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TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICAL'S TACHI YAMADA JOINS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF ASIAN RESEARCH

The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) is pleased to announce that Tadataka "Tachi" Yamada has been named to its Board of Directors. As a member of NBR's Board of Directors, he will provide guidance to the institution's research agenda, particularly its work on global health.

Dr. Yamada serves as Executive Vice President, Chief Medical and Scientific Officer, and Board Member for Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Asia's largest drug maker. Prior to assuming this role, he was President of Global Health for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation from 2006 to 2011, serving on the Executive Committee and Senior Advisory Group for the Pacific Health Summit. He has also served as Chairman of R&D and Board Member for GlaxoSmithKline, Chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine and Physician-in-Chief at the University of Michigan, and editor of the *Textbook of Gastroenterology*.

Born in Tokyo, Dr. Yamada studied medicine in the United States. His contributions to medicine and science are recognized worldwide, as indicated by his election as a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences (United States), the Academy of Medical Sciences (United Kingdom) and the National Academy of Medicine (Mexico). He was named Knight Commander of the British Empire in 2007 for his contributions to the British pharmaceutical industry, to medical research in the UK, and to global health.

"Tachi has been a long-time collaborator of NBR as a critical thought-leader for the Pacific Health Summit and will be a key advisor as we continue our work on the health and demographic issues that are making such an impact on the Asia-Pacific," said Richard Ellings, President of NBR. "His contributions to the field of global health are tremendous, and the perspective he will bring to NBR's board will be invaluable."

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