

Thank you for reading the Japan Medical Association Journal (JMAJ) over these many years. This will be the final issue of the JMAJ in its present form. In accordance with changes in editorial policy, the JMAJ will be published as a peer-reviewed journal beginning during 2017.

Over the years, the JMAJ has presented a broad range of information—translations of articles on Japan's latest healthcare information published in the Japanese-language *Nippon Ishikai Zasshi* (Journal of the Japan Medical Association); domestic and international activities of the JMA; disaster medicine measures such as Japan Medical Association Team (JMAT) which provided medical support activities in disaster areas following the Great East Japan Earthquake; lectures and speeches at the Confederation of Medical Associations in Asia and Oceania (CMAAO) General Assemblies; etc.—in a timely manner as necessary.

This information will continue to be pub-

lished in the future through such media as the JMA's English-language website (<http://www.med.or.jp/english/>) and the CMAAO Website (<http://www.cmaao.org/>).

Relaunched as a peer-reviewed general medical journal, the JMAJ aims to contribute to global healthcare by functioning as a medium for conveying high-quality information emanating from the JMA, as well as attain an impact factor.

The JMA intends to newly establish an Editorial Office within the International Affairs Division and the JMAJ Editorial Board.

The transition from the JMAJ's current form into a peer-reviewed journal is expected to take a little time, but it is our sincere hope that going forward you will continue to read the JMAJ in its revamped form.

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