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To the Chairperson of the Member Veterinary Associations of the Federation of Asian Veterinary Association (FAVA)

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your continued efforts to promote international exchange activities in veterinary medicine through Federation Asian Veterinary Association.

The Japan Veterinary Medical Association (JVMA) has been working on the promotion of One Health as a priority issue in our activities. As part of this effort, we would like to thank the representatives of FAVA countries for attending the 2nd International Conference on One Health of the World Veterinary Association-World Medical Association held in 2016, and for making the conference a great success.

At the 21st FAVA Congress scheduled to be held in November 2022, we will be focusing on the topic of One Health under the theme of "One Health Approach from Asia". We look forward to the attendance of many veterinarians and related persons from various countries.

Before assuming the position of President of the Japan Veterinary Medical Association, I served for a long time as President of the Fukuoka Veterinary Medical Association and as a member of the Prefectural Assembly of Fukuoka prefecture **where the 21st FAVA Congress will be held.**

As a result of my efforts as a member of the Fukuoka Veterinary Medical Association and the Fukuoka Prefectural Assembly, various measures have been implemented in Fukuoka Prefecture to promote the One Health concept, which is important for building a safe and secure society for the people of the prefecture and a society where people and animals can live in harmony.

The Fukuoka Veterinary Medical Association has published a booklet entitled "One Health: The Past and Future", which summarizes the progress of the One Health promotion in Fukuoka Prefecture to date, future plans, and the contents of "One Health Ordinance of Fukuoka Prefecture" which was enacted for the first time in Japan.

The English version of this booklet is enclosed here for your reference in promoting One Health in your country.

We hope that the veterinary medical associations of each country in the Asia-Oceania region will collaborate with other related parties to promote One Health in the future, thereby improving the health of people and animals and creating a healthy natural environment.



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