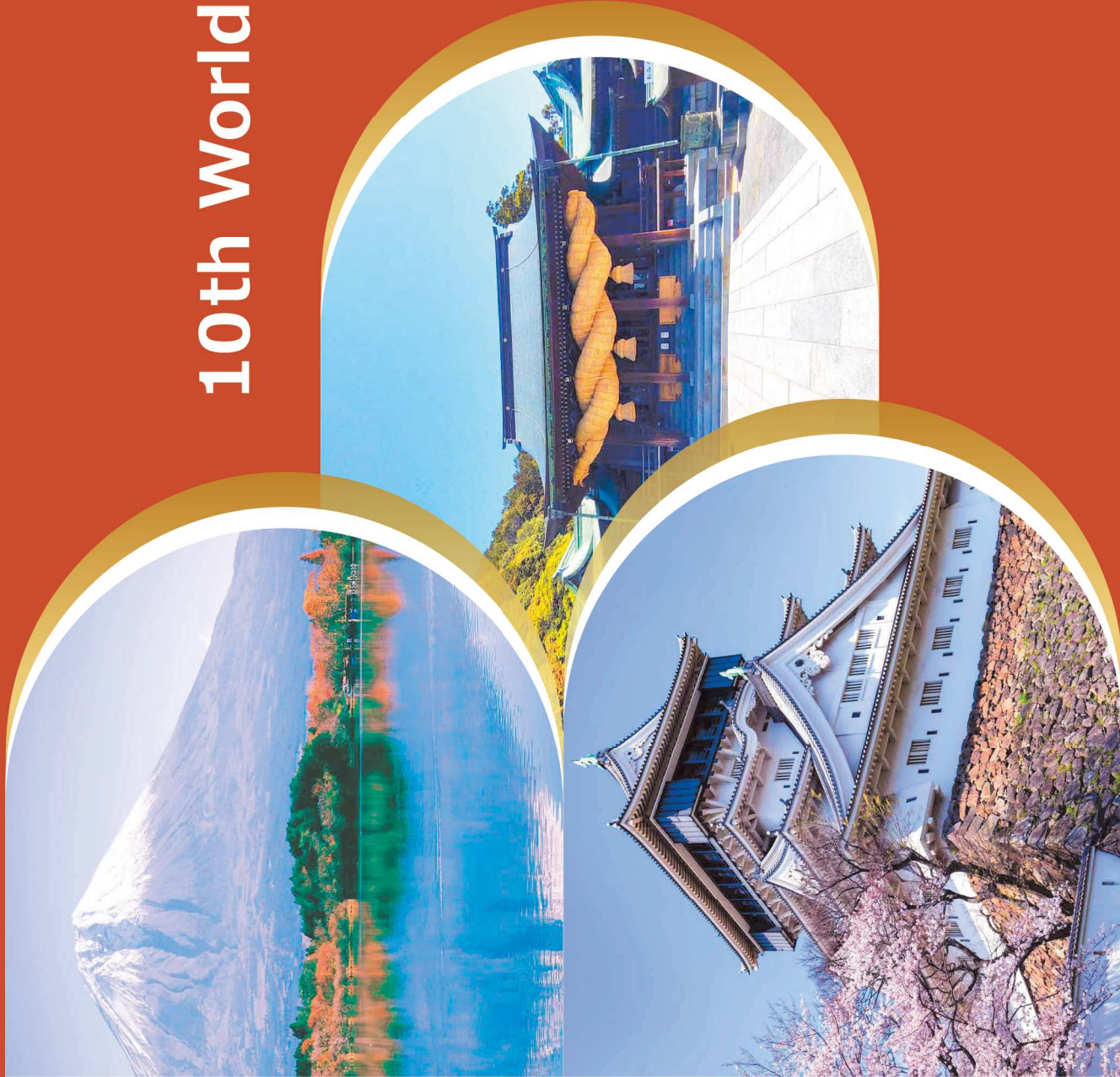




10th World One Health Congress Host Bid Paper



Fukuoka, JAPAN



Executive Summary

Proposed Congress Date (Provisional booking) : 3-6 October, 2028 (Tue-Fri)

Setup & preparation day : 2 October (Mon)

Venue : Fukuoka International Congress Center

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Where is Fukuoka?: The Gateway to Asia



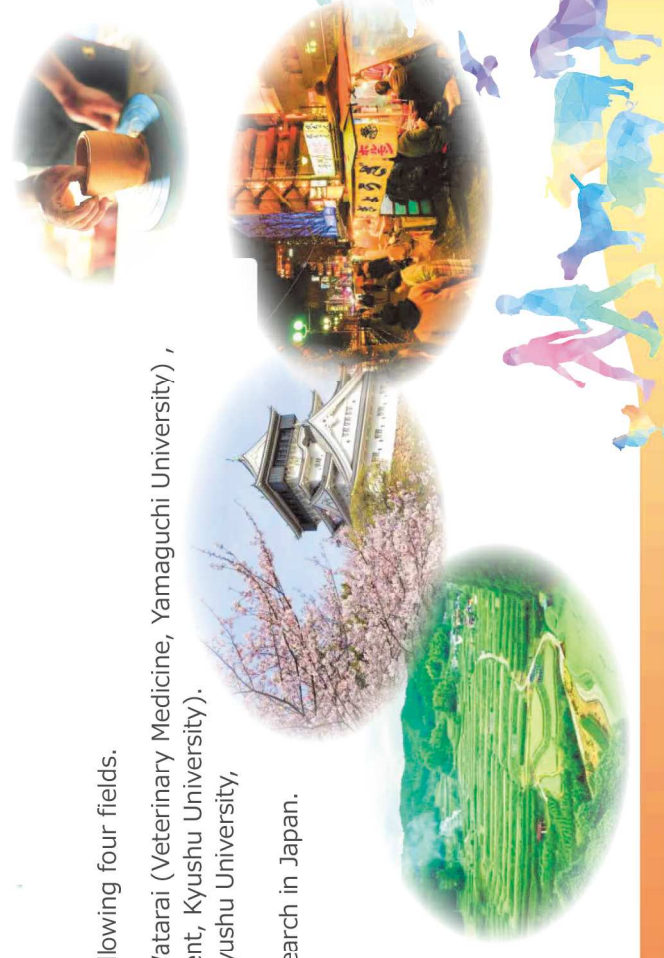
- * Fukuoka Prefecture: A historically significant hub for the advancement of One Health.
- * Home to the "Fukuoka Declaration" (2016, WMA, WVA, JMA, JVMA) and the "Asia One Health Fukuoka Declaration 2022." (FAVA)
- * Pioneer in Japan: enacting the first One Health promotion ordinance and fostering collaboration among industry, government, academia, and citizens.
- * Proven track record of hosting large-scale conventions and international conferences.
- * Safe, clean, convenient, and welcoming.
- * A treasure trove of culinary delights.



Local co-hosting group

The group comprises a total of 18 members, including representatives from the following four fields.

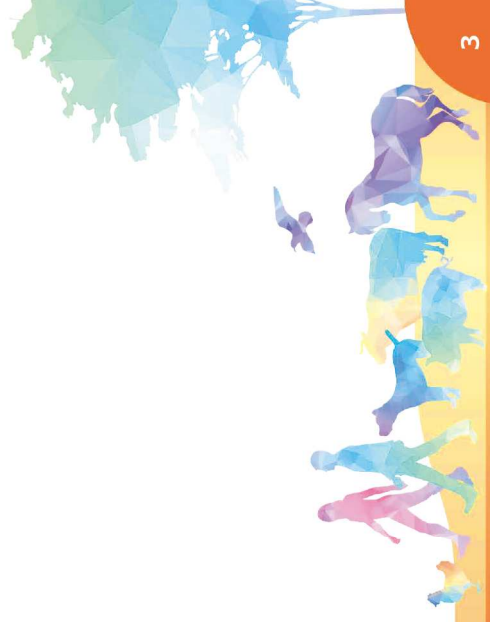
- * Representatives: Emeritus Prof. Shimizu (Medicine, Kyushu University) , Prof. Watarai (Veterinary Medicine, Yamaguchi University) , Prof. Kusakabe (Agriculture, Kyushu University) and Prof. Takemura (Environment, Kyushu University).
- * Group Composition: Primarily formed by the four entities: Fukuoka Prefecture, Kyushu University, Yamaguchi University, and the FAVA One Health Fukuoka Office.
- * Participation: Includes leading research institutions spearheading One Health research in Japan.



