

## Editorial



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I would like to invite the international scientific community to join me in welcoming this inaugural issue of *BioScience Trends*. Basic biological sciences and clinical practice, once considered to be entirely separate domains, are now converging toward the shared goal of streamlining the transition of scientific discovery from bench to bedside. We are simultaneously witnessing the globalization of this translational research effort. It is in the hope of fostering international dialogue aimed towards the common goal of improving human health worldwide that we offer *BioScience Trends* to encourage the rapid communication and dissemination of timely scientific and clinical research results between Asia and the West.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Masatoshi Makuuchi".

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