

Editorial

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Dear members,

Japan faces several public health issues, such as the rapid population aging due to increased longevity and reduced birth rates, increasing medical and long-term care expenditures and health disparities in the economic recession. These issues should be studied and the findings should be widely disseminated within the global scientific community.

Since 2004, the Journal has published papers in English and Japanese. In the first two years, the November issue was devoted to papers in English. Later, however, only a few papers in English were published in the Journal. Thus, it must be admitted that the Journal has not been acknowledged as a key vehicle for the publication of papers in English in the introduction of various public health issues in Japan.

As part of the internationalization of the Japanese Society of Public Health, the Journal will promote submissions of papers in English by revising the Instructions to Authors as follows.

1. The Journal enhances communication between researchers, legislators, decision makers, practitioners, and other professionals in the various areas of public health in Japan and other countries.
2. The first author or the corresponding author must be a current member of the Society.

The revised Instructions to Authors are published in the current issue. We look forward to receiving many submissions of papers in English on public health in Japan.

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