

Celebrating the 2nd Asia Special Issue: ISPOR Reaching a Six-Year Milestone in the Asia-Pacific Region

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It was a great pleasure and honor to be invited to serve as the guest editor for *Value in Health* 2nd Special Issue: Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research in Asia.

Since ISPOR launched the 1st Asia-Pacific Conference in Kobe, Japan in 2003, we have seen enormous growth of health economics and outcomes research in the Asia-Pacific region. For ISPOR's journal *Value in Health*, it was prominent to have the 1st Asia-Pacific Special Issue published after the 2nd Asia-Pacific Conference in Shanghai, China in 2006. Today, we celebrate the deliberations of the 3rd Asia-Pacific Conference in Seoul, Korea in 2008, to be published in this 2nd Asia Special Issue.

In the processes of our editorial efforts, we recognized some articles attained high standards of research, while others not accepted for this Special Issue, were still challenging in terms of

scientific soundness. As the multidisciplinary sciences in health care are still in development in Asia, the correct basis of science must be sought not only in research itself, but also in any applications for making the correct policy. We believe this special issue of *Value in Health* will contribute to work on the mission toward the future in the Asia-Pacific region.

I greatly appreciate the collaboration of co-editors, the contributors of this special issue, and of course, the Editor-in-Chief of *Value in Health* and the *Value in Health* editorial staff. I am proud of the vigorous endeavor by all those who have committed to establishing this milestone in making history.

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