

EDITORIAL

Farewell: retirement as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Human Genetics* and launching *Human Genome Variation*

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First of all, I would like to express my sincere thanks for the great help and support I have received from the Associate Editors and Editorial Board members, all the reviewers, authors and readers of the *Journal of Human Genetics* (*JHG*). The past six years have been very busy but also very valuable to me as Editor-in-Chief of the journal. During this time, *JHG* has become much more popular around the world and we have published articles submitted from more than 45 different countries. Online visitors to the *JHG* website have increased by about 2.5 times over last 5 years and I hope our readers enjoyed the publication of our first two special sections on pharmacogenomics and epigenetics last year.

Now it is time to pass my duties to the new Editor-in-Chief Professor Naomichi Matsumoto. I am certain that *JHG* will continue to grow and become more successful under his direction, and with our new Editorial members.

Currently, I am working hard to launch a new sister journal to *JHG*, *Human Genome Variation* (*HGV*) supported by the Japan Society of Human Genetics and published by Nature Publishing

Group. The journal is an Open Access Journal publishing short reports on new mutations/variations of disease-causative genes and their frequencies in various populations in the world, as well as original articles and reviews. I hope this new journal will also be of interest to many of the readers of *JHG*.

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