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The 30th Anniversary of the Takemi Program in International Health: Harvard School of Public Health

The Takemi Program in International Health at the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) is an interdisciplinary program established in the HSPH in 1983. The program is named after Dr. Taro Takemi, a former president of the Japan Medical Association (JMA) and the World Medical Association (WMA), in recognition of his achievements and in admiration of his vision in pointing out the global need to enhance and improve health services along with the worldwide problems arising from limited resources and his advocacy for the development of new, effective health resources and improvement of their methods of allocation.

Dr. Takemi's concept was to invite current and future leading health professionals in government, academia, and industry from around the world, with the purpose of facilitating the effectiveness and global development of health services integrating all manner of natural and social sciences through research and training programs, making use of Harvard University faculty and related programs. The point of research is to study the science of the development, distribution, and use of new health plans and medical resources and the objective is to train health care policy leaders from countries around the world.

There are seven principles that underline the concept and practice of global health, as developed over the past two decades in the Takemi Program. The principles are: research emphasis, policy orientation, interdisciplinary perspective, mutual respect, individual freedom, community spirit, individual capacity building.

The Takemi Program started in the HSPH in September 1984 with five Takemi Fellows. Since

then, 242 people (including 52 Japanese) connected to local universities, public and private research institutes, government health authorities, NGOs, and international organizations from 52 countries have conducted research at the HSPH as Takemi Fellows, and their international network now extends around the world. Geographically, the majority of Takemi Fellows have come from Asia (including CMAAO member countries), Africa, and South America.

This October, Harvard University will hold the 30th anniversary of the Takemi Program commemoration in Boston followed by a commemorative symposium organized by the JMA in Tokyo in November, in order to further develop the program's accomplishments over the past 30 years. Moreover, since Fellow candidates from low-income countries have been abandoning hope of joining the program for economic reasons, a new scholarship program has been established to invite two Takemi Fellows each year.

Today, Takemi Fellows are active in a wide range of global health fields around the world, and it is hoped that they will continue to reinforce their network and cooperate in many ways in the future.

The Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association financially supports the core administrative costs of the Takemi Program. Furthermore, the JMA has supported the Takemi Program since it was first established, and since 1994 it has further strengthened its involvement through the screening of Japanese Takemi Fellows and the provision of scholarships. Marking the program's 30th anniversary, the JMA is committed to more actively supporting the Takemi Program together with CMAAO member associations and hopes to contribute to international health by making effective use of Takemi Fellows.

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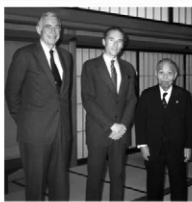
- Dr. Taro Takemi, a former president of the Japan Medical Association (JMA)
- pointed out the global need to enhance and improve health services along with the worldwide problems arising from limited resources, and
- advocated the development of new, effective health resources and improvement of their methods of allocation.

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The Origins of the Takemi Program

Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH)

- in recognition of Dr. Takemi's achievements and in admiration of his vision,
- established the Takemi Program in 1983, which became the first program in HSPH bearing the name of a Japanese.




From left, Prof. David E. Bell, Dean Howard Hiatt, and Dr. Taro Takemi
(A photo taken in Dec. 1981)

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The Concept of the Takemi Program

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- with the purpose of facilitating the effectiveness and global development of health services integrating all manner of natural and social sciences through research and training programs, making use of Harvard University faculty and related programs.
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Seven Principles of the Takemi Program

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- Research emphasis
- Policy-oriented
- Interdisciplinary perspective
- Mutual respect
- Individual freedom
- Community spirit
- Individual capacity building



Taro Takemi Professor & Program Director
Michael Reich

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Takemi Fellows (1984-2014)


September 1984
The first group of five Takemi Fellows arrived at the HSPH
= The start of the Program

1984~2014

- Since then, 242 people (including 52 Japanese) connected to local universities, public and private research institutes, government health authorities, NGOs, and international organizations from 52 countries have conducted research at the HSPH as Takemi Fellows.
- Many Fellows emerge as leaders of national institutions and occupy leadership positions in the front line of global health.
- Their international network now extends around the world.

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The first Takemi Fellows (1984)



- HENDRATA Lukas: INDONESIA, deceased in 1994
- YUAN, Hong-chang: CHINA, Deputy Dean, School of Graduate Studies, Shanghai Medical University
- Prakash C Gupta: INDIA, Managing Director of Healis Sekhsaria Institute of Public Health
- YEON, Ha-Cheong: KOREA, Vice President for Public Service & Dean of Graduate School Myongji University
- TANAKA, Keiji: JAPAN, Chair, Board of Regents, Tokyo Medical University Education Foundation

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Takemi Fellows: Leaders in Global Health

After the Takemi year, Fellows are encouraged to continue their relationships with other researchers met at Harvard on the basis of mutual respect. Community spirit is an irreplaceable asset in global health.



