

## Message from the President of Gastroenterological Association of Thailand

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### *Dear Members*

Professor, Doctor Udom Kachinthorn, our previous president was resigned to take up the position of the Dean of Faculty of Medicine, Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University. Therefore, I as the president elect, naturally, have become the new president of the Gastroenterological Association of Thailand (GAT) since January 2012 till December 2014. I then, would like to communicate with the GAT members via our official journal to show my determination to lead the association toward the vision and goals.

**Vision:** To lead the association to be one of the best Gastroenterological Association among the Asian countries, particularly, emphasize on training, education, research and standard of patient care in Gastroenterology.

**Mission:**

1) Working as a partner with the Thai General Medical Council (TGMC) in setting the curriculum for official training for specialist in Gastroenterology. Not only for GI specialist but I, myself, also would like to develop the curriculum of sub-specialist in therapeutic endoscopy, motility, hepatology. These can be done by collaborating with the Thai Association for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (TAGE), Thai Neuro-Gastroenterology and Motility Society (TMNS) and Thai Association for the Study of the Liver (THASL).

2) Supporting and facilitating Gastroenterology trainees, members to produce new knowledges and innovations in order to improving the care and better understanding of diseases.

3) Providing educational programs, courses, conferences both international and national to gastroenterologists, internists, general practitioners and health care personnels to improve their understanding and practicing in the Gastroenterology.

The mission will be conducted through our culture (SUN: Seniority, Unity, Nurture) and the core value (RAIN: Responsibility, Altruism, Integrity and Networking)

I welcome any comment, suggestion and participation from dear members to accomplish the mission.

**Associate Professor Pisaln Mairiang, M.D.**

*President of the Gastroenterological Association of Thailand*

## Message from Editor in Chief of Thai Journal of Gastroenterology 2012-2014

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### *Dear Members*

We are presenting you the first issue of this year journal, Thai Journal of Gastroenterology (TJG) of the year 2012. We have the interesting pictures from disease of esophagus in endoscopic corner and various colonic polyps pathology shows in pathology corner. "Liver MRI makes easy" is the topic of X-rays corner. We also have 7 original articles from our GI staff and recently graduated fellows. The topics are various in many areas of GI diseases.

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest welcome to Associate Professor Pisaln Mairiang, M.D., President of the Gastroenterological Association of Thailand and the new members of GAT Society 2012-2014 committee.

We have to say many thanks to our pharmaceutical colleagues who support and make this journal continuously. Finally, please feel free to offer any suggestions for the improvement of *TJG* and the [Thaigastro.com](http://Thaigastro.com) website.

**Duangporn Thong-Ngam, M.D.**

*The Editor in Chief*