

## 「神戸アニマルケア国際会議 2012」によせて

### On the Occasion of the 2nd International Conference on Animal Care in Kobe 2012

大阪府立大学 獣医学専攻

Department of Veterinary Science, Osaka Prefecture University

阪神・淡路大震災から17年を経過し、多くの人々の英知と努力により復興された神戸の地で、第2回神戸アニマルケア国際会議2012を開催されることを心よりお慶び申し上げます。

2011年3月に発生した東日本大震災から10ヵ月が経過した今も、未曾有の大災害に関係各機関で混乱が生じ、多くの人や動物がまだ災害の真っ直中で厳しい自然環境、放射能汚染と闘っておられます。大阪府立大学では一日も早い復興の少しでも手助けとなるよう教職員や学生ボランティアを被災地に派遣してまいりました。被災された人や動物が一日も早く日常生活を取り戻されることを心よりお祈りいたします。

大阪府立大学獣医学専攻は、関西国際空港対岸のりんくうキャンパスにおいて、人と動物の生命環境に関する

難しいさまざまな問題に対して、豊かな発想や思考を拓いて解決できる国際的視野と動物医療及び動物科学の専門的知識を持った人を育てると同時に、公立大学法人として新しいものを生み出す研究で得た成果を地域コミュニティに広く発信していくことに努めております。

人と動物が共生する社会は、獣医学のみならず、多くの分野の学問・英知を結集して、立場の違いを超え作り出すことが必要であり、本国際会議においてこの共生の実現に携わる者が一同に介して、世界中からの英知を結集して継続的に情報発信していくことは非常に重要です。本学獣医学専攻も微力ながらこの会議の成功にお役に立てればと考えております。本会議のご成功と人と動物のより良い関係がさらに一層深まりますことを祈念しております。

I would like to offer my sincere congratulations on the organization of the 2nd International Conference on Animal Care 2012 held in Kobe, the city devastated by the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake seventeen years ago, but recovered from it due to the support of a great number of people and their wisdom.

Ten months have already passed since the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011. However, in the face of this unprecedented disaster, relevant authorities are still in chaos, and a large number of people and animals are struggling to survive harsh weather conditions and nuclear radiation. Osaka Prefectural University dispatched teaching and other staff and student volunteers to the disaster-stricken areas to help accelerate reconstruction. I pray that the disaster victims, including animals, can return to their normal lives as soon as possible.

The Department of Veterinary Science of Osaka Prefectural University, located on the Rinku campus on the opposite shore of Kansai International Airport, is committed to nurturing specialists with international perspectives as well as expertise in veterinary medicine and science, who address a variety of challenging problems related to the living environment of

people and animals with creative ideas and flexible thinking. As a public university, the school publishes its new research findings to be shared in the community.

As knowledge and wisdom from various fields are required to create an environment in which people live in harmony with animals, many different academic disciplines should cooperate with each other across boundaries. It is important that the international conference provides an opportunity for specialists of the world involved in the creation of a symbiotic environment to gather to share information on a continuing basis. The Department of Veterinary Science is determined to contribute to the success of the conference. We pray for the continued success of the international conference and an improvement in mutual friendship between people and animals.