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On Friday, September 15, the Korean Insulin Dependent Diabetes Association (KIDDA) (Note 1) visited Gifu University Hospital for the purpose of information gathering and international exchange regarding advanced political, economic, and medical systems related to diabetes care in Japan.

Fifteen participants including Professor Hong Kyu Lee (Professor Emeritus, Seoul National University School of Medicine; Honorary President of the Association), Professor Dae Jung Kim (Professor, Ajou University School of Medicine) and Mr. Kim Kwang Hoon (President of the Association), exchanged opinions with Professor Haruhiko Akiyama (President of the Hospital), Professor Daisuke Yabe (Vice President of the Hospital; Director of Center for Global Health and Medicine; Director of Division of Diabetes and Metabolism) and others.

The members of the KIDDA observed the diabetes outpatient clinic at the hospital, including the nurses' explanation of the procedures required for insulin injections and self-monitoring of blood glucose, foot care, and nutritional counseling by registered dieticians, followed by speeches by young people with type 1 diabetes who are active as physician, nurse or researcher among the members of the Gifu Association for Diabetes Education and Care, and a lecture by Professor Yabe on the current status and issues of diabetes care in Japan.

Many members of the KIDDA expressed that they would like to take back their knowledge of Japan's advocacy activities to eliminate discrimination and prejudice surrounding diabetes and the insurance system for diabetes care and use it to improve the environment for people with diabetes in Korea.

Note 1: The Korean Insulin Dependent Diabetes Association (KIDDA) is an organization whose goal is to promote social empathy and improved awareness for children with diabetes so that they can grow up in school and society without facing discrimination.



The image is intentionally blurred because some participants are minors.