Proposed Theme of Scientific Programme

- * One Health Approach for SDGs: Integrating for a Thriving Planet
- * Combating Antimicrobial Resistance
- * Technological Utilization for Global Health Security
- * Protecting Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Humans and Animals
- * Building Interdisciplinary Capacity for a Healthier Future

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Letters of Support



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17 April 2025

Ab Osterhaus, John Mackenzie, and Clare Taylor
Co-founder
Global One Health Community

Letter of support: Bid to host 10th World One Health conference in Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan, 2028

I am fully supporting the bid to host the "10th World One Health Congress" in Fukuoka Prefecture in 2028. The "World One Health Congress" is a significant international conference that aims for comprehensive health management by integrating human, animal, and environmental health. It serves as a platform for experts from around the world to gather, share knowledge, and strengthen cooperation.

Kyushu University has achieved many research results in this field and has a solid foundation for building international cooperation. At the Asia-Oceania Research Organization of Kyushu University, diverse researchers come together beyond organizational boundaries to establish the "One Health Module." In collaboration with Fukuoka Prefectural Government, we are actively promoting the concept and approach of One Health. Our efforts include preventing and controlling the occurrence and spread of zoonotic diseases, maintaining sustainable natural and residential environments, and promoting well-being across nations and races.

Additionally, Fukuoka Prefecture, with its rich culture and history, offers an attractive destination for participants. It provides a safe and convenient environment, allowing attendees to focus on the conference with peace of mind. We will support the co-hosting group which will include key role players in One Health research, education, and policy to further stimulate regional partnership and multisectoral collaboration.

Yours Sincerely,

Tatsuro Ishibashi

President, Kyushu University

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Global One Health Community

Dear Global One Health Community

It is with great pleasure that I, on behalf of Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Yamaguchi University, express our strong support for Fukuoka City to host the 10th World One Health Congress (WOHC) in the fall of 2028. We are eager to collaborate with our Local co-hosting group and offer our full assistance in making this congress a resounding success. We believe the WOHC serves a crucial function in bringing together the global One Health community. The congress provides a unique opportunity for experts from diverse backgrounds to share knowledge, build partnerships, and develop innovative strategies to address the complex interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health. Yamaguchi University has established International Research Center for One Welfare and is actively promoting One Health/One Welfare research.

Fukuoka is an ideal location for the WOHC. Its accessibility, combined with its state-of-the-art conference facilities and rich cultural offerings, will create a welcoming and productive environment for all participants. Hosting the WOHC in Fukuoka will also provide a valuable platform to showcase advancements in One Health from Japan and the Asia-Pacific region.

We are confident that Fukuoka will be an exceptional host city for the 10th WOHC. We extend a warm invitation to you and the global One Health community to join us in Fukuoka in 2028.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Masahisa Watarai
Dean, Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
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Date: 15 April 2025

Ab Osterhaus, John Mackenzie, and Clare Taylor
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It is with great pleasure that I, on behalf of the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA) One Health Fukuoka Office, express our strong support for Fukuoka City to host the 10th World One Health Congress (WOHC) in the fall of 2028. We are eager to collaborate with our Local co-hosting group and offer our full assistance in making this congress a resounding success.

We recognize the WOHC as a crucial conference for fostering global partnerships and driving innovation in this vital field. The increasing interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health demands collaborative solutions, and the WOHC plays a crucial role in facilitating this dialogue.

The FAVA One Health Fukuoka Office collects and disseminates information on One Health activities in Asia and Oceania, delivers lectures on One Health, collaborates with international organizations to promote One Health, and organizes the One Health International Forum in Fukuoka, Japan.

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We are confident that Fukuoka is the ideal location for the 10th WOHC. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to welcome you and the global One Health community to our vibrant city.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ab Osterhaus, John Mackenzie, and Clare Taylor
Co-founder

Dagmar de Graef
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28/5/2025

On behalf of the people of Fukuoka Prefecture, I am delighted to extend our heartfelt welcome and strong support for Fukuoka's bid to host the 10th World One Health Congress (WOHC) in the autumn of 2028. Fukuoka Prefecture is fully committed to cooperating and providing unwavering support to ensure that WOHC will be a fruitful conference.

Since its inception, WOHC has played a vital role in promoting international dialogue and implementing policy recommendations to advance the One Health approach through its conferences and platforms. As global challenges become increasingly complex, we firmly believe that its importance will continue to grow.

Fukuoka Prefecture is a historically significant location for the promotion of One Health. It is the site of the "Fukuoka Declaration," jointly issued in 2016 by the World Medical Association, the World Veterinary Association, the Japan Medical Association, and the Japan Veterinary Medical Association with the aim of promoting One Health practices.

In 2023, Fukuoka Prefecture became the first local government in Japan to enact an ordinance promoting One Health. We are strengthening collaboration with universities and research institutions within the prefecture, and through public awareness campaigns, we are promoting understanding and implementation of the One Health approach among our citizens.

We are confident that bringing together the Local co-hosting group, formed to unite the collective wisdom of Japan, with One Health researchers from around the world to share knowledge and experiences will greatly contribute to the further development of One Health.

As the gateway to Asia, Fukuoka boasts excellent accessibility from around the world and is a safe and secure city. In addition, it is one of Japan's leading culinary regions, blessed with abundant nature and a unique culture. We hope that all participants will have a productive and rewarding experience amidst the warm hospitality of the people of Fukuoka Prefecture and in a comfortable environment.

We eagerly look forward to welcoming members of the global One Health community to Fukuoka in 2028.

Yours Sincerely,



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Seitaro Hattori

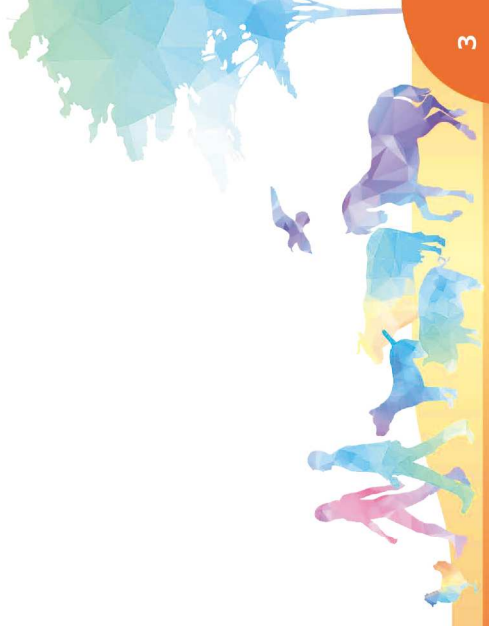
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Bid Details





Bid Details

Background about One Health and WOHC

Zoonotic diseases, which can be transmitted from animals to humans and from humans to animals, comprise approximately half of all infectious diseases. Furthermore, the emergence of antimicrobial-resistant (AMR) bacteria in humans, animals, food, and the environment, caused by inappropriate use of antibiotics, has become a major global issue. The One Health approach promotes collaborative efforts of various stakeholders to address these interdisciplinary challenges related to the health of humans, animals, and the environment.

One Health is increasingly recognized as essential, as evidenced by the collaborative launch of the One Health Joint Action Plan by four of the Quadripartite organizations — the World Health Organization (WHO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) — in December 2022.

The World One Health Congress (WOHC) is the largest international conference focused on One Health, bringing together experts, researchers, stakeholders, representatives of international organizations, civil society, and the private sector to share the latest knowledge and policies related to One Health.

