Dear the Readers,

The current issue of the Thai Journal of Veterinary Medicine is a special issue comprehending Proceedings of the Seventh Chulalongkorn University Veterinary Annual Conference. The conference has been founded by Faculty of Veterinary Science at Chulalongkorn University since 2002 as the committed efforts to promote animal health and animal production for the benefit of the Thai nation.

The Faculty of Veterinary Science at Chulalongkorn University was established in 1935. The foundation of veterinary school in Thailand had a formally ultimate objective to promote livestock production for domestic consumption, and later extended to provide health care for companion animals those share human environment or even housing. During the mid 1980s, food-animal production of Thailand also simulated a significant export commodity, particularly the poultry and aquaculture production. Consequently, the role of veterinary profession to assure the sanitary safety of international trade in food animals and their products has been profoundly emphasized.

With the expanding awareness to the emerging zoonotic diseases either from companion animals or food-borne origin, veterinary science need strategies to manage such threats. Several modifications and refinements have been implemented in the Faculty of Veterinary Science at Chulalongkorn University to develop management strategies to advance animal health and prevent or control disease agents. The cooperative efforts of several agencies; governmental, private and international, have directed grants to conduct comprehensive research. The Faculty of Veterinary Science at Chulalongkorn University also appropriates funds to the new faculty staffs or scientists. These appropriations permit the research findings presented in the Proceedings and developed further to applicable approaches.

We are honored once again to host the Seventh Chulalongkorn University Veterinary Annual Conference. We gratefully acknowledge all those who contribute to the success of the conference. Special thanks to the experienced scientists for their cardinal presentations. The Faculty of Veterinary Science at Chulalongkorn University will continue to substantially enhance the knowledge in Veterinary Science for the well-being of the Thai nation and worldwide.

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