

The late **Founder Keisuke Fujita** was very passionate about creative research and the training of medical personnel. Dr. Fujita's unique opinions were published in the *Fujita Medical Journal*, which makes the latest research results widely available both inside and outside Japan, and he strived to see his views become a reality. Furthermore, he believed that this medical journal should not simply publish academic papers; rather, its content must be compiled with a coherent policy under the strong leadership of the editorial committee members, while focusing on "research review articles that are prominent inside and outside of Fujita Health University", "special short essays and reports", and "the proceedings from clinico-pathological conferences (CPC) conducted at this university". These ideals of Dr. Fujita are evidently conveyed to future generations in the editorial policy of this journal, which was founded on the desire to aid the growth of the medical society.

The launch of the publication of the *Fujita Medical Journal* is the embodiment of the "**Fujita Vision for 2025**" that was created by the Fujita Academy, which recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding. **Fujita Vision for 2025** addresses both education and research.

[Vision for Education]

1. Create numerous talented people who can humbly and sincerely execute quality medical care.
2. Create numerous talented people who are able to practice professional cooperation that is centered on the patient.
3. Create many medical care professionals who have creative scholarly minds and international perspectives.

[Vision for Research]

1. Increase the synergistic effects of the union of the clinical abilities of university hospitals and the ability of universities to conduct basic research, and promote clinical research.
2. Promote collaborative research as an original and leading research base in Japan.
3. Create and train numerous international researchers.

The rapid globalization of people, information, and medical technology makes it essential that the latest research results are quickly disseminated and globally shared. With its 50 years of history and as one of the nationally prominent medical institutions, Fujita Health University is obligated to introduce cutting-edge research and medical advances to the world. This society aims to diffuse its ideals across the globe and to increase its presence globally through the fulfillment of this obligation. Bearing these desires and expectations in mind, the society decided to publish its first English language journal.

All articles of the *Fujita Medical Journal* will be published on the Internet from the Fujita Health University Academic Information Repository for people both inside and outside of the school to use. The information in the articles published in this journal is subject to strict reviews by researchers and medical personnel around the globe who assess it based on its timeliness and scholarly merit. Therefore, the editorial board members bear a serious responsibility in determining if an

article is fit for global publication. They accomplish this by assessing if an article that is submitted is at the forefront of its field and if its results are reproducible. Nevertheless, we hope that researchers will not be intimidated by this review process or by the prospect of a global audience and that they will actively undertake demanding challenges with careful consideration. Furthermore, we hope that the articles that come to be published in the *Fujita Medical Journal* through this rigorous review process will be cited around the world and that the journal grows into a publication with global renown.

The enthusiasm for creative research that is based on the guiding principles of "**Doku-So-Ichi-Ri—Create One Solid Principle of Your Own**" and the attitude of perseverance needed to accomplish this ideal have been constant since the foundation of this university. We hope that this spirit and attitude continue to allow for the creation of outstanding research results well into the future.

Finally, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to everyone who has worked toward the realization of this publication.



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