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Dear Colleagues,

We have experienced a new summer season. While schools are closed and the weather is getting warmer, we have started to feel the scent of sea as the citizens of a country, who live the summer season to the full. We, as the Editorial Team, on the other hand, present the recent issue of Turkish Thoracic Journal while doing our own summer plans.

This issue includes interesting research articles, reviews and case reports. In addition to the Current Issue, we present “the Turkey Asbestos Control Strategic Plan Final Report” that has researched adverse health effects of asbestos exposure. Additionally, there is an editorial on this report together with a position paper on another very important public health problem, “tobacco consumption”.

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With best wishes,

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