

Announcement to the international delegates and audience

Thank you for registering or planning to register for the 40th Annual Scientific Meeting of Japanese Society of Kawasaki Disease. Although the official language of the meeting is Japanese, we will hold an international Cyber Symposium on COVID-19 and Kawasaki disease, in addition to the originally scheduled invited lectures. Furthermore, international doctors/researchers are expected to attend due to the online nature of the conference. Therefore, we have been working on sharing information and providing support for foreign participants as follows. Although there remains any inconvenience incurred by the language barrier and the time difference, we would appreciate your kind understanding and cooperation in advance.

1 Program

Chairperson's remarks, the timetable, and the program list are uploaded in English and Japanese versions or a mixture of these languages. Please note that the abstract PDF files that will be distributed to registrants contain the title of the

abstract and the name of the presenter in both languages but the body of the abstracts is in Japanese.

2 How to participate in the conference (for delegates and audience)

We have also uploaded a guide for participation in the online conference in English. It contains important procedures and rules for participating in the conference. Please make sure to read the guide.

3 General requests to the audience

Except for the invited lectures and an international cyber symposium, all presentations are delivered in Japanese, although the slides for oral sessions, not for poster sessions, are shown in English. For oral presentations, you can use the Zoom Q&A function to ask questions in English to participate in the discussion. A chat tool, Slack, is available to registrants for administrative communication, floor discussion, and participant social networking. Since we use an English-Japanese AI simultaneous interpretation app in Slack, we expect registrants to join us for communication. We are planning to have an online banquet (general and as small groups) using the Zoom Meeting system. After six months of self-

restraint, we expect to have virtual but close communication with each other through images and sounds in the Zoom. For more information, please refer to the participation guide for online meetings.

4 General requests to the delegates

Please refer to individual e-mail information and make sure to participate in the rehearsal, in addition to the general requests to the audience.