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- I would like to express our deep gratitude and respect for the essential education and health workers who are working under the severe COVID-19 situation.
- In addition, I would like to say congratulations for IVM 60 anniversary years. All of the livestock infectious diseases research project, which implemented by IVM contributes for the many nomadic peoples life improvement, and it is our great pleasure to work with IVM for long time.
- This SATREPS project scheduled to start on February, 2020, but due to COVID-19, exact activities in Mongolia started on November, 2020. After the starting, IVM and NCCD members collected the samples of TB and glanders, and incubated them for the research. Besides, the adhoc technical meetings between Japan and Mongolian researchers team were held several times via online. I would like to show my deep appreciation for both side researchers to move forward the research activities in spite of continuing severe COVID-19 and limited research circumstance. TB and Glanders are serious zoonosis which spreading not only in Mongolia, but also in all over the world, that is why this SATREPS project is very important for many countries to take countermeasures for it.
- Today's meeting purpose is to make clear the progress and issues of each research activities, and to discuss how to solve the issues by both sides. I am very welcome to hear the various idea and opinion from all participants.
- Next year, 2022 is 50 anniversary year for continuing Japan Mongolia diplomatic relationship, and 25 anniversary year for establishing JICA Mongolia office. I am so glad to continue this great SATREPS project in such a memorial year, and I would like to expect to fruit the research outcome, and to make Mongolian society benefit of it.