Report on the 1\textsuperscript{st} conference of the Research Group of Thalidomide Embryopathy of Japan

As part of the activities conducted by “The Research Group on the various problems of the health and living situation in thalidomide-impaired people in Japan” organized and funded by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan, we have established the Research Group of Thalidomide Embryopathy of Japan. Bringing together a total of 55 participants including experts and medical workers with experience in the treatment and study of thalidomide embryopathy (TE), as well as those who may be involved in the treatment and support of thalidomide embryopathy in the future, the 1\textsuperscript{st} conference of the Research Group of Thalidomide Embryopathy of Japan closed on a successful note. During this conference, the participants exchanged information about medical treatment for TE, and engaged in active discussions about the related issues and problems. We have decided to regularly hold the conference with this initiative, and are planning to organize the 2\textsuperscript{nd} conference of the Research Group of Thalidomide Embryopathy of Japan in a year.

The details of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} conference will be posted on our website after the schedule is decided.

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  \item Date and time: 25 January 2015 (Sunday), 10:30 am - 4:20 pm
  \item Venue: Sola City Conference Center, Ochanomizu, Tokyo
  \item Organizer: The Research Group of Thalidomide Embryopathy of Japan
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## Program

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| 10:30 - 10:35 | Opening Remarks  
Nakamura  
Hospital Director, National Center for Global Health and Medicine |              |        |
| 10:35 - 12:00 | General Assembly                                                             |              |        |
| 12:00 - 13:00 | Lunch                                                                        | 12:00 - 13:00| Lunch  |
| 13:00 - 14:30 | (1) Orthopedic issues + Rehabilitation issues  
Lecture by Takamasa Saito | 13:00 - 13:50| (2) Psychiatric/Psychological issues  
Lecture by Takamasa Saito | 13:50 - 14:00| Break  |
| 14:30 - 14:45 | Break                                                                        | 14:00 - 14:50| (3) Otolaryngological issues  
Lecture by Yoshisato Tanaka |        |
| 14:45 - 15:40 | (4) Internal medical issues                                                  | 14:50 - 15:00| Break  |
| 15:50 - 16:20 | Report and summary of each section                                           |              |        |

Moderator for each section:  (1) Kayamori  (2) Imai  (3) Ikezono  (4) Hinoshita  (5) Tajima

### Lectures for the General Assembly (titles omitted)

1) Topics for this Research Team (Opening Remarks)  
Fumihiko Hinoshita, National Center for Global Health and Medicine

2) What we ask the Thalidomide Embryopathy Research Team to achieve  
President of Ishizue (Public Interest Incorporated Foundation), Tsugumichi Sato

3) Results of medical health check-up for patients with thalidomide embryopathy  
Tomoko Shiga, National Center for Global Health and Medicine

4) Clinical experience in the diagnosis of thalidomide embryopathy  
Ryoji Kayamori, Teikyo Heisei University
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