About JSPN

It is my humble honor to have been appointed as the new president of the Japanese Society of Psychiatry and Neurology (JSPN). Together with my fellow executive officers, vice-presidents Shinji Hosoda, Ichiro Kusumi, and Akinori Aizawa, our finance director Masahiko Shido, and all our other directors and auditor-secretaries, I look forward to devoting myself to the further development of our Society.

This year marks the 117th year since our Society was founded, during which time it has been a driving force in Japan’s psychiatric and medical communities. At the time of writing, our Society has a membership of more than 18,000 people, including 150 delegates selected from six nationwide districts and 20 directors elected by the board of delegates.

Our Society encompasses approximately 50 committees, each of which is actively engaged in its own activities. In particular, the various committees that operate the medical specialist system have trained almost 11,300 medical specialists, including approximately 7,700 medical instructors. Our Society has focused its attention on postgraduate education and lifelong learning, and the member committees in charge of fields such as psychotherapy, child psychiatry, forensic psychiatry, modified electroconvulsive therapy (mECT) and repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS) training have been actively engaged in holding workshops in various districts, promoting e-learning initiatives, and publishing textbooks. As well, our annual meetings, which are attended by over 7,000 participating members every year, provide a wealth of opportunities to see advances being made across a wide range of psychiatric disciplines.

Because of prejudice or discrimination, or perhaps due to the refractory nature of the disease, those who face mental illness and their families suffer bitter hardships and tend to be placed in situations that are disadvantageous and unfair. I believe that the ultimate aim of the JSPN’s various activities should be “to endow Japan with the best mental health care that will earn the trust of our clients and their families.” To realize this goal, mutual and close cooperation between our Society, universities, general hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, neuropsychiatric clinics, other related facilities, organizations, and members of various professions will be essential, as will cooperation with our colleagues in related academic disciplines.

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