Since its inception in Australia in 2011, the WOHC has convened biennially: Thailand (2013), Amsterdam (March 2015), Australia (December 2016), Saskatoon, Canada (June 2018), virtually (2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic), and Singapore (November 2022). The 8th conference was held in Cape Town, South Africa, over four days from September 20 to 23, 2024, attracting over 1,400 participants from 87 countries, featuring 70 sessions with 400 speakers, and showcasing 600 scientific posters. The 9th conference is scheduled to take place in Portugal in September, 2026.

We propose that the tenth congress be held in Fukuoka City, Japan, where a conference involving both the medical and veterinary associations is held, the first ordinance promoting the concept of One Health in Japan has been established, and the local government and the university research institutions are collaborating on One Health initiatives.



WOHC Objectives

Inaugurated in 2011 in Melbourne (Australia), the World One Health Congresses aim to connect the dots between One Health science and policy, while promoting a cross-sectoral and collaborative approach to improve the health and well-being of humans, animals and their environments.

The objectives of the WOHC are:

- To bring together all stakeholders working in the One Health arena to discuss major One Health challenges and give them the opportunity to share research data and policy developments.
 - To connect the dots between One Health science and public health security policy.
 - Through an open call for abstracts, to highlight work from scientists and key opinion leaders in One Health around the world and bring evidence-based research and policy developments to the community.
 - To provide opportunities for One Health Fellows to get involved in the Congress and for students to present their research and participate in the Congress.
- We will leverage our network with government agencies and universities to contribute to these objectives through the hosting of the WOHC in Fukuoka.

WOHC Organizer

The World One Health Congress (WOHC) is organized by the global One Health Community (gOHC).

The objectives of gOHC are:

- To promote a cross-sectoral and collaborative approach to improve the health and well-being of humans, animals and their environments
- To foster scientific research into zoonoses and vector-borne infectious diseases
- To create synergies and facilitate the sharing of data between researchers
- To disseminate and 'translate' novel scientific findings to anyone who might benefit from them
- To develop the most appropriate communication tools to make these novel scientific findings known and to communicate widely on One Health issues
- Training of Early career scientists
- Stakeholder communication
- To advocate for a One Health approach
- To facilitate the interface of science and policy



Responsibilities of the global One Health Community Management

The global One Health Community (gOHC) has the following responsibilities in organizing the World One Health Congress (WOHC):

- Establishing and coordinating the international global One Health Community scientific program committee
- Registration management
- Financial management (the global One Health Community has the overall responsibility over the budget)
- International fundraising and contracting with sponsors for non-local costs
- Development of corporate artwork, website and promotional materials
- On-site organization (together with the local Professional Conference Organizer)
- Overall marketing and promotion strategy of the Congress

Proposal to host 10th WOHC in JAPAN

We have formed a local co-hosting group comprising Kyushu University, Yamaguchi University, the Fukuoka Prefectural Government, and FAVA (Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations) One Health Fukuoka Office, as well as other universities and research institutions conducting leading-edge research on One Health. We are bidding to host the 10th WOHC in Fukuoka City, Japan, in the autumn of 2028.

Our bid is supported by the Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO), the national MICE promotion body, and the Fukuoka Convention & Visitors Bureau (FCVB), the local MICE promotion body. The proposed venue, Fukuoka International Congress Center, has a substantial capacity exceeding 3,000 participants and a proven track record of hosting international conferences. Dates have been tentatively reserved.



Role of the Local Co-hosting Group

Our organized local co-hosting group understands its role in the WOHC and will carry out the following tasks:

- * We organized the local co-hosting group with representatives of different departments (medicine, veterinary sciences, agriculture, environment) of local universities, government agencies and scientific organizations.
- * We will be a part of the international scientific program committee and contribute to developing the scientific programs.
- * We will receive support for the local costs, e.g., venue, catering, faculty Hotels.
- * We are continuously working on One Health by establishing partnerships with all relevant ministries in Japan.
- * Our group includes the local national universities, and we also receive support from universities across the country that are engaged in One Health research.
- * We host an annual One Health Forum, which has welcomed over 2,000 participants in the past. Leveraging this experience, we can recommend the most suitable PCO for gOHC. Furthermore, this bid is being supported by the local convention bureau (FCVB).

- * Our local co-hosting group includes universities and research institutions from all over Japan that conduct advanced research on One Health. Each group member has achieved significant results in their respective fields and has extensive networks. Using these connections, we aim to attract 1,500 participants.
- * We will utilize funding from national and local governments to the fullest extent and seek support to ensure the smooth running of the conference by establishing sponsorships with international organizations and industries.
- * We support the participation of early-career researchers, participants from low- and middle-income countries, and the Fellowship Fund Committee.
- * We have strong ties with JNTO and FCVB, who also support this bid. We will provide prompt information about Japan and Fukuoka.



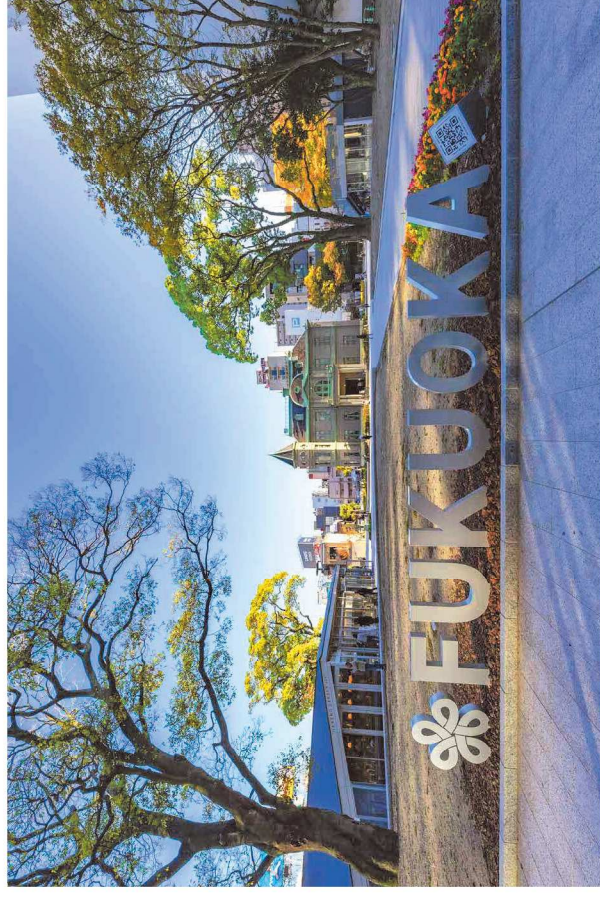
Why JAPAN, Why Fukuoka

Japan has long understood the importance of One Health, as evidenced by the 2013 agreement between the Japan Medical Association and the Japan Veterinary Medical Association to promote academic cooperation, fostering collaboration between physicians and veterinarians in government and academia on zoonotic disease research. This long-standing commitment to One Health is particularly evident in Fukuoka Prefecture, which holds a historically significant position in the advancement of the field. It is the site of the "Fukuoka Memorandum," jointly issued in 2016 by the World Medical Association, the World Veterinary Association, the Japan Medical Association, and the Japan Veterinary Medical Association, with the aim of promoting One Health practices. Furthermore, in 2022, the "Asia One Health Fukuoka Declaration 2022" was adopted by the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations.

Since then, Fukuoka Prefecture has actively promoted One Health initiatives, including enacting the first ordinance in Japan dedicated to the promotion of One Health. In 2027, Fukuoka will become home to Japan's first One Health Center, which will spearhead advanced research and studies related to One Health and foster the development of skilled professionals in the field.

Furthermore, Japan consistently attracts visitors with its cleanliness, convenience, safety, hospitality, and affordability. Fukuoka, in particular, boasts exceptional transportation access, with the venue being reachable in as little as 20 minutes from the airport. The Fukuoka International Congress Center, our proposed venue, can accommodate conferences of up to 3,000 people and has a proven track record of hosting successful events.

During their stay in Fukuoka, conference participants will experience various One Health initiatives firsthand. Hosting the World One Health Congress in Fukuoka will contribute to a stronger One Health network for all.



Structure of the Local Co-hosting Group

Our bid for the 10th WOHG is strengthened by a dedicated local co-hosting group comprised of key members from Kyushu University, Yamaguchi University, the FAVA (Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations) One Health Fukuoka Office, and the Fukuoka Prefectural Government.

