

I would like to express my sincere respect and gratitude to the senior members who have devoted themselves to the development of the Japanese Society of Oral Implantology (Public Interest Incorporated Association) and to all members who support the activities of the Society on a daily basis.

Our Society has made significant contributions to the maintenance and improvement of people's oral health by developing and raising awareness of oral implantology. As President, it is a great honor to inherit the academic foundation and social trust built up by our predecessors and to contribute to its further development, while at the same time feeling a deep sense of responsibility.

In recent years, our country has become a super-aging society, and the environment surrounding oral implant treatment has changed significantly. The expected roles of our Society are becoming increasingly diverse and sophisticated, including responses to patients with systemic diseases and frailty, the long-term management of oral function, and the promotion of medical-dental collaborations. Furthermore, new technological innovations, such as digital technologies and AI, are greatly expanding the possibilities of implant treatment, while at the same time requiring appropriate evaluation and utilization based on the latest knowledge. Being in this era, our Society has a mission, as an academic organization, to create and disseminate evidence and to provide safe and high-quality medical care to society. Efforts toward the acquisition of a board-certified specialist qualification that can be officially advertised have reached the final stage in negotiations with the Japanese Dental Specialty Board, owing to the support of our members. Furthermore, collaboration with the Japanese Society of Maxillofacial Implantology has been requested by the Board; to implement a joint specialist examination between the two societies, we must also establish certification requirements for the acquisition of specialist status. To date, we have been led by the hard work of many predecessors, and therefore, my goal is to ensure that the specialist certification is finalized within my term.

We will also enhance training systems and educational programs, not only for dentists but also for member specialists such as dental hygienists and dental technicians; as such, we aim to support the training of personnel equipped with specialized knowledge and advanced clinical skills. Services for members ultimately reach our patients. Even now, the Society's administrative office is still receiving inquiries almost every week from patients who have concerns, distrust, or doubts as a result of having undergone implant treatment. From this, we consider that there are a certain number of patients who are self-aware of the harm due to implant treatment. As the Society, we need to further contribute to the enhancement of educational and training activities including compliance, as well

as the provision of information to both member clinicians and patients. Through these efforts, we acknowledge the essential need to also provide the government with information. As social interest in implant treatment increases, it is important to disseminate accurate and easy-to-understand information and to deepen public understanding and trust. I am determined to devote my utmost sincerity and efforts to ensure that implant treatment will further contribute to the health and welfare of the people. I am also committed to developing implant treatment as a field of study and medical care that is even more trusted by society. I sincerely ask for the continued support and cooperation of all members.

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