Editorial

Gratitude to the Birth of our Journal and Website

With the advancement of electronic technology in the new era, our journal has made a great change in the format of submission, processing, publication, and communication. I am delighted to announce the birth of *Journal of Orthopaedics, Trauma and Rehabilitation (JOTR)*. It is a descendant of our parent journal, *Hong Kong Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery*, which has served our colleagues for 14 years.

After scrutinizing the benefit to our colleagues and readers, the editorial board decided to extend our territory and field of orthopaedics by facing the challenge of international peers.

We made a tremendous step by placing our journal across the Internet platform, thus keeping us in pace with other international orthopaedic journals. Through a simple click, we are now able to share our work and communicate with other surgeons in the global orthopaedic fraternity.

We have constructed Web sites at www.ejotr.org and www.e-jotr.com for instant publication and sharing. A comprehensive e-submission and tracking system is ready for all authors around the world. The reviewers and editors can also finish all jobs online. E-mail is the prime element of communication because of its speed and environment-friendly nature. There should be no more unnecessary delay in the process of submission and review. The articles will be published online once they are ready, thus acting as an electronic orthopaedic journal. The printing of hard copy will then follow shortly. A fast-track publication and open journal system will help our journal flourish in the near future.

Regarding the new advisory board of the journal, we have invited many internationally famous orthopaedic professionals to join our international advisory board. Besides, a group of renowned Chinese professionals are also enlisted in our Chinese advisory board. With their support and dedication, I am sure the *Journal* will have a brilliant prospect.

Since the new millennium, the centre of global focus has shifted eastwards to the Greater China region. The influence of this has become even more prominent and vital after the recent financial turmoil.

Apart from the enormous economic growth, there is also exponential increase in scientific research, in terms of quality and quantity, across the region. We are fortunate to be living in this generation, and we are proud of the development in our country. By expanding the boundary, our field of vision will be broadened.

I have been ordained the 1st Editor-in-Chief of the journal by the editorial board. It is my pleasure to take up this job and promulgate the direction of the journal. With the assistance of our new publisher, Elsevier, which is a renowned company in the medical world, we hope the success of our journal will be just round the corner.

However, support from our colleagues and readers is the most important successful element. Your comments, submissions, Web site visits, proposals, and ideas are our strengths to ensure the persistent working of our mission.

Finally, I would like to thank Dr Yip Siu-Fai, the current president of the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association, for his unfailing support. Without his initiation and guidance, we would not have had the courage to take up the task. Professor Hung Leung-Kim, the current president of the Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons, also works behind the screen to make the task smooth. The editorial members, including Dr Lui Tun-Hing, Dr Wong Nang-Man Raymond, Dr Chan Wai-Lam, Dr Cheung Ka-Kin, Dr Ho Sheung-Tung, Dr Kam Wing-Lok, and Dr Siu Kwai-Ming, also contributed greatly to the success of the birth of our journal. I look forward to receiving more high-quality submissions in the near future.

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