* **Kyushu University**

Founded in 1911, the Kyushu University is a national university and one of the oldest in Japan. It actively accepts exchange students from abroad and is focusing its efforts on resolving social issues, particularly in the 3 areas of decarbonization, medicine & health, and the environment & food.

Specifically, a One Health module has been established within the Kyushu University Institute for Asian and Oceanian Studies, an affiliated institution. This module has five visions: (1) advancing the One Health approach, (2) preventing the outbreak and spread of zoonotic diseases, (3) maintaining sustainable natural and residential environments, and promoting human well-being, (4) encouraging interdisciplinary and cross-sector collaboration to address complex, multidisciplinary and global health issues, and (5) contributing to the development of effective prevention, surveillance, diagnosis, and treatments through the use of new technologies and data. Through the promotion of the One Health approach, it aims to contribute to societal well-being and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

* **Yamaguchi University**

Yamaguchi University is a national university located in Yamaguchi Prefecture, adjacent to Fukuoka. In 2024, the current International Research Center for One Welfare was established at Yamaguchi University. Incorporating the concept of One Welfare, which evolves from the One Health concept, through interdisciplinary collaboration including fields such as medicine and veterinary medicine, the university is developing research on zoonotic diseases and food- and environment-borne infections. In addition, it promotes education and research utilizing partnerships with Asia and Africa, and cultivates global human resources who contribute to the development of Asia and Africa.

* **FAVA One Health Fukuoka Office**

The Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA) One Health Fukuoka Office was established in August 2023 with the support of Fukuoka Prefecture, as FAVA's Japan-based office dedicated to promoting One Health initiatives. FAVA is a regional organization comprising veterinary associations from 23 countries and regions in the Asia-Pacific. The office collects and shares information on One Health activities in Asia and Oceania and works with various organizations to advance the One Health approach.

* **Fukuoka Prefectural Government**

Fukuoka Prefectural Government was the first in Japan to enact an ordinance promoting One Health in 2021. The prefecture conducts investigations into zoonotic diseases in animals in areas where human cases occur locally, as well as surveys of antimicrobial resistance in the region. Furthermore, the Prefecture is undertaking initiatives such as hosting the One Health International Forum, establishing the first One Health Center in Japan (scheduled to open in 2027FY), and conducting joint research with local university. In addition, the prefecture promotes One Health through collaboration between industry, academia, citizens, and government, with systems in place to certify agricultural, forestry, and fishery products and processed goods produced under initiatives such as preventing global warming and reducing environmental impact, and to register businesses that carry out activities based on the One Health concept.

The prefecture also places emphasis on education. Educational and awareness-raising materials are distributed to elementary, junior high, and high school students and teachers in the prefecture, and One Health education is carried out in all prefectural high schools.



Representatives from each field are as follows:

Medicine

Dr. **Shuji Shimizu**, MD, PhD, Professor Emeritus, earned his medical degree from Kyushu University in 1980, and his areas of expertise include surgery, telemedicine, and global talent cultivation. Serving as the team leader of minimally invasive surgery in 1997, and as Director of the Telemedicine Development Center of Asia in 2012, he became the first chairperson and professor of International Medical Department in 2016, and has worked as Executive Research Director of Kyushu University Institute for Asian and Oceanian Studies since 2020.

He is in charge of arranging medical programs in One Health, cooperating with infectious control staff, clinical nurses, pharmacological researchers among others to address global pandemics, antimicrobial resistance, or various public health issues.

Additionally, he is to be a hub of programming multi-disciplinary sessions across medicine, veterinary sciences, agriculture and environment, based on his ample experience as Vice President of Kyushu University covering all schools and specialties, maintaining extensive connections in the healthcare sectors of many Asian countries and beyond.

Veterinary Sciences

Dr. **Masahisa Watarai**, DVM, PhD, is the Dean of the Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Yamaguchi University and also serves as the Professor of the Veterinary Public Health Laboratory, Department of Pathogenetic and Preventive Veterinary Science. He is also the Director of the International Research Center for One Welfare at Yamaguchi University. He graduated from the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Tokyo in 1997 and received his PhD.

His areas of expertise include intracellular bacteria, specifically how they cause diseases and interact with host cells. His research focuses on studies of *Francisella tularensis* (the causative agent of tularemia), *Legionella* species, and the isolation and drug susceptibility of pathogenic bacteria in dogs and cats.

Dr. Watarai became a Professor at the Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Yamaguchi University in 2010, and he is currently at those posts, and he is a recipient of the Japanese Society of Veterinary Science Award (2008).

As Director of the International Research Center for One Welfare at Yamaguchi University, he oversees four key divisions: Zoonotic Disease, Veterinary Forensic Medicine, Animal-Assisted Activities, and International Cooperation. The Zoonotic Disease Division conducts pathogen testing, genomic analysis of pathogens, and carries out disease monitoring and surveillance in wild animals and birds.



Agriculture

Dr. **Takahiro Kusakabe**, PhD, is the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at Kyushu University and a Professor of the Department of Bioresource Sciences. Completed his PhD in Agriculture from Kyushu University in 1994, Dr. Kusakabe then traveled to Harvard Medical School, where he conducted DNA replication research as a postdoctoral fellow from 1995 to 1997 before joining the Faculty of Agriculture at Kyushu University in 1997. He became a Professor in the Faculty of Agriculture at Kyushu University in 2011. In addition to his academic roles, after helping establish the Research Center for New Industry Creation in the Entomological Sciences at the Faculty of Agriculture, in 2018 he founded KAICO, a venture company and Kyushu University's first silkworm startup, to commercialize the university's silkworm factory in collaboration with the School of Engineering. Dr. Kusakabe is now a leader of silkworm science at Kyushu University. He also currently serves as Director of the Kyushu University Center for Drug Discovery for Infectious Diseases and Director of the Insect Science and Creative Entomology Center at the Faculty of Agriculture, Kyushu University.

Environment

Dr. **Toshihiko Takemura**, PhD, is a Distinguished Professor in the Climate Change Science Section at the Center for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (COAR), the Research Institute for Applied Mechanics (RIAM), Kyushu University. His research focuses on the estimation of aerosol effects on climate and climate change projection, with a publication record exceeding 240 scientific articles.

Dr. Takemura completed his doctoral course at the Graduate School of Science, The University of Tokyo, in 2001.

In 2001, he joined the Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University as a Research Associate. He was appointed Professor at the Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University, in 2014, a position he currently holds.

Dr. Takemura is a Lead Author of the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

He has been recognized as a Highly Cited Researcher for seven consecutive years, a distinction awarded to authors of frequently cited papers who are recognized as influential scientists worldwide. He was also named one of The World's most influential 1000 top climate scientists in 2021, and was a recipient of the Japan Academy Medal in 2018.



We have also participated researchers involved in advanced activities related to One Health in various fields from research institutions and universities across Japan, such as the National Institute of Infectious Diseases, the National Center for Global Health and Medicine (AMR Clinical Reference Center), the Nagasaki University, Hokkaido University, the University of Tokyo, Rakuno Gakuen University and the Health and Global Policy Institute.

The profiles of other members and their relationship to One Health are as follows:

Dr. Isao Kurauchi is a licensed veterinarian and holds a Ph.D. in Agricultural Science. He has devoted his career to advancing the One Health.

In 2016, as President of the Japan Veterinary Medical Association (JVMA), he played a leading role in the compilation of the Fukuoka Declaration, which was jointly issued by the World Medical Association, the World Veterinary Association (WVA), the Japan Medical Association, and the JVMA to promote the implementation of the One Health approach. In 2022, while serving as President of the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA), he facilitated the adoption of the Asia One Health Fukuoka Declaration 2022.

In recognition of his leadership in promoting One Health, he was honored with the WVA President Special One Health Award in 2023.

He currently serves as President of the JVMA, President of the FAVA One Health Fukuoka Office, and President-elect of the WVA. He is scheduled to assume the WVA presidency in 2026.

