On behalf of the committee members of the 29th Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Hypertension (ISH) 2022 KYOTO, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your cooperation.

With 2,634 participants from 85 countries, ISH2022 Kyoto was held from 12-16, October 2022 in Kyoto, Japan. The ISH2022 Kyoto was held in the hybrid format due to the pandemic. This was the first attempt in the ISH meetings. 1,464 participants attended onsite. On-site participants surely re-discovered the wonderfulness and joy of face-to-face communication with old and new friends. 1,170 participants who attended virtually could also join live discussion through the chat system of the portal site.

The opening ceremony was held with the participation of Their Imperial Highnesses Crown Prince and Crown Princess Akishino. His Imperial Highness Prince Akishino made a strong appeal for the importance of hypertension research.

It was truly our great honor to have this opportunity. We had prepared for the event with all possible security, and were very nervous. I am very relieved that we were able to successfully complete the event.

Following Dr. Dzau's keynote lecture at the opening ceremony, four Plenary Lectures were given during the conference.
319 faculty from 50 countries were invited and 1,215 abstracts from 69 countries were presented in the meeting. Under the theme of “The wisdom for conquering hypertension”, we especially focused on three main topics which were “Food, AI and Move”. The scientific program of ISH2022 Kyoto approached hypertension in a different way from that in the past and we obtained knowledge from broader field. ISH2022 Kyoto provided cutting-edge innovative scientific programs which covered the following 13 categories;

1. Three Main Topics: AI/Dx, FOOD/Nutrition, MOVE/Physical Fitness with the view of correlations with hypertension
2. Hypertension for SDGs Toward 2030 World (Climate, Disaster, Isolation/Mental health etc.)
3. Global Health and Hypertension with Diversity (Racial, Economical difference, medical resources etc.)
4. Life-course and Hypertension (Preconception, DOHaD, cancer etc. and hypertension)
5. Super-aged Society and Hypertension (Sarcopenia, Dementia, Social Capitals etc.)
6. Hypertension Next Generation therapy (Renal Denervation, Single compound pills, Applications etc.)
7. Convergence of Communicable Diseases and NCDs
8. Japan Method for conquering hypertension (“Hypertension Zero Town” etc.)
9. Pathophysiology of Hypertension: Chronicle to the Future
11. Imaging and Biomarker for Hypertension Management
12. Hypertension Reigning Over Systemic Diseases
13. Genetics, epigenetics, and hypertension

The Gala Dinner, where the new elected ISH Council members were announced, was also a great success, with Japanese Musicians, Ninjas and Samurais entertaining over 250 guests. In fact, all these performers were local organising committee members.

The closing ceremony included PR for ISH2024 in Colombia and the announcement of the ISH2022 KYOTO Zero Hypertension Declaration.

Thank you so much for helping ISH2022 KYOTO. We strongly believe that all participated in the ISH2022 Kyoto could deepen and widen their knowledge and expertise from the sessions, and communication with researchers from all over the world.

We sincerely hope that the world will be more peaceful and that we can share our values with you. See you again at ISH2024.

Arigato,
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