

Resource Development Project for Gastrointestinal Cancer Specialists in the Philippines Year 2 of a Three-Year Plan

1. **Aim** ; Establishment of an early diagnostic system for gastrointestinal cancers and training of cancer specialists with advanced endoscopic and laparoscopic surgical skills
2. **Summary** ; Japan has one of the highest early diagnosis rates for gastrointestinal cancers in the world, and its endoscopic and laparoscopic surgical techniques are highly advanced under its specialist certification system. In this project, expert staff from Kyushu University Hospital, mainly in collaboration with the University of the Philippines, will promote mutual exchange of medical personnel and improve local skills through on-site training and hands-on seminars.
3. **Project outcomes and expected impact**
Through this project, gastrointestinal cancer specialists with knowledge and skills comparable to those of Japanese board-certified endoscopists and endoscopic skill specialists will be trained. In addition, by establishing a remote mentoring network, an environment will be created in which the next generation of young physicians can be continuously trained not only in Manila but also in regional cities within the Philippines. Furthermore, the development of clinical guidelines for gastric, colorectal, and pancreatic cancers will be initiated, while promoting the usefulness of Japanese endoscopic and laparoscopic surgical equipment and expanding their market presence in the Philippines.

