Dear colleagues,

It is a great pleasure for us to host the International Symposium "Immune Regulation: Present and Future" held from May 25 to 27, 2009 in Osaka, Japan.

This symposium is organized by the World Premiere International Research Center Initiative, Immunology Frontier Research Center (WPI-IFReC) of Osaka University and the Kishimoto Foundation. The establishment of the Kishimoto Foundation represents the culmination of Professor Tadamitsu Kishimoto's many years of works in which he devoted himself to understand the role of cytokine signaling in inflammation. IFReC and the Kishimoto Foundation hope to achieve medical successes by providing generous support for researchers to explore new concepts and strategies in all areas of biomedical science.

In the symposium, the world's leading scientists in the field of immunology will discuss current progress in elucidating immune mechanisms in health and disease and in identifying the crucial molecular and cellular players that mediate and regulate immune responses. Along with lectures by outstanding scientists, there will be poster sessions by young researchers.

We believe that the symposium will provide participants with a good opportunity to exchange information and ideas to accelerate progress of biomedical research and discovery of new therapies for diseases.

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