

## Greetings

Dear participants, ladies and gentleman,

The second Department of Pathology, Kagoshima University has long been collaborating with several Chinese researchers. Among them professor Jia Xin Shan from the China Medical School, Sheng Yang is one of the key persons who has visited three times our Kagoshima University, making excellent researches, exchanging the ideas between China and Kagoshima, especially in the field of lung cancer, nasopharyngeal carcinoma in connection to the EBV infection, stomach cancer, and malignant lymphomas.

Recently supported by the Grant in Aid of the Ministry of the Education and Science, Japan for 1999, Dr.Hasui from the Second Department of Pathology, Kagoshima University, has planed to hold a symposium for comparative studies on gastric malignant lymphoma in China and Japan.

The recent studies have disclosed an important etiological role of *Helicobacter pylori* in inducing not only gastric carcinoma but also malignant lymphoma. However, the precise mechanism of the oncogenesis of these malignancies remain still unknown. As for the malignant lymphoma of the stomach there are histologically two types; a low grade and a high grade. The low grade lymphoma may progress into high grade or may arise *de novo*; the mechanism or cause of which is also not clarified yet. Also unknown is whether pathogenesis of Chinese and Japanese malignant lymphoma of the stomach is different or similar. In addition to these oncogenic mechanism, there are many other things to be discussed in the symposium, e.g. methodology of molecular analysis in detail etc.

In the present symposium many new findings will be presented and many fruitful discussions will be aroused for the further understanding of malignant lymphoma of the stomach. I sincerely hope that all the participants mutually exchange own original ideas or opinions without hesitation and deepen the friendship of China and Japan, feeling the historical atmosphere of the ancient capital city Sheng Yang.

**Eiichi Sato**  
(Prof.Emeritus, Kagoshima University)

Ladies and Gentlemen;

The research project applied by Mr. Hasui Kazuhisa, the Second Department of Pathology, Kagoshima University, and me now have been approved and financed by the Education and Science Department of Japan. By the efforts of Sino-Japan bilateral colleagues and supports from all of you, we hold a symposium on gastric lymphoma. Welcome your attending and thank you wholeheartedly.

Despite of limited period of the symposium, we communicated the latest progression and achievement on gastric lymphoma. Through the meeting, we not only grasped a lot of information, but also promoted the apprehension and deepened exchanges among each other. Furthermore, we laid a good foundation of ongoing cooperation. So, we conclude that the symposium is of great significance. Although the meeting is over, our friendship will last forever.

I wish all of you a happy journey and good health.

**Jia Xin Shan**  
(Professor, China Medical University)