



Greetings, everyone.

This is Nagasaki Prefecture Vice Governor Ueda.

I would like to express my sincerest respect and gratitude to everyone at NASHIM for your contributions over the years.

Today, I would like to read a message on behalf of Governor Nakamura on the 30th anniversary of NASHIM.

I would like to congratulate everyone involved in the NASHIM 30th Anniversary Symposium, hosted today online through live streaming.

This year marks the 77th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki and the many precious lives it took, and even today, many people still suffer from the aftereffects of radiation.

Takashi Nagai and many other doctors devoted themselves to treating victims of radiation in the immediate aftermath of the Nagasaki atomic bombing, accumulating a wealth of research.

Based on this fount of knowledge, NASHIM has striven to support victims of radiation around the world in its 30 years, and I would once again like to express my respect for these efforts.

The doctors at the Atomic Bomb Disease Institute at Nagasaki University were among the first to visit the site of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant after the accident, providing medical treatment for radiation victims based on the knowledge and experience gained from treating atomic bomb survivors and working in cooperation with NASHIM to spread correct information about radiation.

I would also like to express my sincerest gratitude for the advice provided by these experts on support for Nagasaki, which is currently in discussions with the national government, regarding revisions to screening guidelines based on the “Black Rain” lawsuit.

It is within this context that this symposium and the participation of all involved is truly significant, and I hope this event will serve as an opportunity to further public understanding of NASHIM’s efforts and medicine for radiation victims as well as encourage further contribution from Nagasaki to the world and build greater international cooperation.

Nagasaki Prefecture would like, as a member of NASHIM, to join hands with the constituent organizations to advocate for the abolition of nuclear arms and the creation of permanent peace in the hope that Nagasaki be the last ever site of an atomic bombing.

To finish, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who has cooperated in making this event happen and extend my best wishes for the development of NASHIM and the Atomic Bomb Disease Institute at Nagasaki University as well as for the continued health and success of everyone participating today.

Hodo Nakamura, Governor of Nagasaki Prefecture, February 20, 2022

This message has been read on behalf of Governor Nakamura.

My sincerest congratulations on this momentous occasion.