

## 2<sup>nd</sup> GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ONE HEALTH

# Fukuoka Memorandum

Humankind has a responsibility to show respect for all forms of life on Earth as well as for the environment. Physicians and veterinarians have the scientific knowledge, medical training, the statutory accountability, as well as the opportunity and the responsibility to engage in a wide range of employment fields that deliver services to the benefit of people, animals and the environment.

In October 2012, the World Veterinary Association and World Medical Association signed a memorandum to collaborate in a unified approach to tackle common health issues to improve Global Health, and to focus on zoonotic diseases, responsible use of antimicrobials and enhancing collaboration on education, clinical care and public health.

In November 2013, the Japan Medical Association and Japan Veterinary Medical Association signed a written agreement to share academic research information related to the development of human and veterinary medicine as well as to collaborate together to build a safe and healthy society. In addition, JMA and JVMA agreed to reinforce collaborations on disaster preparedness and management according to the lessons learned from the Great East Japan Earthquake occurred in 2011. The conclusion of this agreement was also achieved by regional medical associations and regional veterinary medical associations throughout Japan.

In November 2016, the World Veterinary Association (WVA), World Medical Association (WMA), Japan Medical Association (JMA), and Japan Veterinary Medical Association (JVMA) jointly held the Second WVA-WMA Global Conference (GCOH) on One Health in Japan following the inaugural GCOH held in Madrid, Spain, in 2015.

Physicians and veterinarians from around the world gathered together in Fukuoka, Japan to exchange information and consider effective countermeasures to important global threats related to "One Health", including zoonotic diseases and antimicrobial resistance and laudable results were achieved.

Based on the outcomes of this conference, WVA, WMA, JMA and JMVA agree to move from the validation and recognition stage of the "One Health Concept", to the practical implementation stage.

We hereby declare the following:

1. Physicians and veterinarians shall promote the exchange of information aimed at preventing zoonotic diseases and strengthening cooperative relationships, as well as to undertake further collaboration and cooperation aimed at creating a system for zoonosis research.
2. Physicians and veterinarians shall strengthen their cooperative relationships to ensure the responsible use of important antimicrobials in human and animal healthcare.
3. Physicians and veterinarians shall support activities for developing and improving human and veterinary medical education, including understanding the One Health concept and approach to One Health challenges.
4. Physicians and veterinarians shall promote mutual exchange and strengthen their cooperative relationships in order to resolve all issues related to the creation of a healthy and safe society.

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