

ILSI Japan 創立 30 周年に寄せて

《 from President of ILSI 》

Dear colleagues and friends throughout ILSI Japan,

On behalf of ILSI and also personally, I congratulate you on 30 years of leadership within the scientific community. ILSI Japan's research programs have improved our basic understanding of many important issues, from the role food components play in enhancing health and quality-of-life to how to ensure a safe food supply and healthy environment. ILSI Japan's ability to build partnerships to conduct research and translate science into community-level results is something all of ILSI should strive to emulate.

It is fitting the celebration of ILSI Japan's 30th Anniversary is being held in conjunction with the 6th International Conference on Nutrition and Aging. ILSI Japan has led ILSI in recognizing the needs of the elderly, and over the decades these conferences have brought attention to the importance and the complexity in maintaining health and well-being late into life. ILSI Japan has also demonstrated innovation in adult health by applying the principles of TAKE 10!® – short, sustainable periods of activity incorporated into the day's routine – to work environments and elderly care facilities.

One of ILSI Japan's outstanding successes among many has been this ability to use research to build programs that have real impact. In addition to the extension of TAKE 10! through ILSI Japan Center for Health Promotion into new populations, I am thinking of Project SWAN and Project IDEA. In both of these, ILSI Japan has combined nutrition research, food science, technology, and community outreach to create more than temporary solutions. You have implemented sustainable systems for the delivery of potable water and essential micronutrients in culturally relevant ways. Through your work, you have helped improved the lives of millions of people throughout Asia.

ILSI Japan's commitment to science, technology, partnership, and philanthropy exemplifies ILSI's mission to make the world a better place. I am honored to serve as ILSI President during your 30th Anniversary, and I and the entire ILSI family thank you for your ongoing contributions to the science, to public health, and to the success of the ILSI organization.

Sincerely and with warm wishes,

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Dear Dr. Kimura, ILSI Japan members, advisors and staff,

I am honored to join many others in sending best wishes to you on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the founding of ILSI Japan. As the first branch of ILSI, you have often led the way as ILSI has grown and expanded its geographic and scientific coverage.

Very special memories were created on my first visit to ILSI Japan as part of a planning exercise for the first International Conference on Nutrition and Aging in 1990. I was a new member of the ILSI Research Foundation staff and had never been to Japan before. With the help of Mr. Fukutomi and Dr. Obara, such very special people, I had a wonderful experience. The international conference was very successful and I am pleased to see that ILSI Japan has continued the conference series, with the sixth one having recently been completed. You should be rightfully proud of the knowledge base you have amassed on this important topic over the past 20 years.

On this first trip, I was introduced the concept of functional foods, one that is now discussed around the world. ILSI Japan was a leader within the ILSI family in building the science base that underpins our understanding of functional foods today. The work you have funded through the Endowed Chair of Functional Food Science and Nutrigenomics at Tokyo University is certainly a model for other branches to follow. You have been willing to share your expertise with other branches through the international functional foods meetings – the First International Conference on East-West Perspectives on Functional Foods in Singapore, with ILSI Southeast Asia Region; the functional foods meetings organized by ILSI Europe – and through organizing research involving projects in Japan and other countries – such as the tea research project.

From its earliest days, ILSI Japan was a key leader in ILSI's efforts to promote harmonization of risk assessment science. The histopathology seminars, which brought together pathologists and toxicologists from Japan, the US and Europe, is a hallmark for the value that harmonization can bring to public health. Having agreement among pathologists and toxicologists around the world on what was a precancerous tissue and what was not, led to strong advancements in the understanding of carcinogenesis.

ILSI Japan continues to pursue harmonization with its neighbors through the ongoing BeSoTo effort to harmonize food safety regulations across China, Korea and Japan. This effort will also provide strong public health benefit by helping to focus resources on the most important regulatory areas to ensure food safety.



Another important area to recognize where ILSI Japan has been a leader within ILSI is the area of education. By translating ILSI publications into Japanese, ILSI Japan has provided a tremendous service to the whole organization as well as to the scientific community in Japan. The Japanese versions of *Nutrition Reviews* and *Present Knowledge in Nutrition*, as well as translations of many of ILSI Europe's concise monographs have made the information contained in these publications accessible to the scientific community in Japan. By helping to share the knowledge compiled by ILSI in other parts of the world, ILSI Japan continues to support ILSI's mission of providing science that improves public health and well being.

Happy 30th Anniversary to ILSI Japan! I have no doubt that you will accomplish even more in the next 30 years.

Very best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Suzanne S. Harris'.

Suzanne S. Harris, Ph.D.
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《 from ILSI Argentina 》

Dear ILSI Japan Colleagues

It is a great pleasure to send our Congratulations and best wishes on your 30th Anniversary!

