

The 21st Annual Meeting of Cardiovascular Intervention and Therapeutics : CVIT 2012



It is my great pleasure to deliver a few words of greeting concerning the convening of the 21st Annual Meeting of the Japanese Association of Cardiovascular Intervention and Therapeutics (CVIT2012) .

First of all, I would like to express my deepest sympathies for those who were affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake. It is anticipated that, given the enormity of devastation caused by this earthquake, there will be a long and difficult road to travel before those affected regions can fully recover. I have, however, been truly impressed with the resilience and strength demonstrated by many people, who stride towards the reconstruction despite the difficult circumstances of today. I am pleased to note that, under the leadership of Dr. Shinsuke Nanto, CVIT2011 is to be held in July in Osaka. It is deeply appreciated that the members of Tohoku chapter of CVIT have strongly supported the idea of convening the 2011 annual meeting despite the many difficulties surrounding them. Thanks to their resilience and commitment, the CVIT has decided not to abort the programme but to continue the tradition of annual meetings. Since March 28, many members of this association have been participating in volunteer programmes to provide medical services in local communities of Tohoku district. While people might feel hopeless and depressed from time to time in the aftermath of this disaster, I am proud and appreciative of the solidarity and cooperation demonstrated by our members, which help us to continue to make progress towards the future. I sincerely hope that those affected regions will be reconstructed as soon as possible.

Shown here is the programme of CVIT2012, the venue of which will be Niigata. It is expected that this annual meeting will provide the participants with a good opportunity to learn and discuss effective methods, strategies and technologies to treat cardiovascular diseases based on catheterisation. This has been an important mission given to CVIT. It has always been important for us not only to pursue the advancement of cardiovascular intervention, a highly specialised field, but also to nurture a holistic perspective among healthcare professionals in treating patients. In the light of this spirit, we have chosen “Reflect on the Original Intent - The Principles of Medicine and Our Mission as Healthcare Professionals” as the theme of CVIT2012. While treatment technology as well as its strategy becomes more advanced and diversified, this annual meeting will provide us with a valuable opportunity to consider what kind of healthcare services we should seek in society. While as interventional cardiologists we deal with cardiovascular events after the onset of diseases, we are also expected to contribute to the decision-making concerning secondary preventive strategies. I hope that there will be fruitful discussions among the participants about the pursuit of proactive preventive intervention. Today the social environment surrounding healthcare is becoming more strict and demanding. In this context, it is worth discussing medical ethics as well. Included in the programmes are live demonstrations from which to learn about effective and safe catheterisation, a fundamental goal of CVIT. We would appreciate requests and suggestions from members to enhance the quality of the programme.

When CVIT2012 is held in Niigata in middle July, the rainy season will be coming to an end. Niigata City, which faces the Japan Sea, is blessed with a rich natural environment. Standing in the conference hall, people will be thrilled by the scenic beauty of Sado Island and the Japan Sea. They can enjoy a spectacular view of nature in the sunset. I look forward to meeting many participants at CVIT2012.

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