Restructuring Japan’s Healthcare System
—Beyond the March 11 Disaster—

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AGENDA

9:30–10:05 Opening Session
MODERATOR: Tadashi Yamamoto, President, Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE)

Opening Remarks
Richard Horton, Editor-in-chief, Lancet, UK

Overview
Lincoln Chen, President, China Medical Board, USA
Keizo Takemi, Senior Fellow, JCIE

10:05–10:45 Session 1: What Does the Disaster Teach Us about Japan’s Health System?
MODERATOR: Keizo Takemi

SITUATION REPORT:
Kenji Shibuya, Professor and Chair, Department of Global Health Policy, University of Tokyo

COMMENTATOR:
Hidekazu Tanaka, Editor, Health and Medical News Department, Yomiuri Shimbun
Michael Reich, Taro Takemi Professor of International Health Policy and Director, Takemi Program in International Health, Harvard School of Public Health, USA

10:45–11:00 Break
11:00–12:30  **Session 2: Current Challenges Facing Japan’s Health System**

**MODERATOR:** Michael Reich

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**MEDICAL SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM**
Hideki Hashimoto, *Professor, Department of Health Economics and Epidemiology Research, University of Tokyo*

**MEDICAL AND LONG TERM CARE FOR THE OLDER**
Nanako Tamiya, *Professor, Department of Health Services Research, Graduate School of Comprehensive Human Sciences, University of Tsukuba*

**SUSTAINABILITY OF UNIVERSAL COVERAGE**
Naoki Ikegami, *Professor and Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management, School of Medicine, Keio University*

**COMMENTATORS:**
Harvey V. Fineberg, *President, Institute of Medicine, USA*
Suwit Wibulpolprasert, *Senior Advisor, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand*

Q&A

12:30–14:00  Lunch break

14:00–15:30  **Session 3: Reforms for the Future—Maintaining Equity, Efficiency, and Sustainability**

**MODERATOR:**
Shunsuke Watanabe, *Professor, Tokyo Women’s Medical College; former Editorial Writer, Nikkei Shimbun*

**PRESENTATION:**
Naoki Ikegami

**COMMENTATORS:**
Bong-min Yang, *Professor of Economics and Executive Director, Institute of Health and Environment, Seoul National University, Korea*
Keiji Yamada, *Governor of Kyoto Prefecture; President, National Governors’ Association*
Shigeru Omi, *Professor, Division of General Practice Center, Jichi Medical University*

Q&A

15:30–15:45  Break
Session 4: Global Implications of Achieving Universal Healthcare Coverage Based on Human Security

M O D E R A T O R:  
Richard Horton

P R E S E N T A T I O N:  
Kenji Shibuya

C O M M E N T A T O R S:  
Sudhir Anand, Professor of Economics, Oxford University, UK; Visiting Professor, Harvard Medical School, USA
Joseph Kutzin, Coordinator, Health Financing Policy, World Health Organization (WHO)

Q&A

Concluding Remarks

Y.S. Chi, Chairman, Management Committee, Reed Elsevier plc
William Summerskill, Executive Editor, Lancet, UK
Keizo Takemi