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The Japanese Chapter of the International Society of Nature & Forest Medicine

On September 15, 2013, the initial meeting of the Japanese Chapter of INFOM was held at Agematsu town, Nagano prefecture, the birthplace of Shinrin-yoku (Forest Bathing) in Japan. Dr. Michiko Imai, the President of INFOM, Prof. Yoshifumi Miyazaki, the Vice-president of INFOM, Dr. Qing Li, the Vice-president and the Secretary-General of INFOM, and Dr. Takahide Kagawa, the Board Member of INFOM attended the meeting.

The organization of the Japanese Chapter is as follows:

President of the Japanese Chapter of INFOM

Prof. Yoshifumi Miyazaki (Chiba University)

Vice-presidents of the Japanese Chapter of INFOM

Dr. Qing Li (Nippon Medical School)

Dr. Takahide Kagawa (Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute)

The following 4 Committees were also established:

Scientific Committee (Dr. Qing Li)

Public Relations Committee (Dr. Takahide Kagawa)

Social Contribution Committee (Prof. Yoshifumi Miyazaki)

Certifying Committee (including Medical Specialist in Forest Medicine) (Dr. Michiko Imai)

The initial meeting of the Japanese Chapter was based on the following article of By-laws of INFOM.

Article 12:

The International Society of Nature and Forest Medicine (www.infom.org) is based in Japan and the headquarters of INFOM are in Tokyo. The members in North American, Europe and other countries can establish a local chapter.

(Reported by Dr. Qing Li)