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# President's Message



## Welcome to May-August 2019 Issue

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It is my distinct pleasure to say that the Asian Journal of Pharmacognosy is publishing another issue. It appears that both the Society and the Journal is starting to get the attention it deserved from the start. I take this opportunity to congratulate everybody who has helped to bring the Society and the Journal to its present position. Quite a few Asian countries are lagging behind in both their economic and scientific sectors. Paradoxically, these contain countries with huge floral and faunal resources and other species creating a rich biodiversity. These countries also possess traditional systems of medicine unique to their people and various indigenous people from whom much traditional medicinal knowledge can be gained. This type of knowledge has been the key to discovery of many modern drugs and will continue to do so in the future. Through our Society and Journal, we can create awareness and resolve to work to maintain biodiversity and the indigenous people and their traditional medicinal knowledge. If I am not mistaken, comparatively very little ethnomedicinal work has been done in countries like Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar or even Malaysia and Indonesia. I appeal through this Journal for scientists of these countries to collaborate with scientists from other countries to jointly explore their traditional medicines for adequate documentation, scientific validation and possible improvement. Allopathic medicine is losing its once almost universal appeal. It is time to go back to our roots.