Valedictory Address

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World Medical Association

WMA General Assembly, Reykjavik, Iceland
Oct. 5, 2018
2017 Global Health Forum in Taiwan
Taipei, Taiwan, October 22-23, 2017
One Health International Conference 2017
Bangkok, Thailand, December 14-15, 2017
2018 Chinese Medical Association Annual Scientific Meeting
The 2nd Pak-China Medical Congress & Belt and Road Forum of Medical Associations
Beijing, China, January 26-27, 2018
The 68th WMA President Inaugural Celebration Party
Tokyo, Japan, February 16, 2018
121th German Medical Assembly
Erfurt, Germany, May 8-11, 2018
The 5th Nikkei Medical Seminar
Mexico City, Mexico, August 11, 2018
The Ninth International Medical Congress of the Southeast European Medical Forum
Teslic, Bosnia-Herzegovina, September 6-9, 2018
WMA General Assembly Reykjavik 2018
Reykjavik, Iceland, October 3-6, 2018
Healthcare in Japan
Historical changes in mortality rate in Japan (by major causes of death) 1947-2016

Source: Cancer countermeasures in Japan & Next Basic Plan for Promotion of Cancer Countermeasures, Demographic Statistics 2014
Masaharu Tantou, Cancer and Disease Control Division, Health Service Bureau, MHLW
Source: Shrink the universal health coverage cube; 50th APACPH Conference: 2018, September 12, 2018, Masamine Jimba, Department of Community and Global Health Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo;
Original data: Tadao Shimao, Director emeritus, Research Institute of Tuberculosis, “The role of countermeasures for tuberculosis into Universal Health Insurance in Japan”
Trends of 5-year relative survival rate in all cancers

Advances in cancer treatment such as radiation therapy, chemotherapy and surgical therapy are remarkable. As a result, the survival rate of cancer has been increasing.

Source: Cancer countermeasures in Japan & Next Basic Plan for Promotion of Cancer Countermeasures, Demographic Statistics 2014, Masaharu Tantou, Cancer and Disease Control Division, Health Service Bureau, MHLW
Data: Center for Cancer Control and Information Services, National Cancer Center
Transition of Life Expectancy in Japan 1947-2016

Promotion of UHC

UHC is a Global Goal for National Health Policy
The business leaders, healthcare organizations, and municipal leaders together launched the Japan Health Conference in July 10, 2015, in which the private-sector takes the initiative to promote progressive preventative care and health development among local governments, companies, and insurers, with the aim of extending healthy life expectancy and optimizing the healthcare expenditure.

To develop cross-sectional progressive efforts in local governments, companies, and insurers, the Conference adopted the “2020 Declaration of Healthy Community and Workplace Development,” which incorporates the key performance indicators toward 2020.

To ensure to achieve these goals,

1) A working group will be established for each project, and the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Economy will cooperate in investigating specific approaches so that any bottlenecks will be eliminated and the cases of good practice can be expanded.

2) The “Japan Health Conference Portal Site” will be established to promote competition, for example by visually describing the project status by area or field of business.

*Nippon Kenko Kaigi(http://kenkokaigi.jp/index.html)
Meeting with Director-General of WHO
Tokyo, Japan, December 13, 2017
Declaration of Support by Global Health Leaders
Declaration of Support by Global Health Leaders at UHC Forum 2017

Antonio Guterres, UN

Shinzo Abe
Prime Minister, Japan

Jim Yong Kim, World Bank

Tedros Ghebreyesus, WHO

Anthony Lake, UNICEF
Declaration of Support by Global Health Leaders at UHC Forum 2017
MOU between WMA and WHO on UHC and Emergency Disaster Preparedness
Geneva, Switzerland, April 5, 2018

Signed the MOU with Dr. Tedros, WHO Director General at the WHO headquarters in Geneva on April 5, 2018.
MOU between WHO and WMA

Areas of collaboration

a) The realization of Universal Health Coverage for All, with special focus on the role of physicians and their professional organizations, facilitating understanding of the concept and proactive participation.

b) Strengthening education, employment and management of health workers. The WHO Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health: Workforce 2030, the recommendations of the UN High Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth and the Working for Health five-year action plan provide the overarching policy and strategic framework at international level for collaboration on human resources for health issues.
c) Promoting actively health-related human rights and to ensuring the full respect of medical ethics for all people worldwide, including support for the implementation of the Joint UN Statement on Eliminating Discrimination in Health Care Settings by taking action on the Social Determinants of Health.

d) Strengthening and developing systems of emergency and disaster preparedness on the national and international level with specific focus on the role of physicians and their professional organizations.
Modalities of collaboration

**WHO country support**

COUNTRY
National UHC road map based on NHPSP (national health policies, strategies and plans)

**WMA engagement**

WMA national member associations contribute to physicians' capacity building in countries and national policy dialogue on health workforce

WMA supports policy dialogue and global advocacy for workforce investment (e.g. 2019 G20 Osaka summit)

Source: Health workforce in the context of UHC and the WHO 13th General Programme of Work Briefing for World Medical Association Geneva. 5 April 2018
**H20 (Health Professional Meeting)**

Promotion of Universal Health Coverage

Cooperative and collaborative efforts to promote UHC by officers of the WHO regional offices and representatives of the WMA member countries.

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Meeting with Global Fund
Geneva, Switzerland, April 5, 2018
Meeting with International President of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)  
Geneva, Switzerland, April 6, 2018
Visit to WMA Office
Ferney-Voltaire, France, April 6, 2018
Visit to GAVI The Vaccine Alliance
Geneva, Switzerland, April 6, 2018
Visit to UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
Geneva, Switzerland, April 6, 2018
Third UN High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of NCDs

TIME TO DELIVER: Accelerating our response to address NCDs for the health and well-being of present and future generations
Third UN High Level Meeting on NCDs
New York, USA, Sept. 27 2018
I have decided to undertake my fourth term because I have a strong desire for Japan's healthcare system, which was built upon integration of the universal health insurance coverage and the medical care provision systems centered on Kakaritsuke Physicians (primary care physicians), to improve, rising to an even higher level through carefully listening to the voices of individual members who serve as the backbone of community medicine.

*Form Presidential Policy Address*
Thank you for your attention!

Japan Medical Association