Sendai Conference 2020 Welcome address



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The inaugural Sendai Conference was held in July, 2011 only 4 months after the Great East Japan Earthquake hit the Tohoku region and since then we have held the meetings eight times. We are pleased to announce that Sendai Conference 2020 will be held in July 11 (Saturday), 2020.

Sendai Conference has invited distinguished investigators in the field of MS, NMOSD, MOG-antibody-associated disease and related disorders from across the globe and provided a forum to present the cutting-edge findings of the immune-mediated CNS diseases and discuss the relevant issues in English for Japanese neurologists and researchers who have a keen interest in the diseases, especially young clinicians and scientists. As in the past, we are planning lectures by leading domestic and international invited speakers, oral and poster presentations by young Japanese researchers and pharma-sponsored seminars in this conference.

Since last year, Japan Multiple Sclerosis Network (JMSN), a non-profit organization, has run Sendai Conference and Professor Ichiro Nakashima, Tohoku Medical and Pharmaceutical University has served as the chair of the Board of JMSN). The Board and Council of JMSN work for the smooth operation of Sendai Conference and the transparent financial management.

We expect that Sendai Conference will be instrumental in stimulating more Japanese neurologists and scientists to present their latest research findings in international meetings and in promoting research collaborations.

We look forward to welcoming you in Sendai this summer.