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35TH AWARD OF HONOR GALA

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Nobuko Saito Cleary | Chair, Japan Society Gala

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AWARD OF HONOR

President and Chief Executive Officer, Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Ltd.

Christophe Weber is President, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Representative Director of Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Ltd. He joined the company in April 2014 as Chief Operating Officer, was named President and Representative Director in June 2014, and was subsequently appointed CEO in April 2015. Mr. Weber has focused on Takeda’s R&D transformation and globalization, creating a diverse and inclusive working environment while strengthening its ethical values and corporate governance. Through this transformation, Takeda became one of the leading global biopharmaceutical companies in the world.

Prior to joining Takeda, Mr. Weber spent 20 years at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), where he held senior leadership roles in Europe, Asia, and the United States.

Outside of Takeda, Mr. Weber is member of The Business Council, the World Economic Forum’s International Business Council, the Singapore Economic Development Board’s International Advisory Council, the New York Stock Exchange’s NYSE Board Advisory Council, and the MIT CEO Advisory Board. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of Northeastern University.

Mr. Weber holds a doctorate in pharmacy and pharmacokinetics, master’s degrees in pharmaceutical marketing and in accounting and finance and a degree in statistics, from the University of Lyon, France.

Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited

Takeda is a global, values-based, R&D-driven biopharmaceutical leader headquartered in Japan, committed to discover and deliver life-transforming treatments, guided by their commitment to patients, people and the planet. Takeda focuses its R&D efforts on four therapeutic areas: Oncology, Rare Genetics and Hematology, Neuroscience, and Gastroenterology (GI). They also make targeted R&D investments in Plasma-Derived Therapies and Vaccines. They are focusing on developing highly innovative medicines that contribute to making a difference in people’s lives by advancing the frontier of new treatment options and leveraging their enhanced collaborative R&D engine and capabilities to create a robust, modality-diverse pipeline. Employees are committed to improving quality of life for patients and to working with partners in health care in approximately 80 countries and regions.

Guided by their values, Takeda’s comprehensive response to COVID-19 has focused on protecting the health and safety of their employees, their ability to ensure their medicines are available to patients who rely on them and playing their part to reduce transmission and support the communities where their employees live and work. Additionally, their deep roots and rich heritage in Japan, spanning 240 years, drove their opportunity and obligation to meet the need for rapid and sustained access to COVID-19 vaccines in Japan.

Takeda’s comprehensive approach to treat and prevent COVID-19 and future pandemics through multiple activities and partnerships includes: hyperimmune globulin, additional therapeutics, Vaccines where Takeda has partnered with the Government of Japan, Novavax and Moderna, to help accelerate the availability of COVID-19 vaccines.
Award of Honor

Rajeev Venkayya

President, Global Vaccine Business Unit, Takeda, and Board Member, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)

Rajeev Venkayya is President of the Global Vaccine Business Unit at Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Ltd, where he leads a vertically-integrated business developing vaccines for dengue, norovirus and Zika. He also oversees partnerships with the Japanese Government to supply COVID-19 and pandemic influenza vaccines. He serves as an independent member of the board of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), which is funding and coordinating several vaccine development programs for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19). Additionally, he is a member of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Accelerating COVID-19 Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines (ACTIV) Leadership Team, a public-private partnership to prioritize and speed development of the most promising treatments and vaccines. He sits on the board of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) and is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Dr. Venkayya is currently co-leading Takeda’s response to the COVID-19 outbreak, given his previous experience at the White House as Special Assistant to the President for Biodefense. In this role, he was the principal author of the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza (2005), and his office led the development and execution of the companion Implementation Plan (2006). His team conceived the strategy of early, coordinated implementation of non-pharmaceutical interventions to slow the spread of a pandemic virus, now known as the “flattening the curve,” that was described in the US Government’s guidelines on community mitigation of pandemic influenza (2007).

