

“One Health Summer Seminar” was held



On September 3, 2023, the “One Health Summer Seminar” was held at “Kuju Handa Kogen Bosco” hosted by Fukuoka Prefecture.

The seminar was attended by Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura, Honorary President of the Japan Medical Association, Dr. Isao Kurauchi, President of the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA), Dr. Hiroaki Hasuzawa, President of Fukuoka Medical Association, and Dr. Haruo Kusaba, President of Fukuoka Veterinary Medical Association, as well as members of Fukuoka Prefectural Medical Association and Fukuoka Veterinary Association. Also, from overseas, Dr. Johnson Chiang, Former President of the World Veterinary Association, as well as members of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA), specially participated in the meeting.



【President Isao Kurauchi: Opening Remarks】

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chairman Hasuzawa and all the board members of the Fukuoka Medical Association, and Chairman Kusaba and all the board members of the Fukuoka Veterinary Medical Association, for taking time out of their very busy schedules to meet with us.

Seven years ago in April, while we were staying here, there was a big earthquake in Kyushu. This pillar shook so much that I thought it was going to fall. Unable to stand, I crawled out and the safest place for me was in my car in the parking lot.

At that time, many Japanese escaped on their own and left their animals behind. That is why I created the Kyushu Disaster Animal Rescue Center, which you inspected today.

Today, we have a great deal of insight on one-health, and I would like to share a great deal of one-health by having President Rafael and Specialist Mary report the latest information to us.



【Dr. Rafael Laguens, President of the World Veterinary Association】

Under the theme of “Dialogue between Medicine and Veterinary Medicine,” the seminar participants reflected on past and present examples to reconsider the relationship between medicine and veterinary medicine from the perspective of One Health, and discussed its future together with the seminar participants.



【Dr. Mary Joy Gordonchillo , FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific】

Under the theme of “Collaborating Toward One Health”, the lecture presented how cross-sectoral collaborations at the global, regional, and national levels are driving the changes needed to mitigate the current and future health impacts of human-animal-plant-environment contact.

【Kyushu Disaster Animal Rescue Center】

The Kyushu Disaster Animal Rescue Center (Kokonoe Town, Oita Prefecture) takes care of dogs and cats that have lost their way due to disasters, It is the first permanent pet shelter in Japan and accepted about 80 pets during the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake.

In recent years, while there have been many disasters such as torrential rains, pet ownership has increased due to coronary disasters.

The facility is operated by the Kyushu Animal Welfare Association (Fukuoka City) and shelters up to about 40 animals during peak times.