

## Preface

The Project ICCAP - Impact of Climate Changes on Agricultural Production System in Arid Areas - of The Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN) has been implemented as a five-year research project since 2002. At the end of Japanese fiscal year 2004-2005, the fifth year, ICCAP held a workshop at the RIHN new building, Kamigamao, Kyoto. We were really happy to welcome all the participants to actually just made research facilities, which are to be the arena where innovative research would be created in the future. The objectives of the workshop were to discuss the progress and the way to integrate the outcomes of sub-groups towards concluding the project one year after.

ICCAP is going to complete the fourth year of the project period of five years. We can remember we held the first workshop in March 2002 at the final stage of the feasible study. In that time, our institute was living in a rented hall of the main campus of Kyoto University. After that, our institute has been growing and moved to the former Kasuga primary school. According to this growing-up, we believe our project has also grown up, establishing research organization, developing the methodology, executing field and laboratory studies, and approaching to the expected goals. Then, now, we have reached to our own building and the time to enter to the final, concluding stage.

This volume contains the papers presented at the workshop in Kyoto on March 9 and 10, 2006, which was attended by many participants from Turkey, Israel and Japan. It also contains four papers of the Turkish colleagues, which were presented at the ICCAP WS held as one session of the Pre-International Symposium of RIHN, on October 19 and 20, 2005, at PALULU Plaza, Kyoto.

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