



Thank you for the introduction. I am Chairman Morisaki. I would like to start with a few words before the start of this symposium.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone participating in today's NASHIM 30th Anniversary Symposium, held in a new, online streaming style.

The Nagasaki Association for Hibakushas' Medical Care, or NASHIM, was founded in April 1992 to provide relief to atomic bombing survivors overseas and victims of radiation accidents around the world, with members consisting of Nagasaki University, Nagasaki University School of Medicine, the Japanese Red Cross Nagasaki Genbaku Hospital, the Radiation Effects Research Foundation, prefectural and municipal medical associations, Nagasaki Prefecture, and the city of Nagasaki.

In the 30 years since its foundation, NASHIM has used the wealth of experience treating victims of atomic radiation in Nagasaki as well as the results of research on radiation damage to train doctors in countries affected by the Chernobyl accident as well as Kazakhstan, train medical personnel from Korea, dispatch medical specialists, publish medical textbooks, and a variety of other projects.

In 1995, the Takashi Nagai Memorial Nagasaki Peace Award was created to honor those who carry on the spirit of the late Doctor Takashi Nagai's noble peace-seeking spirit to contribute to the improvement and development of medical treatment for radiation victims in the international community; the award has been presented on 13 occasions to 15 recipients.

At this symposium, we will look back on NASHIM's effort to date and receive suggestions on future efforts and challenges, and I hope that it will serve as an opportunity to gain an even deeper understanding of medical care for radiation victims and help Nagasaki make an even greater contribution to the world in this area.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the speakers for deigning to present here today and hope that the panelists on the roundtable discussion on "Future Efforts and Challenges at NASHIM" will have a lively discussion in which they share their opinions without reserve.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who worked to make this event happen and extend my best wishes for the continued good health and success of everyone participating today.

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