

Preface

This book is a collection of all the papers and essays published in the Special Issue “Philosophy and Meaning in Life: International Perspectives Vol.1,” *Journal of Philosophy of Life*, Vol.9, No.1, 2019, pp.1-97.

Professor Thaddeus Metz, Professor Nobuo Kurata, and I held the First International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life at Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan, on August 20-21, 2018. This was probably the first submission-based international conference on this topic. We accepted 40 presentations from around the world, and invited Professor David Benatar as a keynote speaker (other keynote speakers were Professor Metz and I).

After the conference, we called for papers for publication from the speakers and we accepted six papers for the special issue of *Journal of Philosophy of Life*. We would like to give special thanks to anonymous referees who kindly reviewed submitted manuscripts. The accepted papers deal with a variety of topics such as anti-natalism, ancient Chinese philosophy, Wittgenstein, bioethics, and solipsism, and are all discussed from the perspective of the philosophy of meaning in life.

In 2019, we are going to hold the Second International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life at Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan. We are planning to publish a collection of the presented papers in *Journal of Philosophy of Life*, Vol.10, to be published in 2020.

As the editor-in-chief, I hope that readers will enjoy the stimulating papers in this volume.

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