

# **Memorandum of Understanding**

between

**Philippine General Hospital, Republic of the Philippines**

And

**Department of Surgery, International University of Health and  
Welfare Hospital, Tochigi, Japan**

for

**Long-term partnership developing through knowledge sharing**

Philippine General Hospital, Republic of the Philippines and Department of Surgery, International University of Health and Welfare Hospital, Tochigi, Japan, (collectively referred to as “Parties”) have agreed to sign this Memorandum of Understanding (“Memorandum”) for strengthening cooperation from the perspective of long-term partnership developing between the two Parties.

## **1. Purpose**

The purpose of the present Memorandum is to provide an initial action plan which the Parties can work together for the benefit of academic and cultural development cooperation between the Philippine General Hospital and the Department of Surgery, International University of Health and Welfare Hospital, Tochigi, Japan, based on the partnership principle of sharing knowledge and experiences, and implementing analytical work related to the development agenda.

## **2. Approach**

The Parties agree to make joint efforts to identify the areas of collaboration as follows:

- (1) the Parties will select collaborative areas which fit into the latest development challenges and mutual interest of cooperation of Philippine General Hospital and Department of Surgery, International University of Health and Welfare Hospital, Tochigi, Japan.
- (2) the Parties will share information on their work with other development partners to avoid any overlap and promote collaboration in activities, such as dissemination workshops, training, and personnel exchange program.

## **3. Activities**

After the execution of this Memorandum, the initial action plan is as follow;

- (1) Department of Surgery, International University of Health and Welfare Hospital, Tochigi, Japan will send the COE (Center of Excellence) team to Philippine General Hospital to initiate the Projects of “Fluorescence Guided Surgery”, “Robot assisted gastrectomy” and “Submucosal Dissection of the Gastrointestinal Tumors” by lecture sessions and Case operation and Live Demonstration (Tele-surgery).
- (2) The parties will plan the mutual exchange program of medical personnel.

#### **4. Limitation**

While either party may propose for a dialogue requesting necessary financial or technical support for the benefit of the collaboration, Philippine General Hospital and the Department of Surgery, International University of Health and Welfare Hospital will each retain full discretion as to whether to provide support for work programs in accordance with its own policies and procedures. Any sharing of information between the Philippine General Hospital or the Department of Surgery, International University of Health and Welfare Hospital, Tochigi, Japan will be subjected to their respective policies on the disclosure information.

#### **5. Implementation**

The persons of each side in charge for implementing this Memorandum are listed below.

- For Philippine General Hospital:

**GERARDOD D. LEGASPI, MD**  
**Director,**  
**Philippine General Hospital**  
**Manila, THE PHILIPPINES**

**NELSON D. CABALUNA, MD**  
**Professor and Chairman**  
**Philippine General Hospital**  
**Manila, THE PHILIPPINES**

- For Department of Surgery, International University of Health and Welfare Hospital, Tochigi, Japan:

**Yutaka Suzuki, MD**  
**Vice-director, International University of Health and Welfare Hospital, Tochigi, Japan**  
**Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery, International University of Health and Welfare Hospital, Tochigi, Japan**

**Masashi Yoshida, MD**  
**Professor, Department of Surgery, International University of Health and Welfare Hospital, Tochigi, Japan**

For the purpose of facilitating the implementation of this Memorandum, the channel of communication and the focal points for the Parties are listed below.

- For the Philippine General Hospital:

**RODNEY B. DOFITAS, MD**  
**Coordinator for Linkages and Continuing**  
**Professional Development**  
**Philippine General Hospital**



- For Department of Surgery, International University of Health and Welfare Hospital:

**Hironori Ohdaira MD,  
Vice-Chairman, Associate Professor,  
Department of Surgery,  
International University of Health and Welfare Hospital**

## **6. Modification and Termination**

This Memorandum may be modified or terminated at any time by joint agreement of the Parties. The Memorandum may be terminated by either Party's request with three months' prior notice in writing to the other Party, provided that such termination shall not affect the implementation of ongoing activities or program, which have been agreed upon prior to the date of the termination of this Agreement.

## **7. Miscellaneous**


Nothing in the Memorandum shall be construed to authorize or permit any violation of any law which is imposed upon the Parties in their respective jurisdictions. This Memorandum is not intended to create any legal or binding obligations of any nature between the Parties.

This Memorandum shall come into full force and effect upon signature by the Parties on the respective date set forth below.

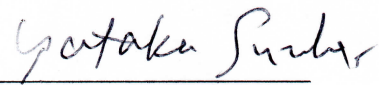
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective authorities, have signed this Memorandum.


**DONE** at Philippine General Hospital, Manila, the Philippines on the \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_ in identical duplicate in the English language.

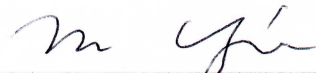
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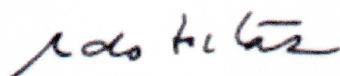
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*Signed in the Presence of:*

  
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