Dr. Motohiro Nishida serves as a Professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Care at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyushu University, and also holds a professorship at the Exploratory Research Center on Life and Living Systems (ExCELLS) of the National

Institutes of Natural Sciences (formerly the Okazaki Institute for Integrative Bioscience). His research expertise lies in the regulation of cardiac redox homeostasis and cardiocirculatory signaling within living organisms.

Dr. Nishida completed his doctoral course at the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, The University of Tokyo, in 2001.

Following his doctoral studies, he was a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). He then became a professor at the Okazaki Institute for Integrative Bioscience, National Institutes of Natural Sciences (now known as the Exploratory Research Center on Life and Living Systems (ExCELLS)) in 2013. In 2015, he was appointed as a professor at the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Care at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyushu University, a position he currently holds.

His research primarily focuses on three themes: Expanding the indications of already-approved drugs (eco-pharma) by focusing on disease-specific protein-protein interactions, investigating risk control mechanisms for disease onset and worsened prognosis due to environmental chemicals, pursuing drug discovery that mimics the beneficial effects of exercise.

Furthermore, he is also conducting research on vaccines and therapeutic agents for COVID-19. He has published over 200 scientific articles on these and related topics.

Dr. Kimiyo Kikuchi, PhD, is a Professor and Director of Research Promotion at the Kyushu University Institute for Asian and Oceanian Studies. Her areas of expertise include global health, maternal and child health, and digital health.

After graduating from Waseda University in 1992, she completed a master's degree in philosophy at the University of Paris 8. She then completed a master's degree and a doctorate in Health Sciences at the Graduate School

of Medicine, the University of Tokyo.

As a technical cooperation project specialist or a consultant, she has been involved in international cooperation projects in the framework of Japan's Official Development Assistance in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. In 2023, she was a Visiting Researcher at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. In 2024, she took on her current role as Professor and Research Promotion Director at the Kyushu University Institute for Asian and Oceanian Studies.

Dr. Kikuchi is a recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship (Researcher Program) from the Japan-United States Educational Commission and the Women's Challenge Award by the Minister of State for Gender Equality, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan.

Dr. **Ai Takano**, DVM, PhD, is a Professor in the Veterinary Epidemiology Laboratory, Department of Pathogenetic and Preventive Veterinary Science, Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Yamaguchi University. She specializes in tick-borne infectious pathogens, such as *Borrelia*, *Rickettsia*, and other viruses, with over 90 scientific articles published on the subject.

She earned her PhD in Veterinary Medicine from Gifu University, earning her PhD and previous serving at the National Institute of Infectious Diseases, in 2025, she became a Professor in the Veterinary Epidemiology Laboratory, Department of Disease Control, Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Takano's research involves conducting epidemiological studies to identify risk factors for the spread of pathogens within ecosystems, including ticks, livestock, and wildlife. As well as elucidating the mechanisms of pathogen transmission within arthropods, with the ultimate goal of establishing new prevention methods.

Dr. **Miki Nakao**, PhD, is a Professor in the Department of Bioscience and Biotechnology at the Faculty of Agriculture, Kyushu University. His research expertise spans molecular biology, fisheries science, and immunology, with a publication record exceeding 100 scientific articles.

Dr. Nakao assumed her professorship in the Department of Bioscience and Biotechnology at the Faculty of Agriculture, Kyushu University, in 2004.

Throughout her career, she has held numerous leadership positions in international and domestic academic societies, including: President, International Society of Developmental and Comparative Immunology (2012-2015), Board Member, The Japanese Association for Complement Research (2015-Present), Specialty Chief Editor of Comparative Immunology section, Frontiers in Immunology (2017-Present), Vice President, Asian Society for Comparative Immunology (2018-Present), President, The Japanese Society for Comparative Immunology (2020-2024).

Dr. **Shunsuke Managi** is the Distinguished Professor of Technology and Policy & Director of Urban Institute at the Kyushu University, Japan.

He has been awarded several national research grants on topics such as urbanization, transportation, energy, climate change, sustainability, urbanization, and population change. He has received several research fellowships from organizations such as the Helmholtz Association and Cheney Senior Fellowship and has served as an expert on energy and environmental policy.

He holds a PhD in Economics from the Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, University of Rhode Island (USA). He was appointed Professor at the Department of Urban and Environmental Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Kyushu University, in 2015, a position he currently holds.

He is an editor of Environmental Economic and Policy Studies and on the editorial board for six journals including Resource and Energy Economics, a lead author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and is the author of "Technology, Natural Resources and Economic Growth: Improving the Environment for a Greener Future", published by Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd, and editor of "The Routledge Handbook of Environmental Economics in Asia". He is the author of 12 books and 140 academic journal papers.

Dr. **Atsuhiko Isobe**, PhD, is the Distinguished Professor of Research Institute for Applied Mechanics and Center for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research at the Kyushu University, Japan. He completed his Master's degree at the Graduate School of Ehime University in 1988. After serving as an Associate Professor at Kyushu University and a Professor at Ehime University, he became a Professor at the current institution. He holds a PhD in Science and specializes in Physical Oceanography. As a leading expert in marine plastic debris, he serves as a leader in research projects for the Ministry of the Environment and for joint research projects between the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST).

Within Japan, he chairs the Ministry of the Environment's Expert Committee on Measures Against Coastal Drifted Waste. Internationally, he is a member of the International Science Council for Science's Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) Working Group on Marine Plastic Litter and the United Nations Environment Programme's Science Advisory Committee.

Dr. Isobe is a recipient of the Minister of the Environment Award for Environmental Conservation Merit (2018), the Prime Minister's Award for Meritorious Service in Promoting a Maritime Nation (2019), and the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Award for Science and Technology (2020).

Dr. **Ken MAEDA**, Ph.D., D.V.M., is the Director of the Department of Veterinary Science at the National Institute of Infectious Diseases (NIID), Japan Institute for Health Security (JIHS), Japan. He is an expert in zoonotic diseases and veterinary microbiology, where he oversees research on a broad range of zoonotic diseases.

Dr. Maeda received his Ph.D. (Veterinary Medicine) from the Department of Veterinary Medicine, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, The University of Tokyo in 1996.

In 2009, he became a professor at the Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Yamaguchi University.

Dr. Maeda has been in his current position as Director of the Department of Veterinary Science at NIID, JIHS in 2019. His work involves collaborating with and receiving clinical samples from local public health institutes throughout Japan to conduct investigations and joint research projects. He has a publication record of over 310 scientific articles.

Dr. Maeda is Chair of Standing Committee on One Health of the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA), Vice Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Veterinary Science, Board Member of the Japanese Society of Veterinary Science and Secretary of the Japan Veterinary Medical Association. And he is a recipient of the JVMS Award (2017) from The Japanese Society for Veterinary Science and so on.

Dr. **Nobuaki Matsunaga**, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D., is the Deputy Director at the AMR (Antimicrobial Resistance) Clinical Reference Center, National Center for Global Health and Medicine, Japan. He is an expert in antimicrobial resistance and surveillance, where he oversees research and activities related to these critical areas.

Dr. Matsunaga graduated from Juntendo University School of Medicine in 2003. He subsequently practiced in community hospitals, specializing in pediatrics, neonatology, and infectious disease treatment.

He joined the AMR Clinical Reference Center, National Center for Global Health and Medicine Hospital as a Senior Researcher in 2017. In 2019, he assumed his current position as Deputy Director.

Dr. Matsunaga's work involves conducting comprehensive surveys related to antimicrobial resistance, in accordance with Japan's Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance, which is based on the WHO's Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance. He also oversees efforts to promote the appropriate use of antimicrobials and to prevent antimicrobial-resistant infections in hospitals nationwide, as well as public awareness campaigns.

Dr. **Motohiro Horiuchi**, DVM, PhD, is a Professor in the Laboratory of Veterinary Hygiene, Department of Preventive Veterinary Medicine, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Hokkaido University, and also serves as the Director of the One Health Research Center at Hokkaido University. He holds a PhD in Veterinary Medicine and specializes in pathogenic microbiology. His research is mainly focusing on prion diseases as a neurodegenerative disorder and food-borne zoonosis. He is conducting broad aspect of research projects, with a publication record exceeding 140 scientific articles.

