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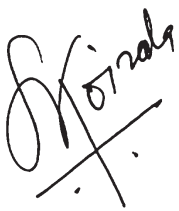
\_Welcome to this year's second issue of **cosmetic dentistry**! I hope you enjoyed our first issue. All editions of **cosmetic dentistry** are available online at [www.dental-tribune.com](http://www.dental-tribune.com) at no charge.

With the rapid development of global information technology, knowledge has become much more accessible to everyone keen to acquire it. Online continuing education (CE) programmes are quite popular now in most countries, as it is an easy-to-access and affordable mode for CE. Global online CE programmes are gaining popularity amongst young generations. However, CE accreditation systems have yet to become mandatory in most Asian countries. There are various online CE models, including text lectures, slide shows, recorded movies and live web seminars—webinars. Online study clubs, such as the Dental Tribune Study Club ([www.dtstudyclub.com](http://www.dtstudyclub.com)), and forums are very popular for sharing knowledge and skills in dentistry.

In February 2011, I travelled to Chicago to participate in the International Federation of Esthetic Dentistry (IFED) general assembly and executive council meeting. I am pleased to announce here that the general assembly unanimously passed the resolution of the executive committee to start a free e-learning system through the IFED website ([www.ifed.org](http://www.ifed.org)). Furthermore, I was nominated as project coordinator. Once the project has been completed, I believe it will help many young professionals to acquire quality aesthetic dentistry education free of charge. As the coordinator, I am now working at developing professional links amongst various aesthetics magazines and journals around the world, and am seeking quality articles/clinical cases from authors and clinicians for our e-learning section. I invite all of you to share your knowledge and skills for better patient care around the world.

For this issue of **cosmetic dentistry**, we have selected various clinical articles for you and hope they will help to advance your clinical excellence. Enjoy!

Yours faithfully,



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