

Isao Kurauchi, President of the Japan Veterinary Medical Association: Elected to the Next President of the World Veterinary Association

On Wednesday, March 13, 2024, the Japan Veterinary Medical Association (JVMA) announced that Isao Kurauchi, President of the Japan Veterinary Medical Association and President of the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA), has been elected to the next President of the World Veterinary Association (WVA).

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To all members of the press

“Appointment as President Elect of the World Veterinary Association”

Isao Kurauchi, President of Japan Veterinary Medical Association, is to be appointed as the first Japanese President-Elect of the World Veterinary Medical Association.

Japan Veterinary Medical Association

The World Veterinary Association (WVA) held its biennial election for “President-Elect” in February of this year. The winner will serve two years each as President-Elect, President, and Past President, for a total of six years. Dr. Kurauchi is the first Japanese to be elected to President-Elect, and will officially assume the office of President-Elect at the WVA General Assembly to be held in South Africa on April 16.

Founded in 1959 (its predecessor organization has been active since 1853), the WVA is an association of veterinary associations and veterinary societies from 70 countries and regions, and has developed the WVA Strategic Plan (2020-2025), which prioritizes One Health, veterinary education, animal welfare and veterinary drug management.

(Reference)

Dr. Kurauchi’s career as President of domestic and international veterinary associations

2013- President, Japan Veterinary Medical Association

2022- President, Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA)

【President Isao Kurauchi: Comment】

As President of the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA), I have been working mainly in the Asia-Oceania region, and have become acutely aware that Asia is one of the regions with the greatest potential for the next outbreak of zoonotic diseases.

In this election for the World Veterinary Association President, I received strong requests from Asian countries to spread the One Health activities I have been engaged in to the rest of the world, and I decided to seek the position of World Veterinary Association President.

I will now serve as the President Elect, President, and Past President of the World Veterinary Association.

The elimination of poverty and economic disparity is the starting point of One Health, without which we cannot save the planet.

The serious environmental problems the world is facing today, such as global warming and deforestation, are all the work of human beings.

In order to ensure that this irreplaceable earth is passed on to our future generations, I will devote my life to promoting One Health in the world.



【Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi: Comment】

I understand that Dr. Isao Kurauchi, President of the Japan Veterinary Medical Association, has been announced as the first Japanese to be elected as the next President of the World Veterinary Medical Association.

As President of the Japan Veterinary Medical Association, Dr. Kurauchi has promoted the One Health Approach, which comprehensively addresses the health of humans and animals as well as environmental conservation.

I am very pleased that Dr. Kurauchi will be the next President of the World Veterinary Medical Association, and I hope that he will continue to play an active role in enhancing the presence of Japan to Asia, and the world.

(From the official website of Prime Minister's Office in Japan)