“Notes on Laparoscopic Gastrointestinal Surgery (Chinese version, 1e)” was well received and has become one of the best-selling book since its being published in 2015, and gained support from many colleagues in China for its rich content, concise text, and clinical practicability in operation with helpful tips and notes; All “Iron warriors”, as what we called ourselves, are very proud and pleased to receive positive feedbacks as well as precious advices from peers. The book condensed efforts of more than 40 “iron warriors” all over China sharing our technical experience and clinical thinking with national colleagues. To share and exchange information and skills is our primary goal of writing the book.

Laparoscopic gastrointestinal surgery has developed rapidly, since the publication of the first edition Notes on Laparoscopic Gastrointestinal Surgery being, our technique of laparoscopic gastrointestinal surgery has updated, especially in the improvement of skills, the recognition of surgical spaces, the concept of lymphadenectomy, the breakthroughs of digestive reconstruction and the modification of the reconstruction equipment. With the trend of medicine progressing, surgeons should keep on learning and improving the technique and skills. We also have an obligation to share the updates to younger ones.

In 2015, an association named “Chinese-Japanese-Korean Alliance of Young Surgeons” was founded and a series of meetings between young surgeons from the above countries followed. As it is known to us, both basic research and clinical treatment of gastrointestinal cancer in Japan and Republic of Korea ranged top level worldwide, and some well identified standards and regulation of treatment related were made. Japan and Republic of Korea's young experts is the backbone of Japanese and Korean medical world. They inherited the diligence, rigorousness, studiousness and innovative spirit of pioneers, constantly opening up new technologies, advocating new ideas and greatly advancing the gastrointestinal field of medical development and progress. What I see since the foundation of the “Chinese-Japanese-Korean Alliance of Young Surgeons” is the relationship between young surgeons focusing on gastroenterology becoming closer. It is right during those meetings when I came up with the idea of inviting young and excellent surgeons from Japan and Republic of Korea together with promising young gastrointestinal surgeons in China to work on a new edition of “Notes on Laparoscopic Gastrointestinal Surgery, 2nd Edition” in English version.

After the first successful attempt of the first edition of the Notes on Laparoscopic Gastrointestinal Surgery, we are confident in the second edition with support of our colleagues and their passion as well as significant contribution. We adopted most manuscripts with surgical techniques and ideas updated, while adhering to the originality, popularity, practicality, intuitiveness and most important speciality.

For the completion of this book, I am sincerely grateful to the domestic gastrointestinal leading authority who supports our work, as well as supports from surgeons internationally especially from Japan, and Korean. Without their contribution, this accomplishment would be impossible. We will continue dedicating to the development of laparoscopic technology, and we sincerely hope that the Chinese surgeons dedicaing in gastrointestinal diseases can embark on the world's stage.

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