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It is an honor for me and all those involved in **Iran J Public Health**, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the proud and uninterrupted publication of the Journal. Undoubtedly, this journal is one of the most prestigious journals in Iran and the region in publishing progressive sciences on public health. I would like to express my gratitude to all the esteemed members of the Editorial Board, referees, authors and my dear colleagues in the administrative section of the Journal.

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From the beginning until now, the following persons have been in charge as the Chairman and Editor-in-Chief:

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From 2001, Prof. Mohammad Bagher ROKNI, has been engaging as the Editor and Manager of the journal. It is with great pleasure to appreciate

the sincere cooperation of my colleague, from the begging until now but the present executive staff are as follows:

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It is hoped that with the sincere cooperation of university professors, health professionals and policy makers, the efforts of all members of the Editorial Board, authors, scholars and honorable referees, and finally the hard-working editorial team, to take firm and rapid steps to promote personal and social health, not only in our beloved

homeland, Iran, but the whole region and the world.

I do believe that in future the journal will continue to show a worthy face of health and medical services in the country and abroad. The next generation will appreciate the efforts of all the actors and staff of the journal.