

A Prefatory Note

Launching a New Era of Global Communication

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It is my great honor to announce our first commemorable English edition of the "*Journal of Japanese Society of Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery*," which we have been considering for publication since 1985 when the first Japanese edition of JJSPCCS was published. This English edition will be issued twice a year.

I hereby fully celebrate the launch of this first English edition and express my sincere gratitude to all the authors and editors who contributed to this publication.

For more than 30 years, 170 issues of the Japanese edition of JJSPCCS have been published, and they have established many important clinical and basic findings in the field of pediatric cardiology, which have contributed to the remarkable development and education in both clinical practice and basic sciences. The journal serves as a treasure box that contains wisdom and priceless knowledge contributed by many of our pioneers and seniors about dealing with difficult medical questions and issues concerning pediatric cardiology.

To date, only Japanese members and some foreign members who understood Japanese could make optimum use of this journal because the content was written in Japanese.

However, from now onward, the English edition of this journal will enable everybody in the world to easily use this resource and access our wisdom. It will also enable us to transmit information to the world and establish faster global communication. In this regard, the first issue of this English edition contains best reviews which were kindly provided by the international guest speakers with the most updated information, which they presented at the 52nd Annual Scientific Meeting of JSPCCS in Tokyo.

We would like to use this opportunity to strengthen our mutual understanding and communication by conducting exchange lectures and joint sessions among international societies of pediatric cardiology and cardiac surgery at this scientific meeting.

Our vision is to make this English edition of JJSPCCS a first-line journal for pediatric cardiology worldwide by increasing the number of original scientific articles received from all of you.

With best wishes,
Satoshi Yasukochi