



Thank you all for today.

I am honored to be given this opportunity to address the Nagasaki Association for Hibakushas' Medical Care (NASHIM) 30th Anniversary Symposium.

Today's event was hosted online due to the coronavirus pandemic, and I believe preparations must have been quite difficult. I would therefore like to thank everyone at the secretariat.

Professor Yamashita's lecture during the first section was refined and eloquent as always.

We were graced with an extremely articulate lecture on human resource development as well as the history of the establishment of NASHIM and its future. The need to develop human resources capable of medicine for radiation exposure victims around the world was emphasized, and as I listened I wondered if this would be the future challenge for NASHIM.

In Doctor Reiner's lecture on pediatric thyroid cancer, he provided a variety of easy-to-understand data to show that the occurrence of thyroid cancer in Fukushima is not necessarily an effect of radiation, making this lecture an encouraging one for us.

In the second section, four experts and chairperson Professor Uetani discussed a variety of topics, and as I listened I once again felt that the keywords here were international exchange and human resource development. NASHIM is an organization with 30 years of history, and I sincerely hope we can train the next generation to continue this project for many more years to come.

Finally, I would like to conclude my remarks by wishing all participants today good health and success in their future endeavors.

Thank you very much for today.

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