

EDITORIAL

The Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology Foundation (JGHF) plays a pivotal role in promoting gastroenterology and hepatology in the Asia Pacific region. I am pleased to present as a leading article, a description of the JGHF and its many activities by Professor Ian Roberts-Thomson, the chairman of the JGHF. The JGHF has been a consistent and main driver of gastroenterology activities in the Asia Pacific region for more than 20 years, and its manifold contributions have been immense.

The foundation is the co-owner of *JGH Open* and has provided immeasurable moral and financial support without which it would not have been possible to start this journal. As with all online journals, the article processing charges (APCs) have proven to be a brick wall for submissions. Through

discussions between Wiley and the JGHF, I am pleased to announce that all APCs except for submissions from developed countries will be supported until June 2019. This is to encourage more submissions from young and emerging researchers as well as clinicians from developing countries in the Asia Pacific region.

I look forward to your continued support to *JGH Open*.

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