

Address by the Organizer at the Opening Ceremony of 40th World Congress of the  
International College of Surgeons

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Your Majesties, The Emperor and The Empress,  
Your Excellency, Mr. Yosuke Tsuruho, Minister of State for Science and Technology  
Policy,  
Distinguished Guests, Fellow Researchers,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great honor to say a few words as a co-organizer at the Opening Ceremony of  
40th World Congress of the International College of Surgeons held under the leadership  
of Professor Hisakazu Yamagishi and Professor Yik-Hons Ho, in the presence of Their  
Majesties, The Emperor and The Empress.

Co-organizing important international congresses, such as this conference, is one of  
main activities of Science Council of Japan. We are pleased to welcome participants from  
all over the world.

I hope that, at this conference, there will be intense discussions among surgery  
researchers beyond existing disciplines to construct better society.

Once again, I would like to express my wish for the great success of this conference.  
In addition, I hope that you have an enjoyable and memorable stay in Kyoto, with many  
opportunities to understand better the culture, society and people of Japan.

Thank you for your attention.