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Complimentary Address**

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Today, I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations on the 175 th anniversary of Juntendo University and the opening and presentation ceremony of the Japanese Medical Education History. Today His Imperial Majesty Emperor Akihito and Her Imperial Majesty Empress Michiko joined this memorial event. I would especially like to congratulate His Imperial Majesty Empress Michiko and Her Imperial Majesty Empress Michiko since today is their wedding anniversary.

Now just as CEO OGAWA stated, I understand that Juntendo University was founded in 1838, the 9th year of the late Edo era, when Juntendo's founder Dr. SATO Taizen opened a private Dutch medical school. Since then, it is well and widely known that Juntendo strives to train physician-scientists under the school motto "Jin" – 'I exist as you exist, with a heart that considers and cherishes others' and that Juntendo sends a lot of talented, outstanding human resources to the medical fields in Japan with its cutting-edge education, research, and treatment.

According to CEO OGAWA, Juntendo is still in the course of drastic changes as a health-integrated university with its 4 faculties, 3 graduate schools, and 6 university hospitals. I would like to express my sincere respect for the continuous and dedicated effort of the past CEOs, board of trustees, faculty, staff, graduates and all other people involved with Juntendo. I heard that the Japanese Medical Education History Museum was Japan's

first institute of its kind and was built as a part of Juntendo's 175 th anniversary projects with the help of the Japanese Association of Medical Science. Inside the museum visitors can enjoy books and materials on Japanese medical education. I hope the museum succeeds in educating people about Japanese medical education and creates the base for new traditions in the future.

In both public and private matters, I and CEO OGAWA have been good friends for a long time and I know CEO OGAWA well. I always respected his outstanding character, knowledge, experience and professional achievements. Not only did he become the CEO of Juntendo University in 2004 and make many contributions to the university's management, research, education and treatment, but he also was appointed as the president of the Japanese Association of Private Medical Schools. CEO OGAWA's lasting influence has surely led to improvements in Japanese medical education.

Health Science and Sports are as important characteristics of the current Juntendo as medicine and medical science. The Faculty of Physical Education, the predecessor of Faculty of Health and Sports Science, was established by Professor AZUMA Toshiro. Professor AZUMA was a director of Juntendo University Hospital, but after the World War II, he was appointed as the head of Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology (MEXT)'s Physical Education Department. Dr. AZUMA was a professor of internal medicine who

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proposed the idea of a complete medical checkup and sports medicine. He was also a competitive athlete, rowing at the Summer Olympics, making him a suitable person for the position. He also contributed to the establishment of the National Sports Festival of Japan, and supported his elder brother Mr. AZUMA Ryutaro, the governor of Tokyo then, and greatly contributed to the management of the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

Juntendo is famous for its achievements in the Hakone Ekiden (Tokyo-Hakone Round-Trip College Ekiden Race), track and field, and marathons. Juntendo's track and field team won the Emperor's Cup 27 times and the Hakone Ekiden 11 times, participating in the event 55 times, finishing 9 times as the runner-up and also 9 times in 3rd Place... I heard that in the last couple of years CEO OGAWA has not been in a good mood around new year's though (everyone laughed / smiled; Hakone Ekiden is run on January 2nd and 3rd). Anyway, there is no wonder that Juntendo is famous for its tradition of having one of the strongest teams in Japan. Juntendo does not focus on track and field alone, but is also famous for gymnastics, volleyball, soccer, and swimming, and has been the leader in various fields of sports for a long time.

So far, 59 athletes from Juntendo have participated in the Olympics and have won 4 Gold Medals, 5 Silver Medals, and 4 Bronze Medals. Three

athletes have participated in the Paralympics. Juntendo has produced many athletes, and their coaches and doctors have also represented Japan in the Olympic games, influencing the games as a result of their specialization in sports medicine. I am very sure that Juntendo will make a lot of contributions to the coming 2020 Summer Olympics and Paralympics in Tokyo again.

By the way, recently in Japan, we have had a lot of tasks and problems to solve such as doctor shortages, trusted patient treatments, and changes to the situations in medical fields due to the extreme aging society. Each requires various solutions. However, even in these hard times, I believe various fields have great expectations of Juntendo because they can provide high quality medical education, conduct excellent research activities, and make a lot of contributions to society.

Now, taking the chance of today's memorial anniversary event, I would like to wish Juntendo prosperity and further improvements in the future, with the efforts and contributions of CEO OGAWA and all Juntendo people- trustees, faculty and doctors, and other people involved in the Juntendo community- on the basis of Juntendo's past tradition, achievements, and its 175 years of history. I believe this will be possible.

Thank you very much.