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*This book is dedicated to the most beautiful and lovely person in the world,
who also happens to be my wife, Jeongmin Kim.*

Preface

In South Korea, the expression “belly button bigger than belly” is used to describe a situation in which a small part of a whole is larger or more significant than the whole. For rhinoplasty surgeons in Asian countries, the practice of rhinoplasty has certainly felt this way, where the practice of Asian rhinoplasty (the belly button) appears to span a much broader spectrum of anatomic variation, materials, and techniques than what is described in the canonical rhinoplasty textbooks (the belly).

Within this context, the current book was published to tackle the set of problems that appeared outside of what was commonly known for rhinoplasty as practiced in Western countries. The book I had previously written was widely welcomed by rhinoplasty surgeons across Asian countries, who shared much of the same frustrations I have felt. Though that was only 6 years ago, Asian rhinoplasty has advanced significantly during that interval, and a multitude of parallel developments in anatomic understanding and techniques have prompted the preparation of the current text.

This book represents a complete overhaul, with completely new text and illustrations. It delves deeply into topics relevant to aesthetic and functional rhinoplasty, such as nasal anatomy, physiology, operative techniques, and secondary rhinoplasty. The manuscript for this book was prepared not only for rhinoplasty surgeons in Asian countries but also for those surgeons in Western countries where the demand for Asian rhinoplasty techniques is on the rise.

The significant volume of illustrations and photographs as well as the extensive text on operative technique should provide the necessary details to guide the inexperienced surgeons, while the seasoned rhinoplasty surgeons will find delight in new concepts and the recent advancements in operative techniques. The operative techniques are not limited to the Asian nose but have a wide range of applications in the Caucasian nose, especially for those patients who present in less-than-ideal predicament.

The preparation of this text would not have been possible without the help of two persons.

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I trained at the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Severance Hospital, Yonsei University Medical College. The Department was founded by Prof. Jae-Duk Lew and was the birthplace of plastic surgery training in South Korea. One topic for which I do not find the need for self-deprecation is the pride I feel for the excellent training I received under the guidance of professors and co-residents, as that is what has made possible this book and my career in rhinoplasty.

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