

## **Report on the 14th Asian Society of Conservation Medicine / 27th Japanese Society of Wildlife Medicine 2021 Joint Meeting**

The 14th Asian Society of Conservation Medicine and the 27th Japanese Society of Wildlife Medicine 2021 Joint Conference was held in the lecture building of the School of Veterinary Medicine, Hokkaido University (HU) for 3 days from September 22 to 24, 2021. In addition to the two societies, the HU WISE program for One Health Frontier was the host of this conference. The Asia-Pacific Section of Wildlife Disease Association (WDA-AP) supported this joint conference. This year's conference was held in a hybrid style of online and on-site (face-to-face) due to the impact of the new corona infection. Despite the small number of on-site participants, I was able to feel the atmosphere of the conference for the first time in a long time through discussions in front of posters and the sale of goods by the student section. On the other hand, about 320 people, including foreigners, participated online and actively asked questions using the chat function. The Asian Society of Conservation Medicine has been held in Thailand, Taiwan, Korea, Singapore, Myanmar, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Cambodia, and Nepal, and this was the first time for the conference to be held in Japan. About 360 participants from 21 countries, mainly in Asia, gave a total of 139 oral and poster presentations. The theme of the conference was "Front Line of One Health in Asia". Researchers, veterinarians, government officials, NGO staff, and students who are working on the front line of wildlife health and conservation medicine which are leading to One Health, gathered in one place to introduce the front line of their research and activities. The pandemic of novel-type corona virus infection, which had a huge impact this time, is one of the zoonotic diseases that have appeared on the earth due to new human-animal exposure, with wild animals as natural hosts. If this style of organizing this conference has been of any use to you in organizing future conferences, I think it was worth the effort to hold it in a hybrid fashion. Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to all the participants and presenters, as well as to the faculty and students who supported the conference behind the scenes.

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