



This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Nagasaki Association for Hibakushas' Medical Care (NASHIM), established in April 1992.

I would like to express my sincerest respect and deepest gratitude to chairman Morisaki and all those involved in the organizations that constitute NASHIM for working together to make it possible to continue providing relief to victims of atomic bombings and nuclear radiation exposure both in Japan and all over the world during this period. This year marks the 77th anniversary of the atomic bombing and the 11th anniversary of the nuclear accident caused by the Great East Japan Earthquake.

NASHIM has, in addition to accepting more than 600 medical workers from outside Japan to provide medical care for victims of radiation exposure, dispatched specialized doctors to affected areas to provide technical support and medical information over the past 30 years in an effort to promote medical care for victims of radiation exposure. The association has also endeavored to foster successors by providing learning opportunities to the younger generation with lectures held at elementary and middle schools as well as the creation of “Learn About the Nagasaki Atomic Bombing Through Manga” and more.

I believe that the reason the association has been able to continue such efforts is all thanks to the long-spanning efforts by everyone in the organizations that constitute NASHIM toward research on treating victims of radiation exposure and radiation injury as well as their passion for protecting health and lives.

I believe the “NASHIM 30th Anniversary Symposium” will allow us to delve deep into discussions on the future efforts and issues for NASHIM, as this event features not only lectures on medical care for victims of radiation exposure but also brings together many experts and people involved in this work who can share their diverse knowledge and experience on radiation.

Joining the lectures and round table discussions today are Mayor Endo of Kawauchi Village in Fukushima and Professor Takamura of the Atomic Bomb Disease Institute at Nagasaki University.

Kawauchi Village and Nagasaki have been engaged in exchange since the Great East Japan Earthquake, and in the “Children’s Reconstruction Class” created by Nagasaki University, children from Kawauchi Village are given the opportunity to visit the Atomic Bomb Museum and Peace Park to learn about the damage caused by the atomic bomb as well as the history of reconstruction.

I myself had the opportunity to meet and speak with Mayor Endo several times in Nagasaki, and got to visit Kawauchi Village in 2012 and see firsthand the state of reconstruction at the time.

Mayor Endo is one of the leaders I respect most.

I hope that Mayor Endo, who has worked hard to rebuild Kawauchi Village, and Professor Takamura, who has worked tirelessly to support areas affected by radiation and also serve as the director of The Great East Japan Earthquake and Nuclear Disaster Memorial Museum, will share their valuable opinions based on their experiences. Finally, as the mayor of the city of Nagasaki, one of the atomic bombing sites, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude once again to all the organizations that have contributed internationally over the past 30 years through

medical care for victims of radiation exposure.

I pray that the efforts at NASHIM will continue to grow and play an important role in advancing medical care for victims of radiation exposure around the world. Thank you.

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