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**Aims and Scope**

This Association shall encourage basic and clinical research concerning gastroenterology, by this means attempting to raise the standard of gastroenterology and to contribute to the welfare of humanity as its common purpose, and shall carry out the following activities:

- Holding scientific meetings for the presentation and debate of gastroenterological research
- Publication of an official journal
- Holding lectures for the continuing education of doctors concerning the diagnosis and treatment of gastroenterological disorders
- Holding lectures and implements training programs for the certification and training of specialists in gastroenterology
- Aiding researchers in gastroenterological disorders with their research
- Meetings and publications to raise interest in gastroenterology among the general public
- Participation in international scientific projects concerning gastroenterology
- Activities necessary to achieve the aims of the Association

**Meetings**

**8th Annual Meeting of the JGA**
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