The group photo of Takemi Fellows 1990-91 (above).

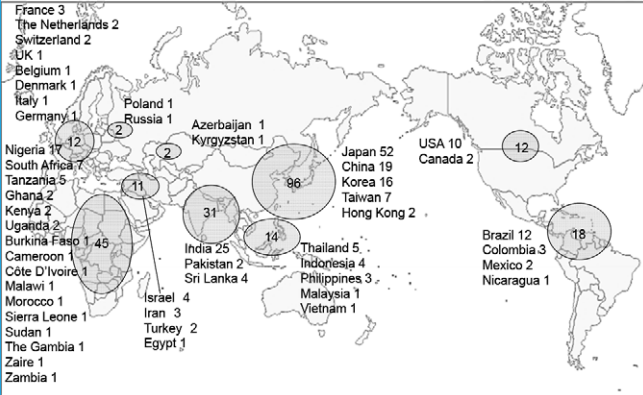


Dr. Nafsiah Mboi was named Minister of Health in Indonesia in June 2012 (left).

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Geographical Distribution of Takemi Fellows: 1984-2014

242 Fellows from 51 Countries



France	3
The Netherlands	2
Switzerland	2
UK	1
Belgium	1
Denmark	1
Italy	1
Germany	1
Poland	1
Russia	1
Azerbaijan	1
Kyrgyzstan	1
USA	10
Canada	2
Brazil	12
Colombia	3
Mexico	2
Nicaragua	1
Japan	52
China	19
Korea	16
Taiwan	7
Hong Kong	2
India	25
Pakistan	2
Sri Lanka	4
Thailand	5
Indonesia	4
Philippines	3
Malaysia	1
Vietnam	1
Nigeria	17
South Africa	2
Tanzania	5
Ghana	2
Kenya	2
Uganda	2
Burkina Faso	1
Cameroon	1
Côte D'Ivoire	1
Malawi	1
Morocco	1
Sierra Leone	1
Sudan	1
The Gambia	1
Zaire	1
Zambia	1

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Financial Support to the Takemi Program

- the JMA has supported the Takemi Program since it was first established.
- Since 1994 it has been involved in the screening of Japanese Takemi Fellows and the provision of scholarships to them, sending two Fellows each year.
- Since 1994, the Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association supports core administrative costs of the Program.




JMA delegates visit the Program every year.

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30th Anniversary of the Takemi Program (2013)

2013 marks the 30th anniversary of the Takemi Program.

- Commemorative symposiums
 - Oct. 11-12: Harvard University, Boston, USA
 - Nov. 23: JMA Building, Tokyo, Japan
- Establishment of new scholarship program
 - for Fellow candidates from low-income countries
 - invite two Takemi Fellows each year for 10 years.
- MOU was entered by JMA and HSPH.



(From Left)
Prof. Michael Reich,
Dean David Hunter (Dean of Academic Affairs)
Dr. Masami Ishii (JMA)

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The Takemi Program in the Future

- Marking the program's 30th anniversary, the JMA is committed to more actively supporting the Takemi Program and hopes to contribute to global health by making effective use of Takemi Fellows.
- Furthermore, the JMA proposes that Takemi Fellows in the CMAAO member countries and their global network be utilized to improve the health status of the people living in the Asia and Oceania region.

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Now accepting applications for 2014-2015. The deadline is March 1, 2014.

Current and Former Takemi Fellows are invited to join the Takemi Program in International Health Group on Facebook. The purpose of this group is to allow Takemi Fellows and Alumni to network and interact both formally and informally. **The group is intended for past and present Takemi Fellows only.** We welcome others to add us as a Friend, and to join our Fan Page.

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/takemi/>

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Takemi Alumni

Over the past 50 years, the international network of Takemi Fellows has grown to include 241 Fellows from 52 countries.

Takemi Program alumni occupy leadership positions in international agencies, research institutions and policy and administrative positions in many countries and in international agencies around the world.

This section provides the contact information for former Fellows including present organization, activity and area of work.

We plan to develop in the near future a two page activity board for each fellow and edit their support in reporting their activities, areas of study and current projects.

This will help promote the growing network of Takemi Fellows.

Click Here for a list of past Takemi Fellows and their contact information.

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Eating fruits could lower diabetes risk

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/takemi/takemi-fellows/past-fellows/>

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