



## EDITOR'S NOTE – About This Supplement

This supplement was designed ambitiously to introduce Korean initiative on global health agenda and to encourage Korean specialists. Korea was one of poorest countries in the world after the Korean War in 1953. During the war, Korea could survive by receiving overseas assistance and the country was reconstructed after the war by foreign donation and assistance. The overseas supports covered the whole society affairs as well as medicine and health. Training and education of medical doctors and researchers were the core activities of the overseas assistance in medicine.

Korea is now a member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation Development and is seeking good donation programs for official development assistance (ODA) to developing countries. Since medicine and public health are major items of ODA, Korean doctors and health workers are running several ODA programs in many partner countries. For better implementation of the ODA activities, it is necessary to establish Korean perspectives in global health. That is the reason why the *Journal of Korean Medical Science* (JKMS) opens a new scientific section of “Global Health” to encourage scientific communication among specialists on global health.

This supplement, entitled “Emerging Donor, Korea, in Emerging Issues in Global Health,” was designed in 2014 and Dr. Juhwan Oh was invited as the guest editor of this issue. Dr. Oh invited excellent authors covering major emerging issues of global health and edited this supplementary issue enthusiastically. I sincerely appreciate his energetic coordination as the guest editor and also scholarly contributions by all of the authors of this issue. I expect this issue should be very interesting to researchers and workers in global health over the world.

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