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RE: WFSJ board member recommendation

Dear Appointment Committee:

The Medical Journalists Association of Japan would like to nominate Mr. Shigeyuki Koide to the board of the World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ). Mr. Koide is currently a freelance science journalist, the former president of the Japanese Association of Science and Technology Journalists, visiting researcher at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), visiting lecturer at Showa Pharmaceutical University, former visiting researcher at Imperial College London, and former senior science editor and writer at the Yomiuri Shimbun.

Mr. Koide was born in Tokyo, Japan and graduated from the Faculty of Science, Hokkaido University. After joining the Yomiuri Shimbun in 1976, he served as a reporter for the city, lifestyle, and science news departments, and from June 2005 became senior editor. He reported on the global environment, healthcare, medicine, atomic energy and other fundamental science issues.

He retired from the Yomiuri at the end of February 2011. However, soon after his retirement, the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami called him back to the editor's room. He mainly covered the Fukushima nuclear power plant until the end of June, 2011. After he moved to the UK in July, he joined the Science Communication Group of Imperial College London as a visiting researcher. During his one year stay, he researched and reported on science communication, and public engagement of science and science journalism in the UK.

Sincerely,

July 4, 2017

Chusei Mizumaki

President

Medical Journalists Association of Japan

### **About the Medical Journalists Association of Japan**

The Medical Journalists Association of Japan was established in 1987 and was certified as a non-profit organization by the Japanese government in 2006. The association aims to enhance the quality of medical reporting in Japan and is involved in variety of activities to this end. It publishes *Medical Journalists*, a quarterly newsletter, convenes monthly seminars with medical experts as guest speakers, holds symposiums, conducts visits to medical facilities twice a year and is involved in the production of medical publications. Today, the association has approximately 300 members working in several areas related to medicine, including reporters and editors, key opinion leaders and individuals working in public relations and advertising. The association provides a forum for information gathering and exchange and an opportunity for organizations to form mutually beneficial relationships. Its activities are mainly aimed at developing medical journalism in order to enhance transparency in the medical field to contribute to bettering patients' lives.

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