Dr. Horiuchi completed his doctoral studies in Veterinary Medicine at Hokkaido University in 1994.

Following his PhD, he served as a Assistant Prof, Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, and as a Visiting Fellow at the National Institutes of Health in the United States. In 2003, he became a Professor in the Department of Preventive Veterinary Medicine, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Hokkaido University, a position he currently holds.

Dr. Horiuchi directs the One Health Research Center at Hokkaido University. The Center was initially launched as a joint project hub within the university in 2021. In 2023, it was established as university-wide communal education and research facilities, housing dedicated units for research and development, advanced diagnostics, integrated database, and social cooperation. The Center's activities range from elucidating the pathology of infectious diseases and developing diagnostic and therapeutic methods, banking animal biospecimens, conservation medicine, zoonotic methods, animal bond. Guided by its vision of "passing on soundness and integrity of living environment to the next generation," the One Health Research Center is committed to a multifaceted approach to education, research, and human resource development.

Dr. **Wataru Takeuchi**, PhD, is a Professor in the Institute of Industrial Science, Human and Social Systems Division, The University of Tokyo, and also serves as the Director-General of the One Health One World Collaboration Research Organization at the University of Tokyo. He holds a

PhD in Engineering from The University of Tokyo.

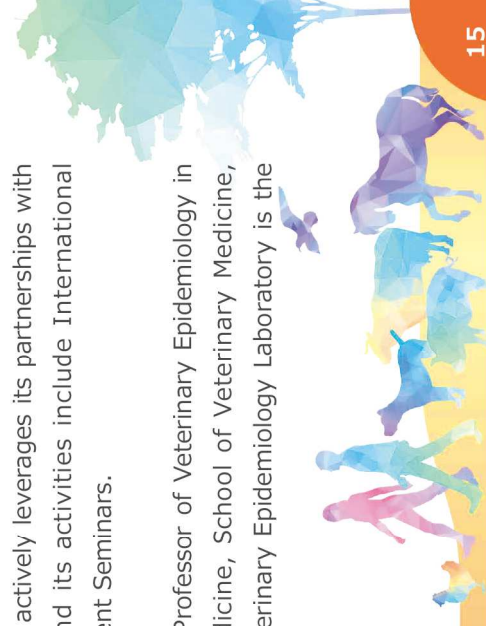
His research focuses on remote sensing for environment and disaster, and terrestrial ecosystems, with a publication record exceeding 130 scientific articles.

Dr. Takeuchi completed his doctoral course at the Department of Civil Engineering, Graduate School of Engineering, The University of Tokyo, in 2004.

Prior to his current positions, he served as the Director of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Bangkok Office and as a Senior Researcher Cabinet Office, Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination (Science, Technology and Innovation), Energy and Environment Division, Council for Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Secretariat (Part-time), Government of Japan. He became a Professor in the Institute of Industrial Science, Human and Social Systems Division, The University of Tokyo, in 2018.

In 2021, he also assumed his current position as Director-General of the One Health, One World Collaboration Research Organization at The University of Tokyo. Established in 2017, the One Health, One World Collaboration Research Organization operates as a new academic research hub for comprehensively studying zoonotic diseases and health. It aims to develop urban systems where people can live prosperous and safely, forming a hub in the Asian region for medicine, veterinary medicine, environmental studies, and engineering to be developed comprehensively and cooperatively. The Organization actively leverages its partnerships with over a dozen countries in Asia and its activities include International Symposia, Open Lectures, and Student Seminars.

Dr. **Kohei Makita**, DVM, PhD, is a Professor of Veterinary Epidemiology in the Department of Veterinary Medicine, School of Veterinary Medicine, Rakuno Gakuen University. The Veterinary Epidemiology Laboratory is the



first of its kind established in Japan (2010), and has extensive experience in responding to zoonotic and livestock diseases, not only in Japan, but also in Southeast Asia, South Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa. He holds a PhD (Veterinary Medicine) from the PhD, Centre for Infectious Diseases, University of Edinburgh.

Dr. Makita has a publication record exceeding 120 scientific articles.

Following his PhD studies at the University of Edinburgh, and prior to joining Rakuno Gakuen University, Dr. Makita worked with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as part of the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, with the Saitama Prefectural Government, and with the International Livestock Research Institute.

Dr. Makita currently serves as:

- * Director of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Food Safety Collaborating Centre, (2014-Present). In this capacity, he serves as an advisor to the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
- * Member of the Antimicrobial Resistance Working Group of the Food Safety Commission of Japan (2021-Present)
- * Chair of the Pharmaceutical Stewardship Standing Committee of the Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA) (2022-Present)
- * Member of the FAO/WHO/WOAH One Health Field Epidemiology Competency Framework and Training Manuals Technical Advisory Group (2023-Present).

Ms. **Yui Kohno** is a graduate of the University of Sydney School of Public Health's Faculty of Medicine and Health in Australia.

After obtaining a Master of Health Policy degree from the University of Sydney, Ms. Kohno joined Health and Global Policy Institute (HGPI). There, she has led research and analysis projects that address national and global policy challenges within and beyond the fields of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), vaccination, non-communicable diseases (NCDs), and patient advocacy. Her activities include planning and managing conferences

to promote better policy dialogue and discussion, as well as engaging in public relations, outreach, and advocacy activities.

She is currently serving as Manager of AMR Alliance Japan, and as a member of the Joint Review Committee of Seven Academic Societies for the Promotion of Infectious Disease Therapy and Drug Discovery.

Mr. **Masaru Eguchi** is the Vice Governor of Fukuoka Prefectural Government and he oversees the prefecture's One Health initiatives. He is the head of this bid.

Furthermore, in relation to this bid, we are receiving support from JNTO (Japan National Tourism Organization), the national convention bureau, and FCVB (Fukuoka Convention & Visitors Bureau), our local bureau, in the form of advice and information provision for attracting and hosting the congress and we are also in discussions regarding subsidies for hosting costs.

Hosting the 10th WOHC in Fukuoka, a region at the forefront of One Health promotion in Japan, will provide unparalleled opportunities for collaboration and unlock new avenues for researchers and stakeholders across Japan, Asia, and the world.



Scientific Programme

The 2028 World One Health Congress in Fukuoka will feature a diverse and engaging program of sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities designed to foster interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation. Each program element will focus on developing actionable solutions and promoting integrated One Health approaches to address critical, interconnected global health challenges. We aim to create a dynamic platform where researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and community members can share knowledge, exchange best practices, and forge partnerships to advance One Health goals. This stimulating program will inspire action and contribute to a healthier, more sustainable future for all.

One Health Approach for SDGs: Integrating for a Thriving Planet

This session explores the crucial role of the One Health approach in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. As the final WOHC convened before the SDG deadline, the 2028 congress presents a unique opportunity to catalyze collaborative action. We will delve into how the One Health approach--recognizing the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health--can be leveraged to address complex challenges such as infectious disease outbreaks, food insecurity, climate change, and biodiversity loss. This session will focus on developing actionable strategies and the fostering of essential partnerships to accelerate progress towards a healthier and more sustainable planet for all. We will showcase best practices and innovative solutions from around the globe, highlighting the critical need for integrated, cross-sectoral collaborations spanning academia, government, industry, and civil society.

Combating Antimicrobial Resistance

This session addresses the urgent need for coordinated action across human, animal, and environmental health sectors to combat the global threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), projected to cause 10 million deaths annually by 2050 if left unchecked. We will explore critical aspects of AMR mitigation, including surveillance and data sharing across human, animal, food, and environmental sectors; antimicrobial stewardship; infection prevention and control; and the development of novel antimicrobials and vaccines. The session will emphasize the vital importance of a One Health approach to effectively address this complex challenge and safeguard global health security.

Technological Utilization for Global Health Security

This session showcases how technological advancements, including artificial intelligence, big data analytics, and mobile health technologies, can be harnessed to strengthen global health security. We will explore the potential of these advanced technologies for disease surveillance, early warning systems, rapid diagnostics, and outbreak response. The session will examine specific examples of innovative applications and discuss the opportunities and challenges associated with integrating these technologies into One Health frameworks.

