A message from the new editor-in-chief

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Recently, I assumed the post of editor-in-chief of *Esophagus*, appointed by President Yuichiro Doki of the Japan Esophageal Society. I am the third editor-in-chief, following Dr. Nobutoshi Ando and Dr. Soji Ozawa as the first and second editors-in-chief, respectively.

When the Japanese Society for Esophageal Diseases became the Japan Esophageal Society, the Society decided to launch its official English-language journal, *Esophagus*, to transmit to the world the results of research conducted in Japan, even though its financial base had not yet been established. For 5 years as the president, I concentrated my efforts on *Esophagus* as one of the central projects of our Society, with the objective of further enriching the journal and actively disseminating worldwide the results of the research of our Society. The aim was to firmly establish our remarkable achievements as a world-renowned research

and treatment center for esophageal diseases and to promote cooperation with researchers from around the world on esophageal diseases. Dr. Ando launched *Esophagus*, ensured its stable publication, and was responsible for its impact factor. Dr. Ozawa established the firm position of the journal as a highly reputed journal for publishing the results of studies on esophageal diseases and ensured that it was listed in Medline in 2018. Its impact factor increased to 2.061 in that same year, and *Esophagus* is expected to become an even more highly regarded journal in the future.

I will exert every effort to make *Esophagus* the world's number 1 journal for literature related to the esophagus. I will actively promote publication of the English versions of the Japanese Classification of Esophageal Cancer, Comprehensive Registry of Esophageal Cancer in Japan, and other important information from the Japan Esophageal Society along with enriched review articles. Our foremost task is to publish more original articles that are considered worthy of citation. I sincerely request that you publish your valuable research results in our journal, and I also invite your suggestions for improving *Esophagus*. I appreciate your continued support.

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