

## **About International Medical Society of Japan (IMSJ)**

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The main objects of International Medical Society of Japan are to promote the continuing medical education and international medical exchanges. The medical symposium as the origin of this society is a pioneer of the continuing medical education and established by the late Choei Ishibashi, the first president, in 1925. The symposium requests each specialist in his/her field to lecture the latest knowledge with main theme covering from clinical course in individual field to basic medicine, pharmaceuticals, and medical dentistry. Furthermore, with the basis of the founder's principle as a wide range of knowledge other than medical/dental field being required for medical personnel to face patients, "Discourse" by distinctive personnel from the different industries besides medical/dental industry started from 1968 is the lecture unique to our society and certainly contributes to the holistic medicine. The symposium is held 6 times a year in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Our society has another main activity of international medical exchange as well as the continuing medical education. Many doctors and researchers have accomplished the exchange through our society in the past. Those exchange activities are now expanded even to ordinary citizens and resulted in the sister city agreement such as the agreement between Shimotsuke (formerly Ishibashi-cho) of Tochigi prefecture and Dietzhöltal (formerly Steinbrücken) of Germany or between Kusatsu of Gunma prefecture and Bietigheim-Bissingen of Germany. For other, the society has a history to establish the medical exchange and promotes an international friendship with municipalities such as Lemgo, Karlsruhe, and Freiburg or major universities and medical institutions in Germany. Furthermore, the society has a cooperation relationship with the Tawara-Ashoff Symposium that honors the achievement of medical researchers in both Japan and Germany who discovered cardiac impulse conducting system and the society holds the lecture to promote the medical exchange between Japan and Germany or plans a trip to Germany as needed in accordance with the symposium held every other year in Japan and Germany alternately. Our activities are shown in Fig. 1 and 2.

Fig. 1 In the City Office Lemgo



Fig. 2 In Front of the City Office Karlsruhe

