

Dear Reader,

_Welcome to this year's second edition of **cosmetic dentistry**!

As the Co-Editor-in-Chief of the official journal of the Asian Academy of Aesthetic Dentistry (AAAD), I am excited to invite you to the 12th AAAD and 23rd Japan Academy of Esthetic Dentistry (JAED) joint meeting in Sapporo, Japan, from 20 to 22 July 2012. We are expecting another wonderful meeting that will bring all our academy members together in sharing precious knowledge, expertise and friendship.

The JAED, which has nearly 4,000 members, has set a beautiful location for the meeting: Sapporo, which attracts many tourists for the Sapporo Summer Festival, a cheerful event that takes place in the heart of the city. The organising committee has put great effort into the scientific programme, with an emphasis on integrating aesthetic dentistry to meet the patient's needs and desires. Among the invited speakers, Dr Marcos Vargas, professor at the University of Iowa, will present on anterior composite restorations; Dr Mark Latta, professor and Dean of the Creighton University School of Dentistry, on posterior composite restorations; Dr Wynn Okuda, past President of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD), on contemporary cosmetic dentistry in the daily practice; and me, on how to maximise aesthetic success with tooth whitening.

A new introduction to the conventional joint meeting this year is the academy presidents' lecture section, with Dr Hisashi Hisamitsu representing the AAAD, Dr Akira Senda the JAED, and Dr Ronald Goodlin the AACD.

One of the major highlights will be the special lectures by country representatives of our AAAD. We are all anticipating a great meeting with considerable active participation by all of our academy members!

Our second edition of **cosmetic dentistry** is a continuum of the first edition, which focused on the minimally invasive cosmetic dentistry concept. The clinical articles and case reports beautifully illustrate how to formulate a smile design and provide step-by-step procedures for successful porcelain laminate veneers.

I would like to thank our readers, authors, supporting companies and the **cosmetic dentistry** team for their continuous support in making this magazine extraordinary, and I am confident that you will enjoy this issue!

Yours faithfully,



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