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**Message from the Thai Hip and Knee Society  
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On the inauguration of the Thai Hip and Knee Society in the year 2009 with the continuing academic activities of the Hip & Knee Section and the Sports Medicine Section, The Royal College of Orthopaedic Surgeons of Thailand (RCOST), we are very determine to organize a supplement issue of the "Journal of the Medical Association of Thailand". This special orthopedic issue contains multiple selected orthopedic studies on joint and sports medicine, as well as special review articles and case reports. All selected articles have been submitted by our Thai Orthopaedic Members under the intensive peer-reviewing of a large group of academic orthopedic experts.

As this is our first experience in gathering multiple manuscripts from our members and in undergoing reviewing steps for articles selection and revision, there have been some technical problems which affected a longer time than that of our previous plan for the whole process of publication. However, finally, we have come to the destination where we are able to have a total of 46 well selected articles in this special issue. Following the publication of this supplement issue, I believe that it would call more attention among Thai Orthopedic Surgeons on more academic publications besides just focusing on proceeding of their carriers.

On the behalf of Thai Hip and Knee Society and the Hip & Knee Section of the RCOST, I would like to express my deep appreciation to all the contributing authors, co-authors, the editor-in-chief and the editorial board, the peer reviewers, staff of the RCOST and the staff of the Journal of the Medical Association of Thailand who have pushed very much their efforts to complete this supplement issue.

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Sports Medicine has significant growth within the last ten years in our country. Our organization has successfully developed several educational courses, knee and shoulder cadaveric workshop, basic to advance level to support the enthusiastic surgeons. This journal is the one of an academic motivation and research promotion for our colleagues who interest in Sports Medicine research.

This supplement issue is creative and pleasurable journal that includes specific interests of a Arthroplasty, Sports Medicine and several specialties with evidence - based reports by young or well-experienced researchers. I am certain that these articles will be considered as the motivation and information simultaneously for all of us and be the further step of our orthopedic research.

Please accept this note of thanks that I hereby extend to everyone at Royal College of Orthopedic Surgeons of Thailand (RCOST), committees and members of Sports Medicine, all reviewers and editors for all their helps and support during the very difficult time before this journal has been completed.

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## **Editorial Note**

It's my pleasure to be invited and take function as an editor-in-chief of this first supplement issue of the Royal College of Orthopaedic Surgeons of Thailand (RCOST) published in the Journal of the Medical Association of Thailand. The chairman and committer members of both the Hip & Knee and the Sports medicine section of RCOST had played important roles in initiating, stimulating and also supporting the publication of this supplement issue with the aim to help the young Thai orthopaedic surgeons in publishing their studies in an international journal. This activity will encourage our members to do more research study with higher quality up to the international standard, as well.

It's unexpected to have so many submitted papers for this special issue, the peer review team finally accepted forty-three original articles, two case-reports and one review article, covering mainly in the field of hip or knee surgery and sports medicine, for publication. The deputy editor and all reviewers have tremendously pushed all their effort to edit and make all these articles perfect. I am confident that all studies published in this supplement will contribute to the better knowledge of orthopaedic surgery in our country, our region and the international community.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all reviewers and the secretarial group for their valuable contribution and co-operation leading to the success of this supplement issue publication.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sukit S. M." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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