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Biography

Full name, Title: Masao Togao

Position: Associate Senior Researcher

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Masao Togao graduated from the School of Veterinary Medicine at Hokkaido University, Japan, where he studied toxicology and related biomedical sciences. He is currently an Associate Senior Researcher in the Safety Research Department at the Yakult Central Institute, Tokyo, Japan, where he is engaged in the research and development of probiotics and other beneficial microorganisms.

His work includes the characterization and safety evaluation of probiotics and beneficial microorganisms. His previous research focused on the relationship between microorganisms and toxicological responses, particularly the influence of the gut microbiota on drug metabolism. He has received several awards from academic societies, including the Japanese Society of Toxicology (JSOT), and has delivered invited lectures in these fields. He is also a Diplomat of the Japanese College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (JCLAM) and a member of the Japanese Society of Veterinary Science (JSVS) and the Japanese Association for Laboratory Animal Medicine (JALAM).

At this meeting, he will provide an overview of safety assessment criteria in the United States, the European Union, and Japan, and introduce Yakult's approach to ensuring the safety of probiotics. This lecture is expected to foster discussion among participants regarding the types of tests and evaluations required to ensure the safety of probiotic products.