ILSI Japan is a reference branch within the ILSI Family due to its scientific work and experience. ILSI Argentina has enjoyed working in collaboration with ILSI Japan in the area of compositional studies in tea varieties and it was a privilege to have received the scientific support and advise in this project.

We wish you continued success and hope to be able to collaborate in the future again

Our best

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Juan Carlos López Musi'.

Juan Carlos López Musi
President
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《 from ILSI Europe 》

ILSI Europe congratulates ILSI Japan with it's 30th anniversary

One of the strengths of ILSI is its global scope. It is a pleasure to share the mission to improve public health by the advancement of science with colleagues of different cultures all over the world. ILSI Japan is one of the oldest and strongest ILSI branches and many ILSI Europe publications have been translated into Japanese.

Considering that the populations of Japan and Europe are fortunate to enjoy a food supply of a quality and quantity that compares favourably with most other regions of the world, one might ask whether these countries still need the attention of an organisation like ILSI. The answer is a clear YES. We still face considerable challenges. For instance, the increasing sensitivity of analytical techniques will continue to result in the identification of low concentrations of undesired substances in our food. These discoveries require considerable investment in risk characterisation, including development of new risk assessment methods and strategies to reduce exposure. An example from the area of nutrition is the interaction of diet with modern lifestyle. Having been selected for energy efficiency during millions of years in an environment that combined an unstable food supply with strenuous physical activity, our bodies are not very well adapted to life in industrialised societies where food is abundant and physical exertion is no longer required for most people. The resulting rise in obesity and related non-communicable diseases can only be reversed by a concerted and sustained effort by all stakeholders, including ILSI.

ILSI Japan and ILSI Europe have collaborated fruitfully in the past, most intensively on functional foods, in which Japan can be proud of its pioneer role. On multiple occasions we have been honoured to host Japanese visitors, and to discuss projects like the scientific substantiation of health claims on foods, micronutrient requirements, risk and benefit assessment of chemicals in food, the threshold of toxicological concern, and many other topics. In a recent visit to ILSI Japan, I was impressed by the kind hospitality of my Japanese colleagues, excellent organisation of the event, and high quality of the science presented.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of ILSI Europe, I would like to warmly congratulate ILSI Japan with its 30th anniversary. We look forward to continue our collaboration in the future.

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Dear Yamaguchi-san

On behalf of the ILSI Focal Point in China, I would send our sincere congratulations to the 30th anniversary of ILSI Japan. We always regard ILSI Japan as our old brother, not only because of the long history of ILSI Japan, but also more important because of the outstanding achievements of ILSI Japan in the past 30 years. We would like to learn from you and have much close collaboration with ILSI Japan.

Junshi Chen

Junshi Chen
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《 from ILSI-India 》

To: ILSI Japan Board of Trustees, Members and Staff

I am happy to know that ILSI Japan is celebrating its 30th Anniversary. ILSI Japan is one of the oldest Branch of ILSI and has been a good resource for other ILSI branches. Its cooperation is highly valued by ILSI India. ILSI Japan has devoted itself to improving public health through its activities including research projects on nutrition and food safety. Its work on functional foods and nutrition and aging are particularly noteworthy. On behalf of ILSI-India I have great pleasure in congratulating ILSI Japan on this important occasion and wish it all success in its future endeavors.

Rekha Sinha
Executive Director

《 from ILSI Southeast Asia Reasion 》

Congratulatory Message

ILSI SEA Region is proud to have enjoyed a long and fruitful collaborative partnership with ILSI Japan. Since ILSI SEA Region was established in 1993, we have worked with ILSI Japan on key areas including nutrition and aging, functional foods, obesity and food safety. We have also partnered with ILSI Japan's Center for Health Promotion (ILSI Japan CHP) on the important micronutrient fortification programs in several developing Southeast Asian countries.

As an active member of the ILSI Family, ILSI Japan has been supportive of collaborations between ILSI's many branches. Specifically, ILSI Japan has helped to foster closer coordination and partnership among ILSI's Asian branches, which include ILSI SEA Region, ILSI Focal Point in China, ILSI Korea and ILSI India. Besides supporting each other's activities through participation and program support, ILSI's Asian branches also get together once a year at the ILSI Annual Meeting.

In the past 2 years, ILSI Japan has also initiated a program to address food security issues in Southeast Asia, with collaboration from ILSI SEA Region, ILSI Focal Point in China and ILSI Korea. ILSI Japan CHP is also partnering with ILSI SEA Region in conducting a feasibility study for Project SWAN (Safe Water and Nutrition) in Indonesia.

On this significant milestone and happy occasion of its 30th Anniversary celebration, ILSI SEA Region would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to ILSI Japan for its many achievements. We look forward to further strengthening the partnership between ILSI Japan and ILSI SEA Region, and we wish ILSI Japan continued success for many more years to come!



Geoffry L. Smith
President



Boon Yee Yeong
Executive Director