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Welcome Message in Connection with the Opening of the 30th Anniversary Symposium of the DIMS Institute of Medical Science, Inc

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It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the Symposium celebrating the 30th anniversary of the DIMS Institute of Medical Science Inc. here in Nagoya.

First of all, under ordinary circumstances, we should have the attendance of Dr. Nobuyuki Ito who is one of the founding fathers of the DIMS Institute of Medical Science Inc. Unfortunately, he is ill in bed. So, I will do my best to fill in for him.

The 30th anniversary of the DIMS Institute of Medical Science Inc. means that it has been 30 years since Dr. Ito moved his research base to Nagoya from Nara. At that time, Dr. Ito encountered a shortage of animal facilities for his research and decided to build a private institute for cancer research. In consort with Dr. Kiwamu Ito, who was the President of Dai-yukai Hospital, he established the DIMS Institute of Medical Science Inc., formally called Daiyu-kai Institute of Medical Science Inc.

We should remember his experimental rationale and continue the excellent progress began under his direction.

It is a very propitious occasion for us, Dr. Ito's colleagues, to be able to hold this celebration of the founding of the DIMS Institute of Medical Science Inc. with so many distinguished guests. Drs. Samuel M. Cohen, Ricardo Cabral, Ross G. Cameron, João Lauro Viana de Camargo, Malcolm A. Moore and Jerrold M. Ward were all students of Dr. Ito in Nagoya. They are now working at the international level as well as being active in their home countries.

The DIMS Institute of Medical Science Inc. is a unique CRO designed to assess carcinogenic risk using animal models such as the Ito Model and other carcinogenic mechanism models. There are several distinguished advisers for the DIMS Institute of Medical Science Inc., one of whom, Dr. Fukushima, will address us concerning the challenging field of risk assessment of extremely low doses of carcinogens.

The DIMS Institute of Medical Science Inc. provides valuable and practical information on how to assess carcinogenic risk using the most up-to-date methodology. I believe that the DIMS Institute of Medical Science Inc. will continue to be one of the top institutes of its kind in Japan, continuing to provide invaluable services to the health sector, both private and governmental.

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