

Welcome remarks from the president of 9th Tawara-Aschoff Symposium

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I am delighted to welcome all of you to the 9th Tawara-Aschoff Symposium. I would like to thank especially those who have traveled long distances to be here with us.

It is a great honor and privilege for us to host the symposium and to invite our colleagues to Japan. On behalf of all the members of the organizing committee, I would like to express our deep appreciation for your support and effort which have helped us make this symposium possible.

Professor Sunao Tawara is one of the greatest cardiologists in Japan who found out the conduction system of the heart at the professor L Aschoff's laboratory in Marburg.

Even now, the Purkinje fiber is in the limelight as the arrhythmogenic tissue. Hence, his achievements are still shining.

This symposium honored Professor Tawara and Professor Aschoff publicly and has promoted Japan-Germany exchange.

This time, we changed the agenda a little. We decide to take up the arrhythmic update subjects and discuss them with the foreign experts because many of them are attending the Japanese heart rhythm society (JHRS) and Japanese Society of Electrophysiology (JSE) joint meeting.

I would like to consider an everlasting theme which is autonomic nerves and arrhythmias with a modern cutting edge entitled **“Recent paradigm of autonomic tone on cardiac rhythm disturbance”**.

Hence, please enjoy the symposium.

I wish you all a most pleasant stay in our country and hope you will take home with you many rewarding memories of the symposium.

Thank you very much.