

**The Report of Lord Krebs Special Lecture and Panel Discussion  
“Food and Science -Dialogue of Life-”**

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A special lecture by Lord John Krebs (University of Oxford) and an ensuing panel discussion entitled “Food and Science -Dialogue of Life-” was held on 23rd September 2009 at Yasuda Auditorium, the University of Tokyo. More than 420 people participated.

Lord Krebs lectured on the history of food technology, current management of food safety and future global challenges for both consumers and producers of food. He emphasized that although modern food producing and preservation technologies have greatly benefited consumers, the acceptance of new technologies by general public has been very reluctant.

Furthermore, Lord Krebs explained, by using European experience, that the governments do not and cannot set out to achieve zero risk, but attempt to reduce the level of risk acceptable to a reasonable consumer. Because of rising global population and climate change, producing enough food in the future will be very difficult and new scientific tools and technologies will be necessary. Proper and proportional regulations, as well as openness will be essential for public trust and safety of food supply.

The lecture was followed by a panel discussion, in which government, academy, consumer, media and company representatives discussed the above topics.