The role of physicians and their professional organizations in the realization of UHC

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Declaration of Support by Global Health Leaders
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on UHC and Emergency Disaster Preparedness
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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.
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Princess Akishino

Prime Minister Abe

Minister of Finance Aso

Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare Nemoto
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.

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.

Keynote Speeches

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

Sir Michael Marmot: Health Inequities and SDH
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.
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.
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.
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.
Thank you for your attention!