

## Greeting Message from the President of the Congress

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We will hold the 61<sup>st</sup> annual Congress of The Japan Society of Acupuncture and Moxibustion during the 3 days of 8 June 2012 to 10 June 2012 at Yokkaichi Municipal Hall in Yokkaichi city, Mie prefecture. It is a great honor to undertake this important role as President of this congress, I accept it with some apprehension as I have not been a specialist on acupuncture and moxibustion.

The theme of this congress is “Science of Acupuncture and Moxibustion for Patients - What coordination and cooperation is required? -.” I have a feeling that medicine has been progressing rapidly in the areas of specialization and organization along with the medical progress of recent years in both western and oriental medicine, on the other hand, the origin of medicine “for patients” may have been neglected. Now, isn't it the time that we are questioned about coordination and cooperation of various specialists and organizations with the original standing position “for patients” as our common purpose? At this congress symposiums are planned from the several angles revolving around this great theme. Also, the 3<sup>rd</sup> JSAM International Symposium on Evidence-based Acupuncture will be held at the same time during 7-8 July 2012. We hope this symposium will be utilized as an opportunity to learn the international trends of acupuncture medicine.

This is just a private matter, but I have been applying acupuncture and moxibustion to outpatients in a team, of which the members are mainly from faculty of Acupuncture and Moxibustion Department of Suzuka University of Medical Science at Mie University Hospital since 2010. This application is a link in the business chain of the agreement on comprehensive partnership with Suzuka University of Medical Science which I concluded when I was a president of Mie University through my professional career as a former professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Mie University, ex-president of Mie University, vice president of Suzuka University of Medical Science and its councilor. What can be the role of acupuncture and moxibustion medicine at a university hospital setting which mainly performs highly advanced medical treatments? I think it is an ambitious endeavor to seek the way of coordination and cooperation between

a medical university which provides the leading western medicine and the acupuncture & moxibustion medicine with the original standing position “for patients” as our common medical purpose.

I am grateful to welcome a large number of people related to or interested in acupuncture and moxibustion to Yokkaichi city in Mie prefecture. Please enjoy “Umashikuni” beautiful Mie which is the agglomerations of modern industry and also surrounded by great nature and rich in tradition.

Now let me note this congress is realized with cooperation of Mie prefecture, Yokkaichi city, Japan Acupuncture and Moxibustion Association, Mie Acupuncture and Moxibustion Association, Acupuncture and Moxibustion Department of Humanitec Medical and Welfare College, Acupuncture and Moxibustion Department of Suzuka University of Medical Science and Mie University, also by the devoted effort of the organizing committee chairperson Hirokazu NAKANO and his staff.

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