

## **Sincere Appreciation for Your Participation in JSGOE & ASGRS 2025**

Dear ASGRS Colleagues,

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your participation in the 65th Japan Society of Gynecologic and Obstetric Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy (JSGOE) and Asian Society for Gynecologic Robotic Surgery (ASGRS) Congress 2025, held in Kagoshima on September 18-20.

Thanks to your invaluable contributions, the congress welcomed over 1,600 on-site participants, with approximately 2,250 people registered in total. I am deeply grateful for your cooperation and support, which resulted in this great success. I am also delighted that the ASGRS sessions were very active, and that we were able to welcome many new members from Japan to ASGRS.

As the congress president, it was a special honor for me to host this meeting in my hometown of Kagoshima. I sincerely hope you enjoyed the scenery of Sakurajima, the local cuisine, and perhaps even a taste of shochu during your stay.

At the same time, I am aware that there may have been some shortcomings in the management of the congress, and I kindly ask for your understanding.

In next April, JSGOE, under the leadership of Prof. Masaki Bandai, and the Japan Society of Gynecologic Robotic Surgery (JSGRS), of which I serve as President, will merge to form the Japan Society of Endoscopy and Robotics in Gynecology and Obstetrics (JSERGO). This new society will be a more comprehensive academic organization for minimally invasive gynecologic surgery in Japan.

Looking ahead, I truly hope that ASGRS and the new society, JSERGO will continue to collaborate closely and flourish together, further advancing our shared field.

Once again, I sincerely thank you for joining us in Kagoshima, and I look forward to the pleasure of meeting you again at future congresses.

With warm regards,

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President, JSGOE & ASGRS 2025