

## Brief Introduction to the Society



### The Gastroenterological Society of Taiwan (GEST)

I am honored to address you as we reflect on our journey and celebrate the remarkable growth and achievements of our society. Since its official founding in Taipei on March 15th, 1970, by Professor Juei-Low Sung, the Gastroenterological Society of Taiwan (GEST) has emerged as a beacon of excellence and collaboration in the field of gastroenterology and hepatology.



As we commemorate 54 years of dedication and progress, it is with great pride that I stand before you as the current President, following in the footsteps of prior esteemed leaders. Together, we have witnessed GEST evolve from a small group of practicing gastroenterologists to a thriving organization boasting more than 2500 members. Our membership encompasses practicing gastroenterologists, hepatologists, and researchers dedicated to advancing both basic and clinical aspects of our field.

At the core of GEST's mission are principles aimed at enhancing patient care, nurturing the next generation of leaders through comprehensive fellowship training, fostering cutting-edge research, and fostering camaraderie through regular conventions and educational programs. We uphold values of mentorship, knowledge exchange, and a steadfast commitment to professional growth, recognizing that our collective expertise is our greatest asset.

Furthermore, GEST is committed to facilitating communication and collaboration with international societies and esteemed experts. To this end, we are dedicated to organizing regional or even international conferences, providing platforms for cross-cultural exchange and networking opportunities. Additionally, we actively encourage and support the participation of our young and promising members in international conventions, amplifying their voices and contributions on a global scale.

As we look ahead to the future, let us reaffirm our commitment to excellence, innovation, and collaboration. Together, we will continue to advance the frontiers of gastroenterology and hepatology, making meaningful strides in patient care, research, and professional development.

Lastly, I would extend my deepest gratitude to each participating society and everyone of you for your unwavering support, dedication, and contributions to the TDDW 2024 in Kaohsiung. It is through our collective efforts that we will continue to shape the landscape of digestive diseases in Taiwan and beyond.

With warmest regards,

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