

Dear Reader,

_Welcome to this year's third edition of **cosmetic dentistry**! I hope you enjoyed the first and second editions, which are also available online at www.dental-tribune.com free of charge so that we can truly share our expertise and knowledge.

I have been a member of the Asian Academy of Aesthetic Dentistry (AAAD) for many years and recently also became a member of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry. Another change in my professional life has been the transition from being a private practitioner in Seoul, Korea, to an appointment as full-time associate professor at the Department of Restorative Dentistry and Center for Dental Research at Loma Linda University's School of Dentistry in California. Therefore, it is with great excitement that I would like to use this opportunity to serve as a bridge for the East and the West to work together in harmony for the progress of cosmetic dentistry. I am confident that our magazine will aid in this goal for collaboration.

Global cosmetic dentistry is on the way! The Japan Academy of Esthetic Dentistry (JAED) with its nearly 3,000 members and the Korean Academy of Esthetic Dentistry (KAED) with its more than 2,000 members have been very strong pillars in supporting the AAAD. The JAED, under the leadership of its President, Dr Toru Sato, established a collaboration with the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD) last year. This year, the KAED, headed by Dr Myung-Jin Kim, followed this example. The AACD is recognised as the largest cosmetic academy worldwide with more than 7,000 members. The collaboration of the academies will lead to a continuous exchange of speakers between the academies and I hope that there will also be more submissions of informative articles to **cosmetic dentistry**.

This colourful edition is concerned particularly with minimally invasive dentistry using composites and with relevant industry reports on adhesive systems and composite resin materials. You will also enjoy information on meetings and international events and much more. I sincerely hope that you will enjoy this edition and successfully apply the information to your clinical practice.

Yours faithfully,
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