Prior to joining Takeda, Dr. Venkayya served as Director of Vaccine Delivery at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation’s Global Health Program, where he was responsible for the foundations top two priorities of polio eradication and the introduction of new vaccines into developing countries through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. He also served on the board of Gavi.

Dr. Venkayya trained in Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, where he also served on the faculty. He was a resident and Chief Medical Resident in internal medicine at the University of Michigan. He received his B.S./M.D. from the Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine, where he was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha honorary medical society.
AWARD OF HONOR

Chief Executive Officer
Moderna, Inc.

Stéphane Bancel has served as Moderna’s Chief Executive Officer since October 2011 and as a member of Moderna’s board of directors since March 2011. Before joining the Company, Mr. Bancel served for five years as Chief Executive Officer of the French diagnostics company bioMérieux SA. From July 2000 to March 2006, he served in various roles at Eli Lilly and Company, including as Managing Director, Belgium and as Executive Director, Global Manufacturing Strategy and Supply Chain. Prior to Lilly, Mr. Bancel served as Asia-Pacific Sales and Marketing Director for bioMérieux.

Mr. Bancel currently serves on the board of directors of Indigo. He is currently a Venture Partner at Flagship Pioneering. Mr. Bancel holds a Master of Engineering degree from École Centrale Paris (ECP), a Master of Science in chemical engineering from the University of Minnesota, and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

Moderna, Inc.

In 10 years since its inception, Moderna has transformed from a science research stage company advancing programs in the field of messenger RNA (mRNA), to an enterprise with a diverse clinical portfolio of vaccines and therapeutics across six modalities, a broad intellectual property portfolio in areas including mRNA and lipid nanoparticle formulation, and an integrated manufacturing plant that allows for both clinical and commercial production at scale and at unprecedented speed. Moderna maintains alliances with a broad range of domestic and overseas government and commercial collaborators, which has allowed for the pursuit of both groundbreaking science and rapid scaling of manufacturing.

Most recently, Moderna’s capabilities have come together to allow the authorized use of one of the earliest and most effective vaccines against the COVID 19 pandemic. Moderna’s mRNA platform builds on continuous advances in basic and applied mRNA science, delivery technology and manufacturing, and has allowed the development of therapeutics and vaccines for infectious diseases, immuno oncology, rare diseases, cardiovascular diseases and auto immune diseases. Today, 24 development programs are underway across these therapeutic areas, with 16 programs having entered the clinic. Moderna has been named a top biopharmaceutical employer by Science for the past six years. To learn more, visit www.modernatx.com
United Nations
Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.

Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu assumed her position as Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on 1 May 2017. Prior to taking on this post, Ms. Nakamitsu served as Assistant Administrator of the Crisis Response Unit at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) since 2014.

She has many years of experience within and outside the United Nations system, most recently as Special Adviser Ad Interim on Follow-up to the Summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants between 2016 and 2017. She was previously Director of the Asia and the Middle East Division of the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations between 2012 and 2014, and Director of the Department’s Division of Policy, Evaluation and Training, from 2008 to 2012.

Between 2005 and 2008, Ms. Nakamitsu was Professor of International Relations at Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo, where she also served as a member of the Foreign Exchange Council to Japan’s Foreign Minister, and as a visiting senior adviser on peacebuilding at the Japan International Cooperation Agency. Between 1998 and 2004, she was the Chef de Cabinet and Director of Planning and Coordination at the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, based in Stockholm, Sweden. Other past positions included being a member of the United Nations Reform Team of former Secretary-General Kofi Annan, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and in UNHCR field operations in the former Yugoslavia, Turkey and northern Iraq.

Born in 1963, Ms. Nakamitsu holds a Master of Science degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and a Bachelor of Law degree from Waseda University in Tokyo.

