## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

## Welcome to JRS 2014



President The 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Japan Radiological Society Susumu Kanazawa, M.D.

Dear Colleagues,

I am very pleased to welcome you to the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Japan Radiological Society (JRS) on April 10-13, 2014 in Yokohama, Japan. As President of the JRS 2014, I have extended you a warm invitation to our conference and am very happy to see you at Yokohama.

After the catastrophic earthquake and tsunami devastated the Pacific coast of north-eastern Japan on March 11 in 2011, we all Japanese have tried to recover from many tough conditions encountered for these three years. We sincerely thank you for your best supports from all over the world. With our society members we could have usual annual meetings in 2012 and 2013 after an extraordinary web annual meeting in the spring of 2011. Now we would like to show every attendance our recovery and present activities in Japan with many thanks. We are not in long unhappiness but in hopeful rebirth now. The theme of our conference 2014 is "Face to faces, face to communities, and face to the world". We Japanese radiologists are working and studying together with many physicians, medical staffs around us, and radiologists in the world. We would like to share good and close relationship with every attending radiologist, our hospitals, towns, and all countries in the world. Radiologists should not be standing alone but walking with all of our colleagues. As a result, we will obtain expected clinical success, real patients' confidence, and global scientific innovation.

More than 5000 radiologists gather in our well-organized meeting to discuss, study, and gain up-to-date radiological knowledge including diagnosis and therapy. Our meeting 2014 is really open for radiologists, residents and medical students in the world. Official languages of our meeting are both English and Japanese and you are able to see English guidance everywhere in the venue. We have 32 distinguished overseas lecturers from all over the world. And over 30% of oral reports are presented in English. Globalization of our society is just coming.

With your mobile device, you can get a very convenient program and through it make schedule as you like. And you can have DICOM-data images on your mobile device at the "Image interpretation session" on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

April in Japan is the most comfortable season and you can enjoy beautiful views of the Port Yokohama and delicious

spring cuisine in Japan. You can also enjoy "Run and walk event" with Ms. Yuko Arimori, who is the silver and bronze Olympic marathon medalist, in the early morning on April 12<sup>th</sup>. We prepare JRC lounge for attendance at the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the venue, where, after 5 PM, you can taste not only coffee or tea but also beer or wine with enjoying beautiful night views of the Port Yokohama.

JRS 2014 welcome you with a great pleasure and we wish that every attendance will really enjoy our meeting. We are looking forward to seeing you, your face, you community, and the world in Yokohama.

Executive Committee of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Japan Radiological Society Shuhei Sato, Chairperson



Program Committee of the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Japan Radiological Society Takao Hiraki, Chairperson