Greetings

Japanese Society of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynecology (JSPOG) was formally inaugurated in 1996, succeeding a study group for Obstetric and Gynecologic Psychosomatic Medicine in Japan which began its activity in as early as 1970’s and some of which members used to participate regularly in World Congress of International Society of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynecology (ISPOG). JSPOG has grown up rapidly since inauguration to have over 640 (2007) members from such various specialties as psychiatry, psychology, nursing and midwifery, health education etc. At present, over 200 of JSPOG members have joined to ISPOG. We believe that we are well prepared to cooperate with friends overseas and desire earnestly to exchange knowledges and opinions on female psychosomatics between the East and West.

Kyoto was the capital of Japan for over 1000 years, from her establishment as Heian-kyo in 794, until the transfer of government to Tokyo in 1868 following the Imperial Restoration. Surrounded by magnificent hills, Kyoto with her poetry reflects the changing of the seasons and has provided, over the last twelve centuries, a natural cradle for the art and culture of Japan, and a noble heritage for her people. This is why Kyoto is known as the spiritual home of the Japanese people; it is said that without knowing Kyoto, it is impossible to understand the real Japan. But, on the other hand, Kyoto is not only an old capital but also a modern city anxious to develop a new culture and technology (ex. many Nobel Prize winners) based on her precious inheritance. We hope that you yourselves will enjoy the old Japanese capital, Kyoto.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at Kyoto.

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