

Welcome Address

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Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests and participants,

It is a great pleasure to have the opportunity, on behalf of the National Institute of Animal Health, to express our heartfelt welcome to all the participants and scientists, especially to the delegates from abroad.

International symposia have been held every year under the auspices of the Tropical Agriculture Research Center. This time, we are extremely pleased and feel greatly honored to have the Thirteenth Symposium held here in the newly constructed building of our institute to discuss subjects pertaining to infectious diseases of livestock.

As well known, remarkable progress has been made in the field of veterinary science. However we know that there remain many important problems to be solved in the research of animal health in order to develop and improve the productivity of livestock.

In view of the importance of the cooperative research in the tropical areas, joint efforts by the Tropical Agriculture Research Center and the National Institute of Animal Health have been made since 1967.

Research programs on foot and mouth disease, vaccine production of hog cholera, swine and poultry protozoan diseases, bovine mastitis, hemorrhagic septicemia and also pathological studies on the diseases have been undertaken in collaboration with overseas scientists in Thailand, Malaysia and Sri Lanka during the last thirteen years.

On this occasion, I would like to express our sincere thanks to our friends of the cooperating institutions in those countries for their great support extended to us.

We are very pleased to see so many researchers from the Southeast Asian countries and Australia, as well as from various institutions of Japan gathered here to exchange ideas, information relating to the infectious diseases of livestock. I am quite sure that we will all greatly benefit from the present symposium.

I do hope that the symposium will be successful. Again, I would like to express my hearty welcome to all the distinguished delegates and participants.

Thank you,