

Greeting from the President

I am pleased to present this report on our activities, which provides an overview of the broad spectrum of accomplishments at the National Cancer Center (NCC), the largest and most comprehensive cancer-oriented facility in Japan.

It has been 50 years since the NCC was founded in 1962 as a leading national cancer care organization where the Naval Hospital used to be. Since then, we have provided the best and latest medical care not only locally but also nationally. In addition, we have been on the cutting-edge of research to unravel the cause of cancer and to develop medical treatment. The NCC has played a key role in training specialists; doctors, nurses, and other health professionals. They practice to become more specialized at the NCC where we perform evidence-based cancer care that is established by properly conducted clinical trials.

From April 2010, the NCC has changed its status to an Independent Administrative Institution (IAI) from being an institution directly controlled by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan. The NCC is expected to pursue tasks properly and swiftly that are decided by the Government. Those tasks do not necessarily require the Government's direct involvement, but need to be done with absolute certainty because of their public nature. Working together with the Government, we need to have sound financial management including tasks that are not extremely profitable. That is the future image that we believe people expect from us.



Based on the Cancer Control Act enforced in 2007, and the Basic Plan to Promote Cancer Control in Japan, we work on various fields; providing highly advanced medical care, working with designated cancer care hospitals (397, nationwide), promoting a clinical research network, offering palliative care, and constructing a model of support services and information distribution. Through these activities, we pursue the enhancement of our patients' quality of life. To attain the ultimate goal of conquering cancer, we look into effective and new ways of prevention, diagnosis, and development of therapeutic strategies which are led by NCC-promoted basic research and translational research.

We understand our expected leading role in the fields of cancer care, research, screening, prevention, and policy making. "Relieve people in the world from cancer and its pain", "Take the lead to create a society where people live with cancer." With the spirit of our slogan, "All Activities for Cancer Patients", all staff members bring out their maximum specialties and skills, and with enough dialogue and open debate we will share globally what we will have learned from our hard work.

We sincerely appreciate your kind understanding and support.

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