



日越医療展開ハイレベル会議

Further Collaboration in Healthcare Sector Between Viet Nam and Japan

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AGENDA

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Opening Remarks	Dr Minoru Akiyama, Executive Director, Medical Excellence JAPAN
Keynote Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For the Future, the Role of Viet Nam and Japan in the Western Pacific Region: Dr Takeshi Kasai (WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific)• Health Development in Viet Nam: Dr Nguyen Truong Son, Vice Minister, Ministry of Health, Viet Nam
Panel Discussion	Moderator: Dr Mitsuhiro Ushio, Hitachinaka Public Health Centre, Former Health Policy Advisor to Ministry of Health, Viet Nam
Panellists	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Pham Nguyen Quy, M.D., Ph.D., Department of Medical Oncology, Kyoto Miniren Central Hospital, Kyoto University, Y hoc cong• Ms Pham Thi Minh Chau, Deputy Director, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Health, Viet Nam• Mr Yukinori Tominaga, Chairperson of Japanese Pharmaceutical Alliance in Viet Nam• Dr Koji Wada, Professor, Department of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, International University of Health and Welfare
Special Advice	Dr Tran Thi Giang Huong (Director, Program for Disease Control, WHO WPRO)
Concluding Remarks	Dr Hiroki Nakatani (Special Advisor to the President of ERIA)



DR MINORU AKIYAMA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MEDICAL EXCELLENCE JAPAN

Dr Minoru Akiyama graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Tsukuba. He used to work in the department of surgery and bureau of international cooperation in National Centre for Global Health and Medicine for 33 years and international medical centre in the University of Tsukuba for 6 years, then moved to MEJ in 2019.

His specialities are international health and medicine and gastroenterological surgery. He has more than 8 years of experience in health and medical cooperation in Viet Nam; technical cooperation in Cho Ray hospital; advisor to the Ministry of Health; and technical cooperation for the improvement of the Quality of Medical Human Resources.



DR TAKESHI KASAI

WHO REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC

Dr Takeshi Kasai began his term as WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific on 1 February 2019, following his nomination by the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific and his appointment by the WHO Executive Board.

The public health career of Dr Kasai began nearly 30 years ago when he was assigned to a remote post on the northeast coast of Japan, providing health-care services for the elderly. His early experiences there impressed upon him the value of building strong health systems from the ground up. Dr Kasai received his medical degree (MD) from Keio University in 1990; a master's degree in public health from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine in 1996; a diploma in tropical medicine and hygiene from the Royal College of Physicians in London in 1997; and a doctorate (PhD) in medicine from Iwate Medical University in 2012.

Dr Kasai has worked for WHO for more than 15 years, and at the time of his nomination was Director of Programme Management, the No. 2 position at the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific in Manila, Philippines. As a Technical Officer and later as the Director of the Division of Health Security at the Regional Office, he was instrumental in developing and implementing the *Asia Pacific Strategy for Emerging Diseases and Public Health Emergencies*, which guides Member States in preparing for and responding to public health emergencies.

Dr Kasai also served as the WHO Representative in Viet Nam from 2012 to 2014, and in 2014 received the *For the People's Health Medal* from the Government, the top honor bestowed upon those who have made significant contributions to public health.

Dr Kasai is from Japan. He is married and has three daughters.



DR NGUYEN TRUONG SON

VICE MINISTER, MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE S.R. VIET NAM

Nguyen Truong Son is a medical doctor who started his career in 1988 in the Hematology Department of the Cho Ray Hospital, Viet Nam. He served in various positions in the hospital, namely as the Assistant of the Director, Vice Director, and finally as Director of the Cho Ray Hospital from 2008 to 2018. Afterwards, he served as the Vice Minister in the Ministry of Health of Viet Nam since 2018.

He earned his medical degree from Hanoi Medical University, specialising in epidemiology and public health. He has a PhD in Immunology from the Viet Nam Military Medical Academy. In 2012, he was named as Associate Professor in medical health.



DR MITSUHIRO USHIO
HITACHINAKA PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE
FORMER HEALTH POLICY ADVISOR TO MINISTRY OF
HEALTH, VIET NAM

Dr Mitsuhiro Ushio was born in August 1955 in Himeji city. He graduated from Okayama University Medical School in March 1982 and soon entered the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW).

During his service there, he engaged in the Health and Welfare for the Aged, Medical Affairs, Food Safety, Infectious Diseases Control etc. He also worked with WHO/WPRO, the Ministry of Environment, JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) and some Prefectural Governments.

Dr Ushio's last position in the MHLW was the Assistant Minister for Global Health. After retirement, he worked for the Ministry of Health, Viet Nam as Health Policy Advisor.

From April 2019 Dr Ushio has been serving as the Director of Hitachinaka Public Health Center.



DR PHAM NGUYEN QUY
DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL ONCOLOGY,
KYOTO MINIREN CENTRAL HOSPITAL

Dr Quy graduated from Tokyo Medical and Dental University and is currently a physician-scientist working at the Department of Oncology, Kyoto Miniren Central Hospital and Kyoto University.

He is also the Founder and Leader of Y Hoc Cong Dong, a non-profit organisation aimed at providing high-quality medical knowledge for the Vietnamese community. Involved in many different projects in clinical practice, medical research and philanthropic activities, Dr Quy has experience in multidisciplinary teamwork and international collaboration.

He is a dedicated leader with a strong passion for solving challenging problems in Viet Nam, especially the optimal healthcare system for the elderly and effective measures for cancer prevention and treatment.



