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Dear Friends

I am delighted to hear that you have been able to form a Japanese DOHaD Society and, on behalf of the International DOHaD Society, I congratulate you all on this achievement. As many of you know, I have visited Japan many times over the last 20 years and have always been impressed by the excellent biomedical science performed there, from epidemiological studies to basic mechanistic investigations and discussion of possible interventions. Japan has provided some unique insights into DOHaD. I have many colleagues and friends in Japan, as I know that many other members of the DOHaD Society do too, and it is always delightful to visit and hear of the latest research findings. I am sure that over the next few years it will be possible to organise some excellent workshops and conferences on DOHaD in Japan, to continue the tradition you have established and to share your research and clinical experience with us all internationally.

I wish you all the best for your inaugural meeting this August and for much success in the future endeavours of the Japanese DOHaD Society.

Yours,

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