

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen.

First of all, let me express how happy, excited and honored I am by being awarded a position in the My Oncology Dream program. In the next few minutes, I would like to tell you about what this opportunity means to me and what I am planning to do with the knowledge and experience gained from this excellent program.

I would like to once more thank the MD Anderson Cancer Center, the Japan Cancer Society and the Japanese Embassy of the United States of America for making this possible -- --for making my dream come true.

I have always considered comprehensive patient care very important and already had several ideas how to improve cancer treatment and management. However, it was the helpful career development guidance of MD Anderson Cancer Center faculty that allowed me to clarify and refine my plans and career goals.

The Japanese level of medical care is certainly high but I think that especially in the field of medical oncology the United States are still the best. Let me elaborate a little on my goals and expectations.

First and foremost, I want to prepare more general medical oncologists for the work in multidisciplinary care teams necessary for the steadily increasing number of cancer patients.

To lead and inspire, I need to become a professionally attractive oncologist myself, I need to be able to ignite passion in all care team members, build their confidence and give them the desire to become leaders themselves to initiate not just a gradual **but an exponential** improvement in Japanese cancer care.

I also came to understand that true leaders are not made by their position but by their knowledge, skills and experience, and it became my motto. The multidisciplinary team in our institution started using EBM for application of treatment regimens and supportive care based on the idea of liquid leadership. Each specialist becomes the team leader for his or her field related tasks and so everyone can present their ideas with confidence. We started discussing how to improve community awareness regarding cancer

patients, too. I would— for example — like to start a children art project, like the successful one at MDACC, as it seems that even a small step can eventually make a big difference. I have organized genetic counseling and survivorship program committees in our institution as well. During the next five years, I would like to improve our facilities and operations to become a model hospital and promote better care and long term results for cancer patients in Hokkaido.

Although I desire our patient care to improve as soon as possible, I am aware it will be a long term process. I realistically expect to see the results of our endeavor in about ten years. An increase in number of clinical trials and the ability of oncologists to follow the latest developments in their field and related basic science will bring about highly personalized treatment systems and significantly improve the quality of our patients' life. I also hope to initiate and promote good relations between various institutions and create a sort of information exchange matrix for young oncologists to be able to easily access important information and discuss it with the international medical community. All this should make it possible to create a much more cancer patient friendly society and to gain wide public and private support.

My great vision is to eliminate cancer in Japan — — — to eliminate cancer in the world, and I am ready to devote my life to it — — and passionate about winning as many as possible to this all important cause.

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Thank you very much.