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— ユニバーサル・ヘルス・カバレッジ実現と ワンヘルス・災害医療の国際協力への展望 —

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Interview with Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura, President, World Medical Association

— Perspectives toward the world collaboration
for Universal Health Coverage, One Health, and disaster medicine —

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Abstract

This is a record of interview with Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura, the President of the World Medical Association (WMA), inaugurated in October 2017 for one year term. He also serves as the President of Confederation of Medical Associations in Asia and Oceania (CMAAO), taking leading role in Asian and Oceanian countries, as the President of the Japan Medical Association.

Most important direction to be achieved with the initiative of Japanese President of the WMA is “Universal Health Coverage (UHC)” in the world. Japan is one of the prominent aging society where UHC has been already achieved. Showing positive examples of the cases of peaceful aging society would contribute to construction of strategies and plans toward UHC for each country’s medical association. Including this end, the WMA and the World Health Organization (WHO) agreed in April 2018 on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate cooperation for development, improvement and protection of health; action on the social determinants of health; achievement of UHC and improvement of emergency preparedness.

Additionally, “One Health”, for which Japanese medical associations and veterinarian’s associations have agreed for collaboration through severe experience of big earthquake is an important aim to work for. Another important task recently achieved was to clarify Asian doctors’ cultural view not to support active euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide.

Key words

World Medical Association (WMA), Universal Health Coverage (UHC), One Health, end-of-life care, disaster medicine

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