

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE JAPANESE CONTINENCE SOCIETY  
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Dear Professor Takahashi and Colleagues of the Japanese Continence Society,

It is with great pleasure and indeed a great honor to be able to deliver this congratulatory message to the JCS on their 50th anniversary. Fifty years is a long time. Although my association with your society is only within the last 10-12 years, I can see it has made magnificent strides. My first witness of one of those successes was the ICS Meeting in Yokohama in 1997 convened by Professor Kawabe. It was my first association with Japanese functional urologists when I was only a young resident attending my first ICS meeting ! It was a wonderful congress which inspired me further to pursue a career in continence and pelvic floor care. Upon completion of my training, my interests in education and research opened up opportunities to lecture at a series of APUC meetings hosted by Astellas between 2011-2016. There I met many notable JCS members who have featured so much in basic sciences and clinical research including Prof Yamaguchi, Prof Gotoh, Prof Yamanishi, Prof Kakizaki, Prof Tomoe, Prof Homma, Dr Kumiko Kato and Dr Yasukuni Yoshimura just to name a few. Very fortunate indeed in the 2014 PPCS, Prof Yamaguchi and Prof Kuo from Taiwan asked me if we (USANZ) would like to join the PPCS ! I was so happy that upon my return home, I at once discussed this opportunity with USANZ executive and they supported it wholeheartedly the idea. We joined officially in 2015 after the Sapporo PPCS meeting hosted by Prof Kakizaki, another great meeting and I will never forget the gala barbeque in the Sapporo Beer Garden and the karaoke singing afterwards ! To this day, USANZ and myself especially would like to thank Prof Yamaguchi and the JCS for inviting us to participate in the wonderful society of PPCS, which we played host in 2019 in the Sydney meeting welcoming many JCS delegates. Australia and NZ urologists are very fortunate indeed that over the past 10 years or so we have been able to learn, exchange ideas and network with so many JCS members over many meetings including ICS, APUC and PPCS. We hope to continue our collaboration and mutual recognition into the future with JCS members, all for the benefit of improving the quality of life of our patients with incontinence and pelvic floor dysfunction.

Warmest Regards,