Opening statements of Symposium

Establishment of CBR
CRN (Community Rehabilitation Network) / Building of the Japanese pattern CBR

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Ladies and gentleman

I was concerned with the work of the rehabilitation for a long time. I am pleased to exchange the cross-border information and opinions with the people who aim the same goal here today.

Japan comes up against an aging society at a speed in which anyone had never experienced in the world for this half-century. Moreover, the medical expenses for elderly increase in that condition and become enormous cost. And it influenced the general medical treatment as the result.

Japanese don't approve the matter that a cost to spend on the medical relations exceeds 7% of the gross domestic product. The spot of the rehabilitation is not an exception as well. Therefore rehabilitation in the medical institutions that are hospitals to the center became the tendency that it was limited to a short time of the acute term.

We made an independent life maintain and a health life grow a goal. Therefore we further the act to make Community Rehabilitation Network (CRN) build.

I think it is possible to say a city pattern CBR (Community Based Rehabilitation).

I think it is probably a common problem in the countries that medical modernization and social aging precede.

I hope for a rewarding symposium.