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On behalf of the World Medical Association, WMA, I would like to say a few words as we start the UHC Forum 2017.

I understand that this forum aims at contributing t

I feel that the medical community in the world has entered the era which faces such difficult challenges that require the physicians of NMAs to be more closely united striving for stronger collaboration.

Under these situations where we face so many serious issues, I was inaugurated as the 68th President of the WMA in Chicago in October this year.

In my inauguration address, I highlighted the fact that there was a "Universal health insurance" as the UHC in the basis of our health system which pushed Japan's life expectancy to the world top level. Japan has successfully achieved rapid development after the war, and it was because we created a "Universal health insurance" system which supports all the nation by being "able to work with peace of mind". We will continue to contribute to well-being of the people all over the world by spreading the idea of this excellent health system to the world.

Turning to the present and future, the medical prof

become happy and prosperous.” Surely this expresses the core of healthcare or the ideal form that healthcare should take. It is also exactly what is obtained by the achievement of the UHC.

As President of the WMA, I will collaborate with the other international organizations such as the WHO, hoping that health care will be "social common capital of the whole world" under the way the UHC should be.

I sincerely hope that active discussions at this forum will produce more efficient and substantial measures and greatly contribute to the construction of the UHC to improve the health level of people around the world.

Thank you very much.