Protecting Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Humans and Animals

This session examines the vital link between biodiversity, ecosystem health, and human and animal well-being. By clearly illustrating how biodiversity loss impacts human health, we aim to underscore its importance. Discussions will focus on strategies for biodiversity conservation, the restoration of degraded ecosystems, and the mitigation of environmental threats such as climate change and microplastic pollution.

Building Interdisciplinary Capacity for a Healthier Future

This session addresses the critical need for interdisciplinary capacity building to achieve a healthier future for all. We will explore innovative approaches to education, training, collaborative research, and societal implementation, focusing on fostering leadership and communication skills across disciplines. It is crucial for future generations to instill an understanding of the One Health approach from an early age. Therefore, this session will also examine how society can embrace and practice One Health principles. Furthermore, we will discuss strategies for building, implementing, and sustaining effective partnerships between academia, government, industry, and communities to address complex health challenges collaboratively.



National Marketing/ Promotion & Local Fundraising

To ensure the success of the WOHC, it's crucial to plan and implement effective marketing and promotion strategies targeting Japan and Asia to encourage strong participation.

From a financial perspective, we're working closely and collaboratively with the Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) and the Fukuoka Convention & Visitors Bureau (FCVB), as well as Fukuoka International Congress Center and Professional Congress Organizers (PCOs).

In addition to these efforts, following the site selection announcement, we will work in close collaboration with the WOHC organization across all aspects to make thorough preparations that will ensure a successful congress.

1. National Marketing/Promotion Framework

Target Audience:

- * Researchers in the fields of medicine, veterinary medicine, agriculture, and the environment
- * Healthcare professionals, veterinary professionals
- * Government officials (One Health-related departments)
- * Companies and NGOs/NPOs related to or interested in One Health
- * Students and Early career scientists

Goals:

- * Total participants: 1,500 (including 400 online and 200 students)

Strategies:

- * Tailored Messaging: Craft messages that resonate with each target group by emphasizing:
 - ** For Researchers: Academic value, presentation opportunities, and networking with international colleagues.

- ** For Healthcare Professionals: The latest knowledge and practical examples of One Health in action.
- ** For Students/Early career scientists: Career development prospects, and available travel/accommodation support.
- * Optimized Communication Channels: Utilize the most effective channels for reaching each target group:
 - ** Partnerships with Academic Societies: Advertise in their journals and use their mailing lists for announcements.
 - ** Collaboration with Research Institutions: Post announcements on their websites and send emails to their researchers.
 - ** SNS Engagement: Share compelling content (photos, videos) and run targeted hashtag campaigns.
 - ** Media Exposure: Distribute press releases strategically and arrange interviews with key figures.
- * Incentivize Early Registration:
 - ** Offer discounted registration fees for students, provide support for Early career scientists, and offer exclusive early-bird registration benefits.
 - ** Send regular reminder emails to encourage timely registration.
- * Highlight Participation Benefits: Showcase the value participants will receive by emphasizing:
 - ** Enriched Program Content: High-profile keynote speakers, engaging symposia, and interactive workshops.
 - ** Networking Opportunities: Welcome receptions, social gatherings, and optional sightseeing tours.
- ** Career Development Support: Dedicated programs and resources for Early career scientists.



2. Local Fundraising Framework

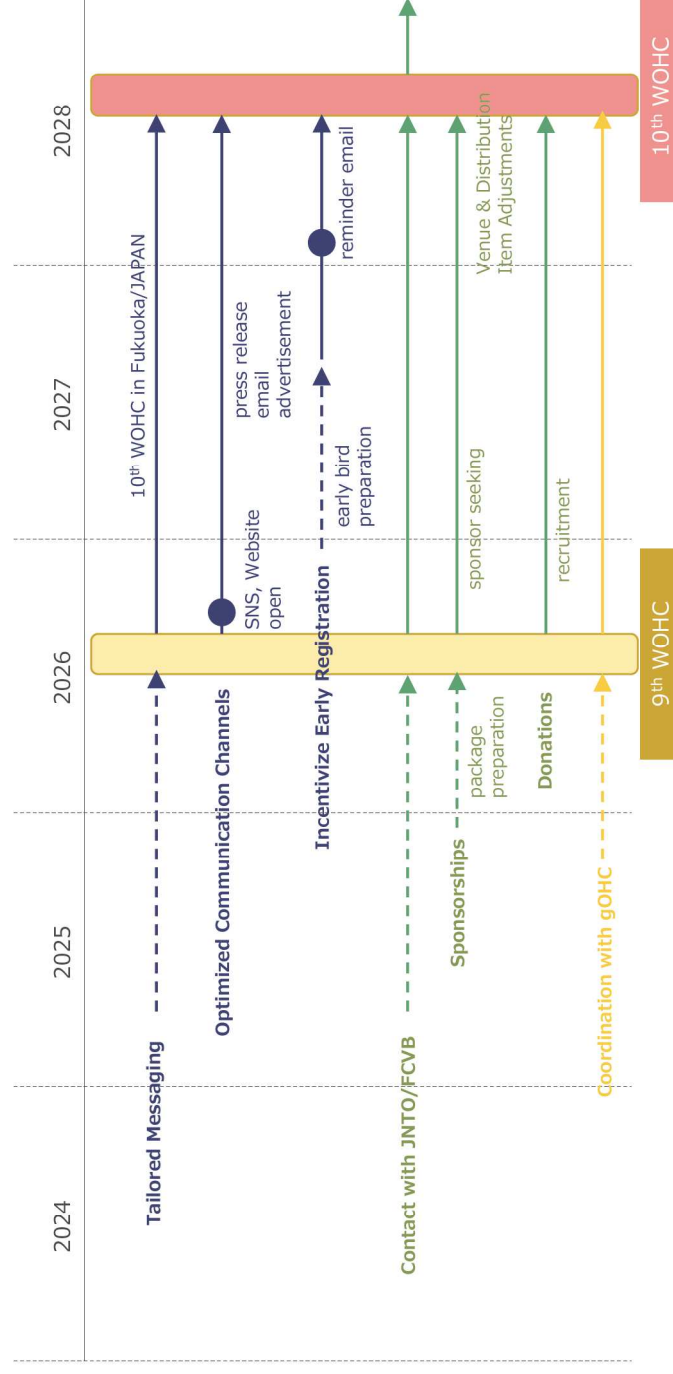
To secure the necessary funds to host the WOHC and contribute to addressing critical challenges through the One Health Approach by supporting Early career scientists and students, we have established the following strategies:

* Target: ¥14 million (JPY)

* Strategies:

- ** Continue to work closely with JNTO and FCVB to ensure the timely preparation of all necessary documentation.
- ** Develop tiered sponsorship packages tailored to the size and budget of potential sponsors, and actively approach both domestic and local companies.

- ** Enhance the attractiveness of sponsorship packages by offering high-value benefits such as: exhibition booths, company logo placement on event materials, and website links.
 - ** Actively solicit donations, corporate sponsorships, and in-kind contributions.
- * Management System:
- ** Implement highly transparent accounting procedures, including the appointment of independent accounting auditors and the meticulous preservation of receipts.
 - ** Ensure effective progress tracking and oversight through regular accounting reports and transparent information sharing.
 - ** Account for and mitigate potential risks by allocating a contingency fund within the overall budget.



Financial Support

We will leverage the support systems from national and local MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) promotion bodies to secure funding for the Congress.

We have already initiated discussions with the Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) and the Fukuoka Convention & Visitors Bureau (FCVB). We are also approaching NGOs, academic institution and international cooperation organizations such as the Science Council of Japan (SCJ) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and for financial support.

While many of these funding sources have specific usage restrictions, we will pursue all available avenues. For example, the support offered by JNTO, FCVB and SCJ includes:

We will utilize our experience and expertise to navigate the application processes and secure maximum support.

Beyond our local co-hosting group, we have also established a dedicated support committee comprised of local tourism and economic organizations, as well as local veterinary and medical associations.

