

Report of the 2nd JSGE Asian Session

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Asian Session is held in a general meeting of JSGE in every odd-numbered year to exchange scientific opinions and develop a close friendship between members of JSGE and gastroenterologists in other Asian countries. The 2nd JSGE Asian Session was held at Hotel Nikko Kanazawa on May 10th. In 1997, JSGE started “Research Fellowship Program Award” and, up to now, accepted 65 doctors from Asian countries. This time, JSGE invited 6 doctors, including two award winners, from Korea, Malaysia, India, Taiwan, Thailand and Indonesia. The main theme was “Endoscopic detection of gastrointestinal cancer in my country”. All speakers presented how to think of effective way in order to find gastrointestinal cancers. In particular, award winners were expected to talk how they developed the endoscopic techniques they had learned in Japan. Dr. Kim from Korea talked about endoscopic detection of gastric subepithelial tumors, Dr. Ho from Malaysia about endoscopic detection of GI cancers, Dr. Dutta from India and Dr. Chiu from Taiwan about endoscopic detection of upper gastrointestinal cancers, and Dr. Aniwaniwan from Thailand and Dr. Makmun from Indonesia about colorectal cancer. All speakers talked their present situation and

exchanged hot discussions, and all audiences enjoyed and got satisfied to hear the results and see the advanced techniques they had achieved. As a total, 42 doctors attended the Asian Session. All attendants surely had valuable time in Kanazawa. I believe that the Asian Session provided, is providing and will provide an opportunity for making the connection closer among all gastroenterologists in Asia. Finally, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Prof. Kazuhiko Koike, the president of JSGE and Prof. Shuichi Kaneko, the president of the 105th annual meeting of JSGE for their generous support to this session.