



## Greetings from the Mayor of Kyoto



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To all of you in medical related professions who have gathered here from around the world I would like to warmly welcome you to Kyoto, *Yokoso Kyoto e!*

Thanks to efforts to popularize pharmacological methods of treating cardiovascular related illnesses, contributions have been made in advancing medical treatment and the promotion of health in people from around the world. Based on this noble purpose, I am so pleased that you, who are all on the frontlines, active night and day, have gathered here in Kyoto for the holding of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy.

It has been 17 years since a meeting was last held in Japan. I would like to express my thanks for choosing Kyoto as the venue, also my deep respect, first, for Vice President Koji Hasegawa for all his efforts towards the holding of this meeting and for all of the members in Japan.

In Japan one of the leading causes of death is cardiovascular disease. Some of the main ways to avoid lifestyle diseases, is to practice balanced eating habits, exercise moderately, and avoid smoking. In Kyoto City, initiatives are implemented for each age group, from children to people in the prime of their lives and people of advanced age, to help everyone take up creating conditions for their own good health, as part of an aim of becoming a city known for long quality of life. I pray that the initiatives formed from this meeting will help advance this goal.

Kyoto is a city that has been nurtured throughout its over 1,000-year history. It is a city with a great concentration of cultural properties, starting with Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples, and where the people of Japan have fostered its spirit and culture, which continues to live on in people's daily life.

If you have the time, I hope you take this opportunity to experience the many charms of Kyoto which have given the city its strong reputation worldwide.

In closing, through this meeting, I pray the results of which will produce fruitful contributions towards extending the length of healthy life expectancy in humans, and also I pray for the good health and continued success of all participants.

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