

## Brief Introduction to the Society



### The Digestive Endoscopy Society of Taiwan (DEST)

The Digestive Endoscopy Society of Taiwan (DEST) is a national society representing digestive endoscopists in Taiwan. It was established in Taipei on Feb 15th, 1992, by Professor Teh-Hong Wang and Professor Juei-Low Sung. The current president is Professor Cheng-Tang Chiu.



Over the past 32 years, the number of members in DEST has grown from the initial 500 members to nearly 3,300 members, consisting of 1,924 endoscopists and nearly 1,342 technicians. The society comprises endoscopists from many fields, including gastroenterology, pediatric gastroenterology, general surgery, and colorectal surgery.

DEST aims to promote research, publish academic journals, and host a variety of conferences periodically. DEST is an active member of the international societies of digestive endoscopy, including APSDE and WEO.

In the light of enhancing our knowledge and technology in endoscopy, DEST has held many international conferences, live demonstrations, and hands-on animal workshops in the past years. DEST has also cooperated more frequently with international societies and leading experts in digestive endoscopy recently. DEST will continue to participate in global activities and strengthen its role internationally.

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