

## **Congratulatory Address**

**The Association for Technical Aids  
Executive President  
Kensaku Ohashi**

It is my pleasure to congratulate you on holding the 16th international biophilia rehabilitation conference with getting many persons involved here today from the bottom of my heart.

And also I express respect to you of the International Biophilia Rehabilitation Academy (IBRA) and the Japanese Biophilia Rehabilitation Academy (JBRA), and who did their best to hold the conference.

We well know that the members of the academies have been studying the related research fields including medical science, engineering, and social science with integrating the various aspects of a complex aged society in order to establish a sustainable super-aged society. And also they are continuing their efforts for patients in order to overcome the impairment and regain physical activities.

Therefore, they have been doing to solve the subject of many sides for realizing "to overcome disabilities" from "to accept disabilities" with focusing "for restructuring the rehabilitation medicine."

This association, which promotes the development of social welfare equipment, spreading and promotion, and Enforces cultivation and training of a technician of the specified welfare equipment and an authorization hearing-aid technician, is carrying out the grants offer of pertinent art development.

We provided them three grants;  
"surveillance study for improvement in ADL and independence living an advanced age Lower limb fracture patient's" in 2000,  
"surveillance study for improvement in ADL and then independence living an advanced age Lower limb fracture patient's by the specified welfare equipment" in 2003, and  
"research on the role of welfare equipment and its use in the prevention of bedsores" in 2006-7, respectively, and accepted the result of research adjusted about the use effect of social welfare equipment.

I expect that the result of the study of IBRA and JBRA can contribute to the improvement in a life of human beings, and social development widely so that an advanced age disabled person improves the physical activity which received the disability, and overcome the anatomical functional disorder (impairment).

IBRC2019 will be held so that the new rehabilitation technique is studied and also spread for leading an independent life without becoming bedridden by the study of the fusion of the related research fields including rehabilitation medicine, engineering (within IT), social science, the care, nursing and medical treatment in being home and an institution, local rehabilitation, and gymnastics.

I wish for the more and more development of IBRA and JBRA you all the good health and happiness as a conclusion.

## 祝 辞

公益財団法人テクノエイド協会  
理事長 大橋 謙 策

本日ここに、多くの関係者の皆様のご参加を得て、「第16回国際バイオフィリア リハビリテーション学会大会」が盛大に開催されることを心からお祝いを申し上げます。

また、本学会の開催にあたりご尽力されましたバイオフィリアリハビリテーション学会並びに高齢市民が活躍するための社会技術研究会の皆様に深く敬意を表します。

貴学会は、医学、工学、社会科学等の関連する分野の研究を通じて、持続可能な超高齢社会を築くための多面の課題を解決する努力を続けており、特に「障害の受容」から「障害の克服」を実現するため「リハビリ医学再構築」に焦点を合わせ、患者が身体機能を再獲得し、機能障害を克服できるよう研究を進めておられます。

福祉用具の開発の推進と普及促進及び福祉用具関係技能者・認定補聴器技能者の養成・研修に努めている当協会は、貴学会に対し平成12年度「高齢下肢骨折患者のADL向上と自立のための調査研究」、平成15年度「福祉用具による大腿骨頸部骨折患者のADL向上と自立のための調査研究」、平成18年度～19年度「褥瘡予防における福祉用具の役割とその利用の実際の研究」にそれぞれ助成し、福祉用具の利用効果について研究成果を取り纏めていただいているところです。

この大会で高齢障害者が障害を受けた身体機能を改善し解剖学的機能障害（インペアメント）を克服し、寝たきりになることなく自立生活を送るための新たなリハビリテーション手法を研究し普及するためにリハ医学・工学（ITを含む）、社会科学、在宅・施設における介護・看護・医療、地域リハ、体育といった学問領域の融合の下で、研究成果が広く人類の生活向上と社会発展に寄与できるよう期待しております。

結びとして、バイオフィリアリハビリテーション学会の益々のご発展並びに関係の皆様方のご健勝、ご多幸を祈念申し上げます。