

Takemi Fellows to Receive Support from Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association

The Harvard School of Public Health is pleased to announce a new commitment from The Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (JPMA) to support the participation of Takemi Fellows from low-income countries in the highly-regarded Takemi Program in International Health. The gift of \$400,000, to be made over five years, celebrates the 30th Anniversary of the Takemi Program at Harvard and is supported by the special committee headed by Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura, President of the Japan Medical Association. The Symposium was attended by 80 past and current Takemi Fellows, as well as prominent figures in global health from around the world.

The program is named for Dr. Taro Takemi, a distinguished physician, scientist, inventor and educator, who served for more than 25 years as the president of the Japan Medical Association. The goals and strategies of the Takemi Program in International Health are designed to continue his legacy of promoting the development and allocation of medical resources. The Japan Medical Association has collaborated with the Takemi Program at Harvard for many years as a key partner for its activities globally.

The JPMA has been a longtime supporter of the Takemi program on an annual basis, and is making this additional gift in honor of the program's 30th anniversary

The new contribution from the JPMA will enable the Takemi Program to reach out to highly qualified mid-career health professionals from low-income countries facing major health care challenges. By doing so, the JPMA helps the Takemi Program further its mission: to facilitate research on the problems of mobilizing, allocating, and maintaining limited resources to improve health.

The Takemi Program was established at HSPH in 1983. Each year the Program brings a small group of emerging health leaders from around the world to HSPH as Takemi Fellows. The Fellows participate in 11 months of inter-disciplinary and independent work, study and collaboration at Harvard. To date, the program has included 251 Takemi Fellows from 53 countries. Fellows have included physicians, economists, political scientists, biomedical scientists, anthropologists and others, working in academia, government sector and the private sector.

The JPMA contribution will come from its member pharmaceutical companies committed to conducting research on drug development, and supporting efforts combatting diseases across the globe.

Dean Julio Frenk of the Harvard School of Public Health welcomed the new contribution from the JPMA, saying, "We are especially grateful to the JPMA for their continued and expanded support for the Takemi Program in International Health. This generous gift will allow the Takemi Program to continue to be a global model for international collaboration to improve health systems worldwide."