ENTERTAINMENT

Adler Fellows

Elisa Sunshine – Soprano
Kseniia Polstiankina-Barrad - Pianist

Adler Fellowship Program

Named for Kurt Herbert Adler, San Francisco Opera’s legendary former general director, the Adler Fellowship Program is a multi-year performance-oriented residency for opera’s most promising young artists. Originally founded in 1977 as the San Francisco Affiliate Artists Opera Program, the Adler Fellowship is one of the world’s most prestigious programs for advanced training. The program has launched the careers of many of the artists performing on the San Francisco Opera stage and on stages around the world.
GREETINGS

Consul General
Consulate- General of
Japan in San Francisco

Hiroshi Kawamura

It’s an honor to greet you at the 35th Annual Award of Honor Gala. I would like to congratulate Moderna Inc., Mr. Stephane Bancel and Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited, Mr. Christophe Weber on receiving the 2021 Award of Honor.

2021 marks the 70th anniversary of the signing of the San Francisco Peace Treaty and the Japan–U.S. Security Treaty of 1951. Respectively, these treaties served as the foundation for Japan’s post-war development and for the new era of the Japan–U.S. relationship. However, the relationship between Japan and the United States, particularly in Northern California, has a much longer history. In fact, for over a century, the Japan Society of Northern California has committed its efforts to strengthening our friendship. Tonight is an excellent example of the ways in which the Japan Society promotes dialogue and exchange between Japan and the United States, by bringing together individuals who are strongly committed to fostering mutual understanding between our countries.

I’d like to commend President Takahide Akiyama and Gala Chair Ms. Nobuko Saito Cleary for their tremendous work to organize this exceptional event, especially at the historic War Memorial Opera House, where the signing of the San Francisco Peace Treaty took place 70 years ago. This is my first year to attend the Gala, as I recently arrived at my post in San Francisco this past September. I look forward to supporting the Japan Society of Northern California as Consul General of Japan in the years to come. I wish the organization, its leadership, and its members continued success in all their future endeavors.

President Japan
Society of Northern
California

Takahide Akiyama

Warm welcome to our 35th Annual Award of Honor Gala!

I am very pleased that we can hold this year’s Gala in person for the first time in two years at the War Memorial Opera House where the San Francisco Peace Treaty was signed 70 years ago.

On this special occasion, it is our great honor to present the Award of Honor to Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited and Moderna, Inc., the two excellent companies that have made tremendous contributions to protect the lives of the people in Japan and advance the relationship between the US and Japan in the amidst of the continuing Coronavirus pandemic.

Our mission to promote understanding and friendship between the US and Japan at grassroots does not change under any circumstances and I am pleased to report that, for that purpose, we are able to continue a high level of activities by presenting many meaningful events in such areas as art and culture as well as business and technology with an emphasis on connecting Silicon Valley/San Francisco ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship with Japan and also by providing high quality Japanese language classes taught by passionate teachers.

The progress that we are making in these difficult times has been brought forth by the challenging spirit of our small but dedicated team and by strong encouragement and support from many corporate sponsors, collaborators, and individual members as well as our board members. Thank you.

We will continue to evolve in the right way in the ever-changing world with our purpose intact in many years to come. Thank you very much for your participation and continued support.
Esteemed guests,

Thank you for joining us this evening for the 35th Annual Award of Honor Gala. This year, we are commemorating the 70th anniversary of the signing of the San Francisco Peace Treaty. This special moment was the start of the friendship between the United States and Japan that is still flourishing today. The fact that we could hold this event at the actual site of this historic event is extremely memorable. And, we are happy that we were able to present an in-person event this year.

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As Gala chair, I feel pride that these great awardees will join the extraordinary ranks of other honorees through Japan Society’s history.

I am honored that we have a message from Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs. She symbolizes the many countries that were represented at the signing of the San Francisco Peace Treaty.

I am grateful to the generosity of many friends and sponsors. I am pleased to welcome Consul General Hiroshi Kawamura to San Francisco and the gala. I also extend my appreciation to Takahide Akiyama, JSNC President; Larry Greenwood, Board Chair; the Gala Committee and the JSNC staff.

