

SYMPOSIUM ON BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH  
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I WANT TO THANK THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
AND THE FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER (OF THE  
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH) FOR SETTING UP  
THIS MEETING. <sup>to</sup> I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WILL BE  
DISCUSSING THE FUTURE OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH  
COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

I AM FAR FROM BEING AN EXPERT ON BIOMEDICAL  
RESEARCH, BUT I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR  
THE U.S. AND JAPAN TO COOPERATE IN A BROAD  
ARRAY OF FIELDS. AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE  
RESULT OF YOUR DISCUSSIONS WILL PROVE AGAIN  
THAT THE JOINT EFFORTS OF OUR TWO NATIONS  
UNLOCK NEW DOORS OF KNOWLEDGE, EXPERTISE, AND  
UNDERSTANDING.

I AM IMPRESSED BY THE HIGH LEVEL OF BOTH THE  
AMERICAN AND THE JAPANESE DELEGATIONS. AMONG  
YOU HERE ARE SOME OF THE WORLD'S FINEST EXPERTS  
IN THE FIELD. YOUR PARTICIPATION HERE IS A MAJOR  
STEP IN EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUTUALLY

BENEFICIAL -- AND WORLD CLASS -- RESEARCH LINKS  
IN THE BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES.

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WILL BE DRAFTING  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE RENEWAL OF OUR  
BILATERAL BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE RELATIONSHIP. BOY,  
THAT WAS A MOUTHFUL! I HOPE THAT THESE  
RECOMMENDATIONS WILL SOON BE REFLECTED IN THE  
POLICIES OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO BUILD NEW BRIDGES  
BETWEEN OUR RESEARCHERS AND TO BETTER THE  
STATE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH.

THE BENEFITS OF INCREASED INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION TO BOTH INDIVIDUAL RESEARCHERS  
AND TO INSTITUTIONS ARE INCREASINGLY EVIDENT.  
AS RESEARCH GETS MORE AND MORE EXPENSIVE AND  
FISCAL CONSTRAINTS BECOME MORE AUSTERE, THE  
POOLING OF RESOURCES IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO  
LEVERAGE PUBLIC SECTOR INVESTMENT IN BASIC  
BIOMEDICAL STUDIES.

AND THE BENEFITS ARE MULTIPLIED WHEN YOU  
LOOK AT YOUR REAL PURPOSE -- SERVING THE CAUSE  
OF BETTER HEALTH AND HUMAN COMFORT AROUND THE  
GLOBE. HEALTH ISSUES CERTAINLY TRANSCEND  
NATIONAL BORDERS.

I ENCOURAGE YOU TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF HIGH RESEARCH PRIORITY FOR BOTH COUNTRIES. THE 30-YEAR OLD U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATIVE MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF A WELL-ESTABLISHED BILATERAL MECHANISM FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH IN SUCH AREAS AS AIDS AND EMERGING / RE-EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

MORE RECENTLY, THE U.S.-JAPAN COMMON AGENDA HAS BECOME AN IMPORTANT FRAMEWORK FOR COLLABORATION IN THE INFECTIOUS DISEASE FIELD. THE TREMENDOUS SCOPE OF THE COMMON AGENDA IS REASSURING PROOF OF WHAT THE U.S. AND JAPAN CAN ACCOMPLISH TOGETHER. I AM VERY PLEASED TO SEE THIS DISTINGUISHED GROUP DEEPLY INVOLVED IN A KEY ELEMENT OF THAT SHARED AGENDA.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS SYMPOSIUM WILL ALSO EXPLORE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE MORE YOUNG SCIENTISTS AND STUDENTS TO LOOK BEYOND THEIR OWN BACKYARD, AND THINK ABOUT RESEARCH AND TRAINING OVERSEAS. MORE CAN CERTAINLY BE DONE IN BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN TO BROADEN THE HORIZONS AND THEREBY STIMULATE THE SCIENTIFIC CREATIVITY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. SO

THIS IS AN APT CHALLENGE WHICH I THINK YOU WILL FIND REWARDING.

FOR ITS PART, THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO KEEP THE DOORS OF LEADING AMERICAN RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS OPEN TO YOUNG FOREIGN RESEARCHERS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT JAPAN DO THE SAME.

YOU GATHER FOR A HIGH PURPOSE. I WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR TWO DAYS OF MEETINGS AND LOOK FORWARD TO READING YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

THANK YOU.



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