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### Address by the President

Historically in Japan, physicians have provided a higher level of medical care by integrating Kampo medicine into western medicine, combining the skills of cutting-edge medicine and traditional medicine, as seen in the operation on breast cancer by Seishu Hanaoka in 1805.

The Japan Society for Oriental Medicine also has acted to establish a scientific basis for oriental medicine since 1950. We should hereafter strive for its development and then, Kampo medicine will necessarily play an important role in medical care systems and in general medical knowledge.

At the same time, we should recognize the important and characteristic features of Kampo medicine that it gives priority to detailed inquiry about symptoms and palpable diagnosis, especially abdominal diagnosis.

We should study the importance of traditional approaches to diagnosis and treatment which may bring a good patient-doctor relationship, because good communication can also improve the patient's well-being.

We need to remember the basics of medicine while developing scientific evidence regarding this effectiveness of Kampo medicine.

### Establishment

Established in 1950 as the Japan Society for Oriental Medicine (JSOM), and in 1977, certified as an incorporated association, a non-profit foundation stipulated in Article 34 of the Civil Law.

### Objective

The intention of the society is to hold research presentations and seek communication, tie-up and promotion concerning oriental medicine and contribute to the progress and dissemination of oriental medicine, and thus contributing to the development of scientific culture.

### Activities

The Japan Society for Oriental Medicine engages in the following activities:

- (1) Hold scientific meetings and issue the Journal "Kampo Medicine" and "Traditional & Kampo Medicine" as well other publications
- (2) Operate the medical specialist certification program of JSOM
- (3) Practice research studies concerning oriental medicine
- (4) Tie-up and interchange with various institutions Japanese and overseas
- (5) Other activities necessary for achieving the above objectives

### Members (Numbers are as of March 2016)

Regular Member	8,518
Nursing Member	1
Overseas Member	40
Supporting Member	266
Honorary Member	76
Total	8,901

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