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## ■ PRESIDENT'S LETTER ■

### Welcome to JRS 2019

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Japan Radiology Society (JRS) in conjunction with the 75th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Radiology Technology (JSRT), the 117<sup>th</sup> Scientific Meeting of the Japan Society of Medical Physics (JSMP), and the International Exhibitions of Medical Imaging (ITEM 2019) as Japan Radiology Congress (JRC) 2019, which will be held for 4 days on 11-14 April 2019, Thursday to Sunday at PACIFICO Yokohama in Japan.

As the congress president of JRS, I am very pleased to extend you a warm invitation to these conferences. Radiology is becoming a more important field in the world along with the rapid development of recent medical technology and diagnostic imaging devices. The primary objective of the JRS scientific assembly is to promote high-quality radiological practice in science and education. We will focus on the recent advances in radiology in Japan and the predictions for innovation in radiology in the next quarter of a century. We believe that the recent development of artificial intelligence (AI) technology will influence and promote radiologic science in the future. This progress should always be directed at benefiting the patients.

This time, therefore, the theme of JRS is “Innovative Radiology for the Patients.” We will include many new and innovative technology programs in the scientific sessions in our meeting in order to expand these new techniques for clinical practice directed at closely benefiting the patients. Many symposiums will be organized to discuss our collaborative fields, such as imaging diagnosis in treatment, image-based intervention, and molecular imaging in targeted therapy.

Each year, more than 5000 radiologists attend the Annual JRS Meeting. As both English and Japanese are official languages of the meeting, many researchers not only from Japan but also from overseas will be able to participate and engage in high-quality discussions. English is used for most of the programs, including oral presentations and scientific exhibits. We have invited many distinguished international speakers, and several keynote lectures have been planned to stimulate the oral sessions.

Yokohama is famous as one of the world's most attractive port cities and the cherry blossoms (Sakura) are in full bloom in spring. We sincerely look forward to welcoming you to the beautiful city of Yokohama, and hope you have rewarding and insightful experiences at the scientific assembly of JRS 2019.