

## Preface

In November 2006, the 35th Japan-US Joint Meeting of UJNR (U.S.-Japan Cooperative Program in Natural Resource) Aquaculture Panel was held in National Research Institute of Aquaculture in Minami-ise, Mie Prefecture. Through the long history of UJNR, Aquaculture Panel has contributed to development of aquaculture researches of both countries by means of various cooperative activities, i.e. the exchange of scientists, the exchange of literatures and promoting joint research projects. It is understood that the Aquaculture Panel is one of the most active UJNR panels by both countries. Further positive action is expected to the UJNR Aquaculture Panel for a solution of the varied problems presenting in aquaculture of both countries.

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Development of aquaculture in harmony with the environmental conservation of coastal and freshwater ecosystems is extremely important for stable supplies of aquatic products, and the issue has been globally a common theme. It is my great pleasure that the present UJNR proceedings containing high quality papers of the selected American and Japanese aquaculture scientists will help integrating aquaculture and fisheries technologies to optimize value from coastal resources, zoning for aquaculture, use of biotechnology in aquaculture and effects on natural population, and improvement of public perception.

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