

**UN HLM on UHC Side Event
UHC and Communicable Diseases
: Tradition and Innovation**



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The Nippon Club, New York**

**The role of physicians
and their professional organizations
In the realization of UHC**

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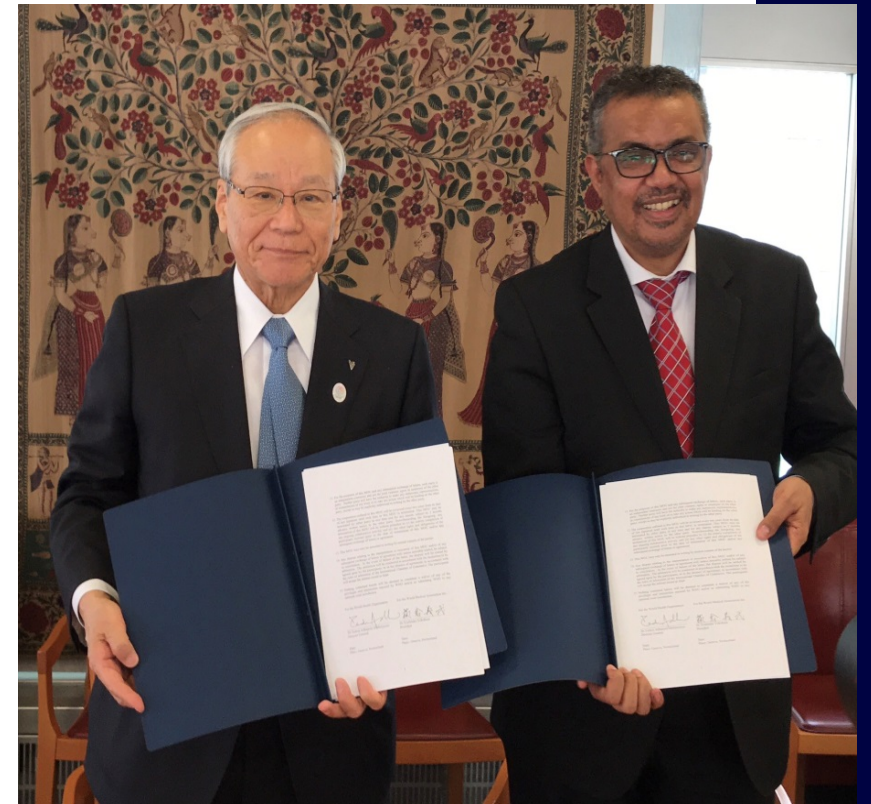
Declaration of Support by Global Health Leaders

MOU between WMA and WHO

on UHC and Emergency Disaster Preparedness

Geneva, Switzerland, April 5, 2018

- a) The realization of UHC for All, with special focus on the role of physicians and their professional organizations.
- b) Strengthening education, employment and management of health workers.
- c) Promoting actively health-related human rights and to ensuring the full respect of medical ethics.
- d) Strengthening and developing systems of emergency and disaster preparedness.



Health Professional Meeting (H20) 2019

- Road to Universal Health Coverage -



June 13th & 14th, 2019,
Hilton Tokyo Odaiba, Tokyo



Her Imperial Highness Crown
Princess Akishino



Minister of Finance Aso



Minister of Health, Labour
and Welfare Nemoto



Prime Minister Abe

Keynote Speeches

If we want to achieve not just healthcare coverage, but better health for our populations, we need to be taking action on the social determinants of health.



**Sir Michael Marmot:
Health Inequities and SDH**



**Dr. Naoko Yamamoto:
Towards UHC-What we need?**

I believe that participation of medical associations in various fields such as education and nutrition, and their advocacy and support of activities placing a high value on human health will be of great help in changing society.

Session 1: How to achieve UHC?



Dr. Osahon Enabullele

The session reaffirmed the need to strengthen existing commitments of governments, non governmental bodies/ non state actors (including the World Medical Association, National Medical Associations, and other Health professionals) to UHC.



Session 2: Health Security and UHC

Disasters and disease epidemics are major threats to the on-going efforts to achieve UHC.

Controlling health threats can be a contributor to achieving UHC, and UHC can be a key to overcoming such devastating health threats.



Dr. Masamine Jimba



Session 3: Political Dimension of UHC

UHC/PHC is not only a technical challenge, but its progress depends on political process unique to the context of each country and health system. Medical professions have a crucial role to play in health policy.



Session 4: Shared Responsibilities, Individual Obligations towards UHC



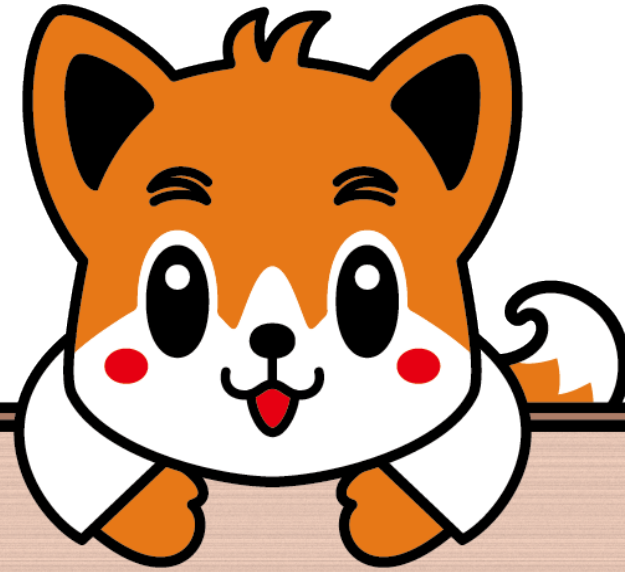
The chair closed the meeting with a quote, “If you want to go quickly, you go alone. If you want to go far, you go together”, in urging countries continued progress towards UHC.



Memorandum of Tokyo on UHC and the Medical Profession

UHC is a tool to overcome inequities in the health systems themselves.

- UHC is for people, but also by people.
- The WMA encourages physicians and their associations in all parts of this world to play a profound role in the advocacy for and the realization of UHC.
- We welcome the recent attention that G20 Finance Ministers give to the development of UHC as a contribution “to human capital development, sustainable and inclusive growth and development, and prevention, detection and response to health emergencies, such as pandemics and anti-microbial resistance, in developing countries.”
- We express our expectation to the G20 Summit that this inspires the way to improved and sustainable investments in health care system not only in G20 countries but also and most importantly in other economies, which still invest insufficiently in their health care systems, irrespective of the reasons for such shortfalls.



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**Thank you
for your attention!**