

## Greeting Message from the Chairperson of the Executive Committee

Hirokazu NAKANO

We decided this time to hold The 61st Annual Congress of The Japan Society of Acupuncture and Moxibustion in Mie in Yokkaichi city in Mie prefecture.

Mie prefecture is “Kenko” Waichi SUGIYAMA’s (“kenko” was the title for the chief officer of Japanese guild for the visually impaired) home land who originated “Kanshinho” (acupuncture insertion technique with a guide tube). Also he taught acupuncture technique at “Sugiyama-ryu shinchi-doin-keikojo” which is the training center of acupuncture, moxibustion and anma (Japanese massage) which he himself founded. This is also the place that great people were born, outstanding in the history of Japanese acupuncture and moxibustion, who claimed scientific and academic meaning of acupuncture and moxibustion such as Dr. Hidetsurumaru ISHIKAWA who was the president of the prefectural medical school (current school of medicine of Mie University) under a crisis situation of acupuncture and moxibustion when those practices were almost banned under GHQ just after the World War II.

I hope to make this congress an opportunity for acupuncture and moxibustion practitioners to seek the way to go with coordination and cooperation with many related people learning from old leaders with the historical and geographical background.

What can we acupuncturists and moxibustionists do on patients presenting to us? What is expected of us now? These are the thoughts in the theme of this congress “Science of Acupuncture and Moxobustion for Patients - What coordination and cooperation is required? -.”

Mie prefecture has been promoting to develop a self-supportive and sustainable region utilizing its cultural power since 2009 with its 6 year plan. I feel this is my mission, to hold this “academic congress” here this year when citizens of this prefecture who are working on strengthening the bond between people and people, people and region, and people and nature, and sincerely acknowledge all who are related to this work.

We will learn with attendees to the “academic congress” and work with all our strength to organize this conference for them to enjoy attractive Mie which can be reached in 30 minutes from Nagoya and is 1 hour to Ise Jingu Shrine.

See you in “beautiful Mie.”

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