I hope you will enjoy the ambiance of the beautiful setting of the San Francisco War Memorial Opera House and the fellowship of being together in person. Congratulations to the honorees and thank you to everyone for attending and supporting the Japan Society Northern California.

Chairman of the Board
Japan Society of Northern California

Welcome to the 35th Japan Society of Northern California annual Gala Awards Dinner. Since we last gathered in person for this event, much has changed. The US and Japan have suffered a historic pandemic which brought significant economic dislocation and growing inequality. And we both have new leaders who have committed to step up efforts to fight COVID, restore prosperity and achieve social justice in a highly volatile world. The pandemic has reminded us of the enormous power of technology and a dynamic private sector that, in partnership with government, is given the freedom and opportunity to harness it. We are privileged to honor two of those companies, Moderna and Takeda, who are helping to quell COVID through the rapid development and distribution of vaccines around the world.

One constant in these trying times is the strong friendship and alliance between the US and Japan. 70 years ago, Americans and Japanese came together to sign the peace treaty that formally ended a horrific and devastating war, marking the rebirth of a partnership that remains strong today. The foundation of that relationship rests on grassroots support based on friendship, shared values, and mutual respect between the people of Japan and America. The mission of the Japan Society is to nurture that relationship through our programs and expand knowledge and understanding of each other.

I would like to thank Gala Chair Nobuko Saito Cleary for her masterful planning of the Gala; President Takahide Akiyama for his leadership during a challenging year; our Board of Directors for their wise advice and assistance; the Society’s staff for the hard work of putting on more than 40 programs this year; and all our sponsors without whose support we could not do a single program. And most of all thank YOU all this evening for your valuable support of our mission.

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On October 7, 1905, amidst a hostile environment of fear and prejudice on both sides of the Pacific, these three men, Henry Pike Bowie, David Starr Jordan and Kisaburo Ueno founded the Japan Society, to spread knowledge of Japanese arts, industry, history, customs and to promote U.S. – Japan cooperation. Following are photos that highlight some of the successes that have come from their vision.
SAN FRANCISCO PEACE TREATY

The Japan Society of Northern California commemorates the 70th Anniversary of the signing of the San Francisco Peace Treaty. We honor this historic event by hosting the 2021 gala at the actual site, the San Francisco War Memorial Opera House.

Prime Minister Yoshida Shigeru signs the bilateral security treaty with the United States on September 8, 1951. Secretary of State Dean Acheson (right) and special ambassador John Foster Dulles stand directly behind him. The Japanese official on the left is Ikeda Hayato, who served as prime minister from 1960 to 1964.
Salad
Salad of Rainbow Baby Beets, Citrus, Chevre (V, GF)
Nasturtium Flowers and Leaves, Candied Pistachios

Entrée
Braised Beef Short Rib (GF)
Anson Mills Polenta, Arrowleaf Spinach,
Baby Carrots & Maitake Mushrooms
Red Wine Sauce

Vegetarian Entrée
Freeform Mushroom Raviolo (V)
Sautéed Lacinato Kale, Golden Raisins, Toasted Pinenuts
Brown Butter-Butternut Squash Emulsion
Fried Garlic

Dessert
Café Gourmand Dessert
Freshly Baked ACME Breads
and Whipped Creamery Butter

Wine
Ryo-fu Chardonnay, Russian River Pinot Noir
Generously Donated by Freeman Winery
Napa by NAPA Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2019
Michael Pozzan Winery Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley 2020
Generously donated by Suzuki Marketing
Japan Society of Northern California Annual Award of Honor Recipients 1987-2021

Award of Honor Gala History
Every year since 1987, the Society has honored distinguished individuals from both cultures at the Annual Award of Honor Gala. Awards are given to those who, “worked to foster better American understanding of Japan and better United States-Japan relations.” The first recipients of this award were Edwin O. Reischauer and Haru Matsukata Reischauer on March 11, 1987.