PHAM THI MINH CHAU

***DEPUTY DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF HEALTH, VIET NAM***

Pham Thi Minh Chau started her service in the Viet Nam Ministry of Health in 1998 as the Program Officer in the Area of Drug Policy and Control, Drug Administration of Viet Nam, under the Viet Nam-Sweden Health Cooperation. Since 2004, she served as an official for ASEAN Affairs under the International Cooperation Department. From 2017 to 2020, she became an official for WHO Cooperation.

In February 2020, she was appointed as the Deputy Director General in the department. Throughout her career, she attended many course from various institutions including on Global Health Diplomacy from the Graduate Institute-Geneva. She has a Master's degree in International Relations.



YUKINORI TOMINAGA

GENERAL DIRECTOR

DAIICHI SANKYO VIETNAM CO., LTD.

CHAIRPERSON OF JAPANESE PHARMACEUTICAL ALLIANCE IN VIET NAM

Yukinori Tominaga has a Master of Business Administration (Executive) degree from Sasin Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. He has been working in the pharmaceutical industry in ASEAN countries for more than 15 years, including 7 years in Viet Nam.

He was a board member of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association in Thailand and currently is a chairperson of the Japanese Pharmaceutical Alliance in Vietnam (JPAV), which aspires to contribute to the quality of life in Viet Nam and Japan by cooperating with the Japanese government and Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (JPMA), as well as improving the business environment of the member companies with mutual friendship for the development of healthcare industries.



DR KOJI WADA

PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, FACULTY OF MEDICINE, INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

Koji Wada is a medical doctor specialising in public health, especially for improving the quality of medical care in developing countries within the context of Universal Health Coverage and infectious disease response with over 21 years of experience internationally and domestically.

His major strengths include identifying critical issues and analysing data, developing and managing research and field projects, as well as providing advisory and supportive services to governments and organisations to make maximum impact on limited resources.



ASSOC. PROF. HUONG THI GIANG TRAN MD, MPH, PHD DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROGRAMMES FOR DISEASE CONTROL, WHO FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION (WPRO)

Dr Huong Thi Giang Tran is the first Vietnamese woman appointed to a Director position at the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific. Since 2019, Dr Tran has served as Director, Division of Programmes for Disease Control (DDC), overseeing WHO's work on disease control in the Western Pacific Region, including vaccine-preventable diseases and immunisation, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria, Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), Noncommunicable Disease (NCD) Management and Mental Health.

From February 2020 to October 2020, she also served as Acting Regional Emergency Director/ Director, Division of Health Security and Emergencies, a key role guiding and supporting WHO's work responding to COVID-19 in the Region.

Since November 2020 she has chaired the Vaccine Working Group, supporting COVID-19 vaccination in the region, and led the Vaccine Incident Management Support Team (VIMST) to ensure all countries and areas in the Region to have access to COVID-19 vaccine, are equipped to vaccinate their eligible populations and can effectively monitor immunisation safety.

Prior to joining WHO, Dr Tran spent 25 years with the Ministry of Health of Viet Nam, 11 years as the Director-General of the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Health of Viet Nam. During this time she led and managed international cooperation activities across the health sector, mobilising and managing financial and technical cooperation from international partners, and working on different public health programmes, especially communicable disease control programmes. She was the Chair of the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD) from 2014 – 2016; Chair of the APEC Health Working Group in 2017. She was also a Vice-Chair of Country Coordinating Mechanism of Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria from 2012 - 2019.

Between 2017 and 2019, Dr Tran was an alternate member of the Executive Board of the World Health Assembly. She qualified as a medical doctor specialising in paediatrics from Hanoi Medical University in Viet Nam in 1991, obtained a Master of Public Health from the University of New South Wales, Australia in 2000, and was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy from Viet Nam's National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology in 2008. She was awarded the title of Associate Professor in 2016.



DR HIROKI NAKATANI, MD, MHPED, PHD ***SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT ON HEALTHCARE*** ***SERVICE, ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR ASEAN AND*** ***EAST ASIA (ERIA)***

In the past five years, Dr Hiroki Nakatani has been holding academic positions in Japan as Visiting Professor at the School of Medicine, Keio University, and Invited Professor at Osaka University Post Graduate School of Medicine. He also serves in various national and international organisations as Chair, Board of Directors, Global Health Innovative Technology Fund (GHIT Fund); Senior Advisor to the President of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA); Member, Board of Directors, National Center for Global Health and Medicine; and Director, Human Resource Strategy Center for Global Health.

He is a veteran public health specialist for over 40 years, who started his career at the Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare in Japan. He worked extensively in health policy, public health, international health, and health science and technology. His national career includes serving as Director-General of Health and Welfare Services in Hiroshima Prefecture, where he was in charge of integrating health and welfare services in preparation for the arrival of a rapidly ageing society.

With regards to his international career, he served the WHO Headquarters twice. From April 1988 to March 1993, he was a Policy Analyst in the Department of Human Resource for Health. From March 2007 to May 2015, he served as Assistant Director-General of WHO, leading the largest technical cluster of HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria, and Neglected Tropical Diseases. During his tenure, the morbidity and mortality of these three significant infections showed decline trends, and a few tropical diseases were on track towards elimination and even eradication (dracunculiasis or guinea worm disease). After he retired from WHO, Dr Nakatani has continued to serve the Organization as the Chair of the WHO Executive Board (2019-2020) and various oversight and advisory committee member. Dr Nakatani received his MD from Keio University School of Medicine, MHPed from the University of New South Wales, and PhD from Keio University.