Review on Internal Medicine, 1977 — Heart Diseases —

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I would like to refer to the dawn of the study of cardiovascular diseases in Japan as "Review on Internal Medicine, 1977. Heart Diseases" to be held here in Kyushu, Kagoshima.

Dr. Ishihara and Dr. Inada wrote the first report on electric-cardiogram, the case study on arrhythmia. Dr. Ishihara, Professor of Physiology, and Dr. Inada, Professor of Internal Medicine had taught at the Fukuoka Medical College of Kyoto Imperial University, and the Medical School of Kyushu University later. In addition, Dr. Kure wrote the first textbook of cardiovascular diseases in Japanese. He followed Dr. Ido as the third professor of the First Department of Internal Medicine

in Kyushu University.

In 1933 our class took the last lecture of Dr. Tawara, Professor of Pathology, known for his discovery of the conducting system of the heart. About that time Dr. Kaneko, Dr. Kure and Dr. Mashimo talked over and gave a birth to the Japanese Circulation Society. Dr. Kaneko was a professor of Kyushu University; Dr. Kure, of Tokyo University; Dr. Mashimo, of Kyoto University.

Now I am strongly impressed with the fact Prof. Kanehisa holds today's meeting on heart diseases here in Kyushu. He was one of my colleagues at the First Department of Internal Medicine in Kyushu University.