2021
Stéphane Bancel, Chief Executive Officer, Moderna, Inc. & Christophe Weber, Chief Executive Officer, Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited

2020
His Excellency, Shinzo Abe (Award of Honor) Ambassador Deborah L. Birx, MD, White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator & Dr. Shinya Yamanaka, Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (Humanitarian Award)

2019
Mr. Ben Yoneyama, Chairman, YONEX CO., LTD. & Mr. Carl & Mrs. Yurie Pascarella Executive Advisor, TPG Capital

2018
Hiroaki Nakanishi, Executive Chairman, Hitachi and Chairman, Kedanren & William Perry, Former Secretary of Defense

2017
David Pearson, CEO, Opus One & Yuzu Kayama, Actor, Artist, & Singer

2016
Hiroshi Miktani, Rakuten, Inc. & Hayao Miyazaki, Animation Director Studio Ghibli (World Imaginator Award)

2015
Marc Benioff, Salesforce & Haruo Murase, Canon Marketing Japan Inc. Nobuyuki Tsujii, Van Cliburn Gold Medal Winner (Music Ambassador)

2014
Ambassador John V. Roos & Ken Watanabe, Actor and Humanitarian MUFG Union Bank, N.A. (Visionary Award)

2013
Margrit Blever Mondavi, Robert Mondavi Winery & Kenzo Tsujimoto, Kenzo Estate, Capcom Co., Ltd, Capcom U.S.A., Inc. Dr. Shinya Yamanaka, 2012 Nobel Prize Winner (World Visionary Award)

2012
Georges Desvaux (on behalf of McKinsey & Company)

2011
Japanese Ambassador to U.S. Ryozo Kato, William H. Neukom (on behalf of the San Francisco Giants) & Lewis Wolff (on behalf of the Oakland Athletics) Masanori Murakami (Lifetime Achievement), Sadaharu Oh (Lifetime Achievement)

2010
U.S. Ambassador to Japan J. Thomas Schieffer & Takahiroy Moriguchi, JP Morgan Japan Hatsuo “Hats” Aizawa (Lifetime Achievement)

2009
Japanese Ambassador to U.S. Shunji Yanai & Toichi Takenaka, Takenaka Corporation

2008
Sakie Fujishima, Korn/Ferry International & Kathy Matsui, Goldman Sachs Japan (Women in Business Gala) Richard Heggie (Lifetime Achievement)

2007
Yuzaburo Mogi, Kikkoman Philip Kan Gotanda, playwright (Artistic Achievement)

2006
Yoshikiko Mijauchi, Orix & A.W. Clausen, Bank of America Alexander D. Calhoun (Lifetime Achievement)

2005
Tatsuro Toyoda, Toyota Foundation & Scott Cook, Intuit Atsuhide Tateuchi, Tateuchi Foundation (Humanitarian Award)

2004
Keiji Tachikawa, NTT Docomo

2003
Nobuyuki Idei, Sony Corporation

2002
Walt Disney Corporation/Oriental Land Company Osamu Yamada (Lifetime Achievement)

2001
Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta (On behalf of the Japanese American Community)

2000
Yotaro Kobayashi, Fuji Xerox

1999
James C. Morgan, Applied Materials

1998
Norio Ohga, Sony Corporation

1997
Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa

1996
Dr. Donald Keene, Columbia University

1995
U.S. Ambassador to Japan Michael H. Armacost & Japanese Ambassador to U.S. Nobuo Matsunaga

1994
James Clavell, Novelist & Jesse Takamizawa, Sumo Wrestler

1993
Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone & Secretary of State George P. Schultz

1992
Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees & Dr. Robert Scalapino, National Committee on United States-China Relations

1991
U.S. Ambassador to Japan Michael Mansfield & Ambassador (and former Consul General in San Francisco) Hiroshi Kitamura

1990
U.S. Ambassador to Japan Robert Ingersoll

1989
Dr. Robert Ward, Stanford University

1988
Japanese Ambassador to U.S. Yoshio Okawara

1987
U.S. Ambassador to Japan Edwin & Haru Matsukata Reischauer
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