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## ■ PRESIDENT'S LETTER ■

### Welcome to JRS 2017

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Dear colleagues,

The 76th Annual Meeting of the Japan Radiological Society (JRS) will be held on April 13-16, 2017, in Yokohama, Japan in conjunction with the 73rd Annual Scientific Congress of the Japanese Society of Radiological Technology (JSRT), the 113th Scientific Meeting of the Japan Society of Medical Physics (JSMP), and the International Technical Exhibition of Medical Imaging (ITEM) 2017.

As the President of the JRS, I am very pleased to extend you a warm invitation to this conference in Yokohama, Japan. The primary objective of the JRS scientific assembly is to promote high quality radiological practice throughout scientific research and education. The theme of this year's conference is "To the Summit of Radiology, to the Horizon of Radiology." We will focus on the recent advances in radiology and predictions for its future progress, as well as the excellent education of radiology and the development of radiological practice.

The JRS is a historic society established in 1950. It is one of the larger radiologist societies in the world, with 9,318 members as of October 2016. Recently, the JRS is concentrating on exchange with radiologist societies in other countries and promoting its activities worldwide.

More than 5,000 radiologists attend our JRS annual meeting. Because of the commendable research presented each year, the annual meeting attracts the attention and acclaim of the public. These high-quality studies, combined with development in the field of radiology, lead to technological innovation. Furthermore, superior radiologists lead not only to more precise diagnoses, but also to an overall improvement in all fields of medicine.

The official languages of our meeting are both English and Japanese, so you will see guidance in English throughout the venue. The number of non-Japanese doctors in attendance, particularly from Asian countries, has increased in recent times. We have invited 29 overseas scientists, who will present three honorary lectures, five special invited lectures, one RSNA lecture, and 20 overseas lectures. The program includes various English sessions throughout the four days of this confer-

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Yokohama is one of the most famous port cities in the world. The conference will take place at the Pacifico Yokohama Convention Center, which is located within easy walking distance of hundreds of restaurants and a wide selection of hotels.

Mid-April is the most beautiful season in Japan, as everywhere the cherry blossoms (sakura) are in full bloom. During your stay, we sincerely hope that you will enjoy both the scientific meeting and the opportunity to visit other parts of Japan, especially the city of Matsumoto in Nagano Prefecture, where Shinshu University is located.

We look forward to welcoming you to Japan, and hope you have a rewarding and insightful experience at JRS 2017.