## Message From the Governor

Greetings, prefectural residents of Okayama! My name is IBARAGI Ryuta, Governor of Okayama Prefecture.

Using the 3<sup>rd</sup> Land of Sunshine Okayama Iki-Iki Plan and its three key strategies—"Reviving Okayama's Status as the Education Prefecture", "Promoting Industries That Support the Region", and "Cultivating Safe and Economically Secure Communities"—as a compass to guide us, the Okayama Prefectural Government is putting its utmost effort into implementing policies in order to help realize a "lively Okayama" where all prefectural residents can live with a bright smile.

I would also like to use the major societal changes brought forth by COVID-19 as an opportunity for regional development. Okayama Prefecture will continue to work steadily towards recovery from and reconstruction following the July 2018 flood disaster, as well as the sustainable development of the prefecture in cooperation with various entities, starting with prefectural residents.

I hope to have your continued understanding and cooperation in these efforts.

IBARAGI Ryuta Governor of Okayama Prefecture