

FOREWORD

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Nowadays, almost all countries of the world have recognized the importance of maintaining a lasting peace by striving to deepen mutual understanding and to realize an international society.

In Japan, many people in every field of research try to adopt an international point of view, and they make efforts to acquire a cosmopolitan outlook. Therefore, I am much delighted to know that, in accordance with such a trend, our university can publish the first issue of an English journal, *Kawasaki Journal of Medical Welfare*.

Five years ago, our initial journal — *Kawasaki Medical Welfare Journal* — was first published in Japanese, and it has grown steadily by year.

It is my greatest pleasure that now we can publish a new journal which includes 21 high-quality papers in its first issue. I think this success is the fruit of the faculty's self-awareness in raising their level of studies to an international standard.

I hope our faculty will continue to devote themselves to their studies and research and write papers for *Kawasaki Journal of Medical Welfare*, making it an interchange of studies in the wider world as well as in Japan.

Lastly, I am deeply grateful to the editor in chief, Prof. Masana Ogata, the other editors and supporters for working very hard to publish this scholarly journal.