Welcome message from the 30th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Endocrine Conference (APEC)

It is my great honor to hold the 30th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Endocrine Conference (APEC) for two days on April 19th and 20th, 2019 at Fullon Hotel Taipei, Taiwan.

Since the first meeting was held in Singapore in 1988, APEC has held in various countries in the Asia- Pacific region every year. This time it is scheduled to be held in Taipei.

The aim of APEC is to gather Japanese and international endocrinologists in order to share and debate new concepts in diagnosis, clinical management and research findings regarding endocrine disease.

Moreover, APEC aims to contribute to clinical, scientific development in the field of medicine and allow Japanese physicians the possibility of building friendships with international endocrinologists from Asian counties. It is also a great opportunity for young Japanese doctors to improve their presentation skills at an international conference.

This conference will be co-hosted with the Neurological Surgery Department of the Tri-Service General Hospital (National Defense Medical Collage) in Taiwan, the nearest pro-Japanese country. I sincerely thank Professor Yuan-Hao Chen, the Chief of Neurological Surgery Department of the Tri-Service General Hospital for kindly accepting cooperation pleasantly. We are planning to cooperate with the Taiwan Endocrine Surgery Society by Professor Chen 's greeting. Special lectures will include Professor Yoshiyuki Osamura (Chief of the Pathological department of Nippon Koukan Hospital, specially- appointed Professor of the International University of Health and Welfare) and Professor Akira Teramoto (Vice president of Shonan University of Medical Sciences, Professor Emeritus of Nippon Medical School).

I hope that the friendship between Taiwanese doctors and Japanese doctors will be more deepened through this meeting. We look forward to seeing you from all over the countries.

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