In addition to securing financial support, this committee will focus on ensuring a positive and comfortable experience for all participants during their stay in Fukuoka.

<JNTO> (Support details as of 2024):

- * Production and provision of promotional videos and images
- * Guidance on donation and grant programs
- * Development of congress-specific promotional materials
- * Support for promotion at related academic conferences
- * Provision of SDGs-related convention merchandise and giveaways
- * Web brochure templates
- * Support for keynote speaker travel
- * Granting of subsidies (varies depending on the time, duration, and scale)

<FCVB>:

- * Subsidy (amount varies depending on the number of participants from overseas and the duration of the event.)

<Science Council of Japan>

Requirements:

- * The international academic organization (parent organization) has decided to hold the conference in Japan
- * Contributes to the promotion of academics that have an impact on related fields
- * The domestic organizing body and the Science Council of Japan co-host the event
- * A public symposium for citizens is held / etc.

Support Content:

- * Venue rental fees (academic program usage) and accommodation expenses for keynote speakers, etc., are borne within the scope of the budget
- * Obtaining a Message from the Prime Minister
- * Coordination for Imperial Attendance (Royal attendance)
- * Opening Remarks by the President of the Science Council of Japan as a Co-host / etc.



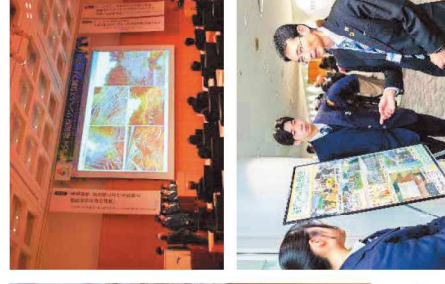
Side note! Fukuoka One Health International Forum in Fukuoka

Fukuoka Prefectural Government demonstrates its strong commitment to One Health approach through the annual One Health International Forum. The forum features distinguished speakers from around the world who are actively engaged in cutting-edge One Health research and initiatives, attracting a diverse audience primarily comprised of researchers and experts in One Health-related fields.

Highlighting its commitment to fostering the next generation of One Health leaders, a dedicated session at the 2024 Forum showcased the activities of high school students actively addressing One Health challenges within their communities. This unique opportunity provided a platform for these young advocates to share their insights and inspire further action.

Information regarding the Fukuoka Prefecture International Forum is also featured on the One Health Day website.

We are confident that a collaboration between the 2028 WOHC and the One Health International Forum will amplify the impact of both events, creating a powerful synergy for One Health innovation and action.



One Health Activity Report Session

Exhibitions and Stakeholders

The WOHC gathers a diverse array of experts from academia, research institutions, government agencies, NGOs, and industry, all focused on human health, animal health, and environmental health. At the 9th WOHC in South Africa, industry and NGO representatives actively participated through exhibitions.

In addition, at conferences held in Japan, there are numerous exhibitors from the industry, primarily from the pharmaceutical, diagnostic equipment, and biotechnology sectors. Hosting the conference in Japan has significant advantages for Japanese industry partners, providing valuable opportunities to forge new partnerships. The interaction between international experts and Japanese industry fosters innovation and new business opportunities.

At the proposed venue, the Fukuoka International Congress Center, we will provide ample exhibition space. In Japan, there is a culture of lunch seminars where each exhibitor provides a bento box, allowing companies and participants to interact while having lunch.

Depending on the conference theme, industry-led sessions can also be incorporated. These opportunities will enhance interaction between experts and industry, enriching the overall value of the WOHC.

Opportunities for Growth and Mentorship

The WOHC also brings people together from not only Fukuoka and Japan but also from across Asia and around the globe, creating valuable networking for early career researchers and students to connect with established professionals and foster their development as globally engaged researchers.

With the recent depreciation of the yen, travel to Japan has become more affordable, making it easier for early career researchers and students to attend.

Furthermore, Fukuoka City offers a wide range of affordable dining and accommodation options.

In addition to these favorable conditions, providing scholarships for early career researchers and students will further enhance accessibility to the Congress.

Offering opportunities for early career researchers and students to understand the importance of the One Health approach and to connect with new avenues of research and collaboration will contribute to growth and sustainability of the WOHC community.



Venue

The proposed venue, the Fukuoka International Congress Center, is a multifunctional and highly functional facility that forms the core of Fukuoka convention zone. Equipped with excellent facilities and functions, including multifunctional meeting rooms, simultaneous interpretation booths, and state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment, the venue is well-equipped to host conferences of various sizes and formats.

The plenary hall can accommodate up to 3,000 participants. Several additional conference rooms can each hold approximately 500 people, and a further 19 smaller meeting rooms are available, ensuring the center can fully meet the requirements of the WOH.

Further details about the venue will be provided later.



Recommended Local Professional Conference Organizers

Fukuoka is home to numerous highly capable Professional Conference Organizers (PCOs). Among them, we recommend JTB Corporation and Owls Co., Ltd.

JTB Corporation is a leading Japanese travel agency with a wealth of experience in PCOs nationwide.

They also have many branches across the country.

For conferences held in Fukuoka, the JTB Corporation Fukuoka branch will handle the event and provide comprehensive services to overseas participants from departure to return home.

Owls Co., Ltd., a local PCO, has a wealth of experience in managing conferences of any size. We have collaborated with them frequently and highly value their meticulous service. They also have established partnerships with other PCOs and can leverage these connections to provide comprehensive support for the congress in Fukuoka.



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Access

Fukuoka City is a compact and easily navigable urban center and major transportation hub, with the international airport, main railway stations, and ports, as well as the Fukuoka International Congress Center, accommodations and tourist attractions, are all concentrated within a 2.5 km radius.

The Fukuoka International Congress Center is conveniently located approximately 20 minutes by taxi from Fukuoka International Airport and about 10 minutes by bus from Hakata Station.

The key feature of Fukuoka lies in its excellent domestic and international accessibility.

With numerous direct flights from cities across Japan and Asia, coupled with seamless local transportation, it has received high praise from participants both domestically and internationally.

Details about access will be provided later.

From outside Asia, access is easy via the hub airports like Seoul, or Tokyo (Narita or Haneda).

There are 114 flights daily to/from Haneda Airport, 28 flights to Narita Airport, 28 flights to Osaka (Itami and Kansai Airport), and 26 flights to Nagoya's Chubu Centrair Airport, providing a well-connected domestic air network.

Further details regarding access will be provided later.

Accommodation Information

Fukuoka City offers about 40,000 hotel rooms across a wide range of prices, providing organizers and participants with a variety of accommodation options to suit their needs and budgets.

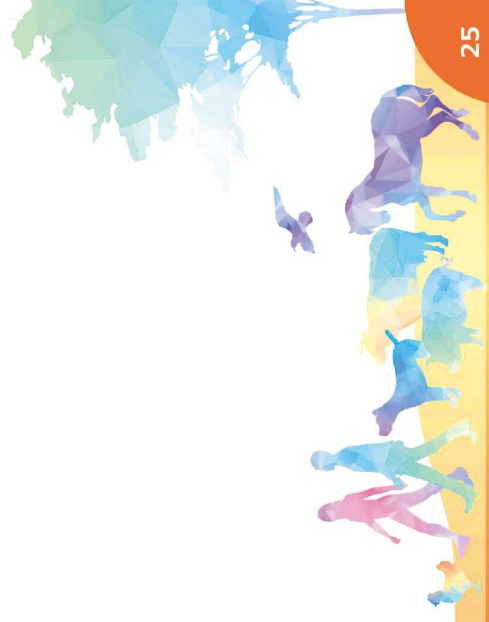
A BRT (Articulated Bus) with a capacity of approximately 130 passengers operates frequently to the Fukuoka International Congress Center from the areas around JR Hakata Station and Nishitetsu Fukuoka (Tenjin) Station, where many hotels are located.

The travel time to the venue is about 10 minutes, allowing participants to reach the venue without any stress.

Further details regarding accommodation options will be provided later.



Convention Venue



Convention Venue

Fukuoka International Airport

Hakata St.

Fukuoka International
Congress Center

20min

5min

10min

