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Respected colleagues and Members of the Japan Endocrine Society,

I am honored to have this opportunity to offer my warm and sincere congratulations to The Japanese Endocrine Society and ICE on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

When, in 1974 Hisao Seo joined my laboratory at the University of Chicago, I did not imagine that Japan was to become my second home. Though him, his family, colleagues, and the multiple visits to Japan that followed, I gradually gained a knowledge and love for his country and its people. Hisao was followed over subsequent years by ten other Japanese post-docs\*, five of whom reached the rank of professor on their return to Japan, and three have directed The Institute of Environmental Medicine at Nagoya University.

Since 1980 I have travelled to Japan 30 times to participate in meetings, give lectures, and advise on development of programs. In 1991 and 2017 I spent a total of seven months as visiting professor at Nagoya University as a guest of The Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science. With so many good friends here I and my wife have also visited for personal occasions, some happy and others less so.

I would like to thank The Japanese Endocrine Society for the important role they have played in promoting the work and careers of my many trainees and their colleagues in Japan. The opportunity to collaborate and share ideas with members of the JES have extended to universities and institutions across your country beyond those linked to my former trainees, and these relationships continue still. Today with electronic communication science is instant and global, but in earlier times the cross fertilization of trainees, professional visits and personal relationships were the very essence of successful collaboration. I am happy to have been part of it all and to have had such a wonderful relationship with your country and your people.

Respectfully,



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