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Welcome to Awaji, Japan, for the 14th AIFII!

On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to welcome all of you to the 14th Awaji International Forum on Infection and Immunity (AIFII). Since 2001, this forum has been held annually with a mission to provide an opportunity to share and exchange new results and ideas on Bacteriology, Parasitology, Virology and Immunology. I hope that you enjoy outstanding plenary lectures, learn about exciting and stimulating current discoveries from oral and poster presentations, and make new friends and renew friendship.

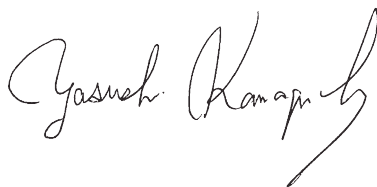


AIFII has been organized mainly by Research Institute for Microbial Diseases, Osaka University; Institute for Virus Research, Kyoto University; Institute of Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki University; Research Center for Zoonosis Control, Hokkaido University; and The Institute of Medical Science, The University of Tokyo. I would like to take this opportunity to thank two organizations: The Research Foundation for Microbial Diseases of Osaka University and The Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association of JAPAN for providing long-term financial supports for the forum. This year, the forum is further promoted in cooperation with Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research on Innovative Areas, 'Molecular basis of host cell competency in virus infection'; U.S.-Japan Cooperative Medical Science Program Immunology Boards; U.S.-Japan Cooperative Medical Science Program AIDS Panels; Advanced Research & Development Programs for Medical Innovation, 'Discovery and development of next-generation vaccines and antivirals against influenza'; JSPS Core-to-Core Program, 'International research network for virus infections and host responses'; and Grant-in-Aid for Specially Promoted Research of KAKENHI, 'Study of bacterial stratagem to circumvent host innate immune system and its application'. I would also like to thank many foundation sponsors for their generous contributions.

Finally, my appreciation goes to all the members of organizing committee, the program coordinators, and the administrative core.

I hope that you will enjoy your stay in Awaji, Japan!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is cursive and stylized, appearing to read 'Yasushi Kawaguchi'. The first name 'Yasushi' is written in a more legible cursive, while the last name 'Kawaguchi' is more fluid and connected.

Yasushi Kawaguchi
Chair, The 14th AIFII Organizing Committee