

PREFACE

I am delighted and honored to have an opportunity to give a message in the preface of the special issue on “Helminthiasis in Greater Mekong Subregion” published in the *Korean Journal of Parasitology* (Vol. 51, No. 6). This issue is carrying research highlights consisted of the papers based on the poster presentations in the first meeting of the “Asian Parasites by Asian Parasitologists: Helminthiasis in Greater Mekong Subregion” held in Khon Kaen, Thailand, on 12 May 2013. This meeting aimed to promote sustainable parasitological research cooperation within the 6 Mekong countries—namely, Cambodia, the People’s Republic of China (PRC), Lao People’s Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), Myanmar, Vietnam, and Thailand, through strengthening scientific linkages between countries in the Greater Mekong Subregion and Alliance Countries—namely, Korea, Japan, and Australia.

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and meet with the world class experts in their field to have their valuable advices.

It is my wish that this issue is an inestimable update literature resource of helminthiasis in Greater Mekong Subregion for researchers in the field and also local performers in this area. I believe that there will be an exchange of expertise and knowledge as well as agreements of collaboration on helminthologists in the future. I am looking forward to seeing the prolific production of knowledge on the helminthiasis in the global literature.

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Thank you.

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