

Greeting from Mr. Adachi Shinnya

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- **I am very pleased to join you here at the 20th Asia Pacific Cancer Conference, a highly memorable event!**

I am Shinya Adachi, currently a member of the House of Councilors of the Japanese Diet, or Parliament, and was appointed the Parliamentary Secretary for Health, Labour and Welfare. Until five and a half years ago, I was a gastroenterologist specializing in the treatment of stomach cancer right here in Tsukuba City. My roots thus lie here in my experience in Tsukuba. Now, I trust that the rich experience of all of you gathered here for the 20th APCC will translate into great progress in cancer research and therapy in the Asia-Pacific region.

As you are all fully aware, the key to success in the fight against cancer is actualization of a series of steps, consisting of primary prevention, early detection, treatment and prevention of recurrence. In Japan, we are making progress in the development of an HPV vaccine, increasing screening and examination rates, and implementation of treatments that fit the specific condition of individual patients.

The 20th APCC has focused on cancer within the Asia-Pacific region, and I think it is also extremely interesting and important due to its contributions to cancer treatments for individuals.

I am confident that the successful conclusion of this Conference will lead to great developments and progress in cancer research throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Thank you!