100 th Annual Congress of Japan Surgical Society 12–14 April 2000 Tokyo, Japan

Dear Colleagues:

Japan Surgical Society has a long and distinguished history stretching back over the whole of the present century and it is a pleasure to be acting as its President in a year in which it will be celebrating its hundredth birthday. Certainly the last hundred years have seen the most extensive changes in surgery in general as a discipline: in basic research, for example, in areas such as molecular biology and oncology and immunology. There is also now a well-established trend in surgical practice towards minimally-invasive procedures, and we also face in Japan as elsewhere doing our work as surgeons under more rigorous costing procedures as part of a world-wide trend to curtail the rising costs of medicine in general in connection with demographic change and clinical innovation.

"Act now for the future" were the words of Yukichi Fukuzawa, the founder of Keio University, while addressing students at the time of the Meiji restoration and they are still as true now as when first spoken. It is for this reason that we wish to use our centennial meeting to understand what is happening in surgery today and what this presages for the future. With these words of our founder in mind and with the idea that our meeting will help us all face the future

of surgery together we encourage you to join us for our hundredth meeting. With your co-operation and participation and drawing upon the resources of committee members planning the meeting we shall all have a successful and professionally valuable congress.

Yours sincerely, Masaki Kitajima, MD, FACS. President The 100th Annual Congress of Japan Surgical Society Professor and Chairman Department of Surgery, Keio University School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan

Program outline

Special programs

Centennial Ceremony Centennial Symposia Special Symposia with Live Robotic Surgery Consensus Meetings Educational Sessions: case-based learning

Symposia

- 1. What Sort of Basic Research is Necessary for Surgeons?
- 2. The Challenges of Gene Therapy in Surgery
- 3. Gene Based Diagnostics for Surgery

- 4. Curing Esophageal Cancer by Surgery and QOL: What is the real situation?
- 5. A better follow-up System for Gastric Cancer Treatment and Therapeutic Strategy for Recurrence
- Therapeutic Strategies for Liver Metastases of Colorectal Cancer: from Basics to Practice
- 7. Present State and Future Perspectives for Cardiac and Living Donor Liver Transplants
- Advantages and Disadvantages of Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery
- New Devices and Operative Techniques in Vascular Surgery
- 10. How should we educate Thoracic Surgeons?

Surgical forum

Free papers (Poster or Video)
Other important sessions (Workshops, Video Symposia, Motion Pictures of Surgical Techniques by Distinguished Guest Speakers, Continuing Education Seminar, Public Lectures)

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