

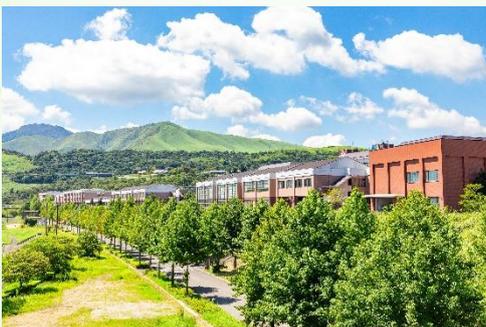


FAVA ONEHEALTH FUKUOKA OFFICE

The President of the World Veterinary Association, Dr. Rafael Laguens, and members of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA) visited Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU)



On Monday, September 4, 2023, we took the President of the World Veterinary Association, Dr. Rafael Laguens, and members of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA) to Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) in Beppu City, Oita Prefecture.



Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University was established in Beppu City on April 1 in 2000 with the basic principles of "Freedom, Peace and Humanism", "International Mutual Understanding" and "Creating the Future of the Asia Pacific". Its beautiful environment makes it an ideal place for students to promote understanding of the Asia Pacific region and international exchange.



Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University is characterized by the diversity of its student body, with international students from approximately 100 countries and regions. International and Japanese students study together to deepen cross-cultural understanding and develop leaders with a global perspective.

[President Isao Kurauchi: Greetings]

The Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA) is an association of veterinarians serving the Asia-Oceania region. Currently, 23 countries are participating in this organization with 400,000 veterinarians. On August 1, "FAVA One Health Fukuoka Office" was opened in Tenjin, Fukuoka City, within the FAVA organization.

One Health means that life on earth is one. Human life, animal life, and the global environment are all connected. This is the idea that "One Health" means that all life on earth is one. At the G7 Hiroshima Summit held this year, it was decided to promote "One Health". In particular, the importance of "One Health" has been strongly recognized in the "Basic Policies for Economic and Fiscal Management and Reform", which was adopted by the Cabinet meeting in June.



I understand that your university has established the "College of Sustainability Tourism" as part of the "APU 2030 Vision". I think this is a wonderful initiative.

Related to Oita, the HitaHikosan Line and the Hisada Line suffered from disasters due to weather changes caused by global warming. In rebuilding this line, we repaired this area based on the concept of "One Health," protecting the environment that humans have destroyed. We also wanted to link this to tourism. In other words, we wanted to restore the area as an advanced "One Health" community. On the HitaHikosan Line, hydrogen-fueled buses are going to run as the result of joint research with Toyota Motor Corporation. It is truly carbon neutral. We will use next-generation fuels to promote "One Health" and bring many people to that area. I think we are doing exactly the same thing as the "College of Sustainability Tourism" that you mentioned earlier.

In order to spread "One Health" around the world in the future, I believe that we need to make sure that it is implemented in the context of education.

(Excerpts)

「College of Sustainability Tourism」

The program aims to create a community of academic practitioners who are committed to academic knowledge and innovative research to solve contemporary issues and global problems related to sustainable society and tourism.

The program also aims to develop individuals who can act based on a sense of responsibility as global citizens by acquiring a cross-disciplinary understanding of society and region, basic and specialized knowledge about sustainable society and tourism, logical and critical thinking, qualitative and quantitative analysis, problem solving, and the ability to communicate and collaborate in a cross-cultural environment.

The program aims to develop human resources who can act based on a sense of responsibility as citizens of the world.

