

Closing Address

Fumimaro TAKAKU
President, Japanese Association of Medical Sciences



As Dr. Reich said, the 30th anniversary symposium for the Takemi Program in International Health was a great success. During his Keynote Speech, Dr. Reich introduced talks given by Takemi Fellows from many different countries at the symposium held in Boston. Listening to that and to the talks given here by five Takemi Fellows, I was genuinely moved by the foresight of Dr. Taro Takemi, who planned this program in international health 30 years ago. At yesterday's party, there was discussion of keeping the program going for another 30 years. I believe that the program will continue, and I hope that young people will line up to participate and study the situations in other countries. Since the Japan Medical Association and the Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association are, after all, supporting such a great program, the outcomes need to be publicized more. Now, I would like to once again express my appreciation to Dr. Reich for giving the keynote speech and to the five Takemi Fellows who gave talks today. Thank you very much.