Message from the President of ASCI

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It is my great pleasure to serve as the President of the Asian Society of Cardiovascular Imaging (ASCI). ASCI has grown dramatically in the past 10 years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Past Presidents of ASCI, Professor Tae-Hwan Lim, Professor Sachio Kuribayashi, Dr. John Hoe and Professor Yeon Hyeon Choe for their tremendous dedication and achievement. We are now moving into the second decade of the foundation of ASCI and I will attempt to do my best as the new President for the further advancement of ASCI.

As the major activity of the society, ASCI held the 11th annual meeting in Kyoto from June 1st to 3rd, 2017. As the Congress President, I am very glad to inform you that the 11th annual meeting was quite successful with over 600 participants and presentations of cutting-edge lectures and scientific works. It should be also emphasized that collaborations with our partner societies including ESCR, EACVI/EuroCMR, SCMR and ASCI were further strengthened. I would like to thank all participants, program committee members, ASCI EC members and officers, and industry sponsors.

Launching and fostering Cardiovascular Imaging Asia, the official journal of our society, is the most important accomplishment in the history of ASCI. Owing to considerable time and effort by Professor Tae Hoon Kim, Editor-in-Chief, other members in the editorial board, numerous reviewers and authors, Cardiovascular Imaging Asia was successfully brought to publication. Activity and quality of research in the field of cardiovascular imaging are rapidly growing in Asia. In addition, there are considerable differences in the prevalence and characteristics of cardiovascular diseases between western countries and Asian countries. Cardiovascular Imaging Asia will play a pivotal role for the diagnosis, optimizing therapeutic decision making, and improving outcomes in patients with cardiovascular disease in Asia. I strongly encourage radiologists, cardiologists and scientists working in the field of cardiovascular imaging to submit their original papers and review papers to Cardiovascular Imaging Asia.

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