



EDITOR'S NOTE – About This Supplement

Recently, the Korean culture is widespread to neighboring Asian or even western countries under the Korean name '*hanryu*' which means '*la Korean*.' The '*hanryu*' includes not only drama, movies, songs, dancing, sports, food, but also aesthetic surgery. Many aesthetic surgeons in Korea advertise and invite their customers successfully from abroad. Plastic Surgery, which is one of major science disciplines in medicine, is rapidly growing and fostering much energy as a scientific field in Korea due to updated research on stem cells and material sciences as well as the industrial expansion of aesthetic surgery. According to increased research, the surgeons publish their articles more in both global and domestic journals. It looks like a booming period of aesthetic surgery in both research and practice in Korea.

This supplementary issue of the *Journal of Korean Medical Science* is entitled "Recent Wave in the Field of Korean Plastic Surgery," which introduces present perspectives by plastic surgeons in Korea. I hope this supplementary issue will contribute scientifically to the global academic field of plastic surgery.

I appreciate Dr. Jeong Tae Kim for his professional effort as Guest Editor and all of authors of articles in this issue for their scholarly contribution as specialists.

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