

Resource Development Project for Gastrointestinal Cancer Specialists in the Philippines

- 1. Background information on the local situation and needs;** High mortality and morbidity from gastrointestinal cancers in the Philippines, with a shortage of specialists and limited medical education due to geographic and infrastructural challenges.
- 2. Project Objective;** To establish an early diagnosis system and train highly skilled cancer specialists in endoscopic and laparoscopic surgery; to improve perioperative management and reduce mortality and complications.
- 3. Outline of the project;** In collaboration with Kyushu University Hospital, certified Japanese medical professionals (endoscopists, laparoscopic surgeon, dentist and medical engineers) will train Filipino staff through site visits, training programs in Japan, and regular telemedicine education.
- 4. Expected results and subsequent ripple effects;** Developing specialists with Japanese-level perioperative care skills and establishing an early diagnosis system are expected to reduce cancer-related mortality and morbidity. In addition, the increase in early diagnoses is likely to play a key role in improving cancer prognosis in the Philippines.

