Dear Reader,

At the end of 2014, the Asian Academy of Aesthetic Dentistry (AAAD), which is the pioneer aesthetic dental organisation in Asia, held its 13th biennial meeting and scientific conference in Foshan in China jointly with the Foshan Academy of Esthetic Dentistry. During the meeting, the new executive council committee for 2014–2016 was elected, and I am honoured to have been elected as the 14th President of the AAAD.

Clinicians from Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Taiwan attended the 44 lectures of the scientific programme presented by invited speakers in various fields of aesthetic dentistry. At the conference, Chinese clinicians learnt about the growing global trends in cosmetic dentistry and participants from other countries learnt about the rapid development of China in the field of aesthetic dentistry.

An international programme of this magnitude helps to promote professional collaboration, friendship and opportunities to share knowledge and skills among clinicians and academics in the region.

With the rapid development of information and communication technology, AAAD is now planning to launch an e-learning platform to provide the most cost-effective aesthetic dentistry educational opportunities to young dental professionals in Asia. This will be developed with the active participation of member countries’ key clinicians and through joint collaboration with various like-minded professional academies, dental schools and dental experts, as well as dental companies around the world.

cosmetic dentistry being the official magazine of AAAD, I hope AAAD members will be able to put the information to full use to improve and share their clinical knowledge and skills.

In this year’s first issue, we have two exclusive articles about digital smile design and cosmetic dentistry practice philosophy and other clinical case reports. I hope readers will enjoy them, and the cosmetic dentistry editorial team looks forward to your feedback.

Yours faithfully,

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