they develop new approaches and methodologies to improve clinical outcome and quality patient care. Many have kindly accepted our invitation and made excellent contributions to the Journal. My mentor Dr. Peter Cotton has written an insightful review on what it takes to be a Quality Endoscopist and what is considered quality work. Dr. Jeff Ponsky wrote about the need to develop tools and techniques in response to demand for a solution, and in his case, the invention of the PEG tube for assisted

feeding. Another area is publication of state of art lectures from established meetings where the authors talked and wrote about their personal experience and contribution to Medicine. Dr. Felix Leung, our Senior Associate Editor delivered one of the State of Art lectures at the recent DDW in Chicago and talked about the development of the Water Method for colonoscopy and presented interesting data on learning experience and impact on adenoma detection – a potential significant improvement on overall outcome of colorectal cancer screening. We also encourage authors to submit their original work or pilot data in the form of rapid communication. Evaluation of these submissions will be expedited and rapid publication of the accepted manuscripts will be ensured.

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