



On the way signed by Kitasato Shibasaburo

Connection between Keio - and Semmelweis - University started at the end of 19th century, when Professor Kitasato was performing common research with Professor Fodor in Budapest. The flourishing next chapter is characterized by Professor Masaki Kitajima's pioneer work. As head of the Division of General and Gastroenterological Surgery of Keio - together with his colleagues - he not only supported to develop different branches of minimally invasive surgery, but opened the gate for the international surgical world for fruitful connections. Together with Hungarian - and later with Polish surgeons - he established the Japan-Hungary Poland Surgical Society. At the scientific symposia of this society - organised biannually in friendly circumstances - not only distinguished experts of surgical science offered new instructions for new procedures, but young surgical generation of three countries could get opportunity to report their research work. Professor Kitajima has been honoured by the title of Honorary Doctor of Semmelweis University. On behalf of this University and of the Japan-Hungary-Poland-Surgical Society, I wish further success for the Department of Surgery of Keio University with leadership of Professor Yuko Kitagawa, the worldwide known pioneer of surgical science, successor of previous surgical giants.



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