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Dear participants and colleagues,

I would like to extend to all of you a warm welcome to the 5th RIKEN-KI/SciLifeLab Symposium 2018, an event that recognizes the importance of the science and technology cooperation between our institutions.

On behalf of RIKEN, I would like to express our appreciation for the strong support for this joint symposium given by Professor Olli Kallioniemi, the Director of SciLifeLab; Dr. Ole Petter Otterson, the President of the Karolinska Institute; Professor Tadaharu Tsumoto, the Director of JSPS Stockholm Office; and all the participants from both KI and SciLifeLab. It is a special joy to have collaboration between our institutions.

Since this collaborative symposium was first held in 2014 as the RIKEN CLST-Karolinska Institute-SciLifeLab Symposium, we have held a symposium every year, alternating the location between Sweden and Japan, to build a strong partnership among our three institutions.

The fourth symposium was held last year in Kobe with the theme “Life Science Frontiers in Health, Disease and Aging.” There were 24 oral presentations and 42 poster presentations from a wide variety of fields. The symposium, which was open to the public, had around 190 participants, and many lively discussions and exchanges took place over the two symposium days.

RIKEN researchers from the Brain Science Institute, the Center for Developmental Biology, the Center for Integrative Medical Sciences, and advanced photonics research gathered to participate in the symposium, and they continue to make up a truly all-RIKEN effort to enthusiastically build ties with KI and SciLifeLab.

This symposium, our fifth, expands the scope of the symposium series to include a new field, artificial intelligence, which is developing rapidly in the world today. I look forward to focusing on this year’s theme, “Artificial Intelligence Meets Life Sciences,” throughout the day.

I hope that this symposium will become a springboard for further meaningful collaborative research and personnel exchanges among our three institutes.

Finally, let me wish all of you a successful symposium. Thank you.

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