Congratulatory Address
from
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Conference, Public Citizen Lectures and Workshop
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I would like to extend my heartfelt celebration to the joint meeting of the "12th International Biophilia Rehabilitation Conference, Public Citizen Lectures and Workshop" and the "19th Biophilia Rehabilitation Conference, Public Citizen Lectures and Workshop".

The Cabinet developed the Healthcare Policy as one of the most important initiatives for the realization of the growth strategy last year. Japan aims to realize the leading edge medical technology and service in the world and establish the longest healthy life expectancy in the world, and thereby it aims to foster the medical, pharmaceutical products and the medical equipment as a strategic industry and make it a pillar of the Japanese Economic Revitalization.

An improvement and restoration of activities of daily living and quality of life are a very important theme for the realization of health and longevity within our society. The development of rehabilitation medicine is indispensable for that purpose. I believe that the activities of the International and Domestic Biophilia Rehabilitation Academies (IBRA–BRA) are extremely meaningful, which have approached the innovative rehabilitation based on clinical needs.

In addition, international expansion of medical services will be a major pillar in the healthcare policy of Japan. It is very important for Japan to cooperate with the countries, which have volition in the development of medical treatment to advance the improvement of new medical technology and services. I am expecting an expansion of the technology to each country facing the aging crisis, which is based on the innovative rehabilitation medicine that the IBRA-BRA has been advocating for.

In closing, I express my greetings to you with my expectation to further progress in the studies of the Biophilia Rehabilitation through this joint meeting.

Thank you very much.