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Editorial

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We end the 40th anniversary volume of the Thai Journal of Surgery with three special articles. The first is part of a historical overview of research in vascular surgery in Thailand within the past 40 years from the vantagepoint of Professor Pramook Mutirangura, the current President of The Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand who is also a renowned vascular surgeon. The second is a brief tribute to the friendship, or rather the fruitful collaboration, between the field of cardiothoracic surgery in Thailand and the Thai Journal of Surgery. The last special article is a rather long review of breast cancer surgery and research in Thailand seen through the lens of the Thai Journal of Surgery, albeit a very wide-angle lens. What these three articles have in common is the sense of celebration in the innovative and wide-ranging way surgical research was and is being done in Thailand. Of course, these are well exemplified in the pages of the Thai Journal of Surgery.

In addition, we have 2 case reports and 3 original articles. There are three cases of hepatic cysts managed

by laparoscopic unroofing, from Sawanpracharak Hospital, and a case of tuberculous infection of the adrenal gland from Phayao University Hospital. The presentation of these interesting cases is an indication of the excellent clinical work our surgical colleagues are doing all over the country. We have Professor Surasak Sangkhathat's team at Prince of Songkhla University also hard at work to bring us a Python-based statistical software designed for surgical trainees, built almost from scratch. The use of powerful software for data management is certainly the future of surgical care. The cardiothoracic surgical team from Maharat Nakorn Ratchasima Hospital is again building on their continuing work with EuroScore II in patients with the difficult and often challenging infective endocarditis. A young general surgeon from Trang Hospital is showing us excellent results with laparoscopic surgery for colorectal cancer despite many limitations. We encourage all our colleagues to join the endeavor towards surgical excellence and reporting their efforts in the Thai Journal of Surgery.

Last, but not least, we have the second part of abstracts of presentations made at the 46th Annual Scientific Congress of The Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand. These abstracts are often a first glimpse of Thai surgeons' scientific interests and activities. They are

important records of many events which might otherwise be lost to history. The next 10 years of Thai surgery will be no less interesting than the previous 40 years – and we, the Thai Journal of Surgery, will be present to record the most important of these activities.