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大阪大学医学部・医学系研究科の源流である適塾には、緒方洪庵を慕って、日本中から意欲に満ち溢れた優秀な若者が集いました。彼らは、ただ師の教えを受けるだけではなく、互いに切磋琢磨し、競いあい高めあっていました。今日の大阪大学医学部・医学系研究科でも、適塾の精神を引き継ぎ、最新の医学・医療を受け身で学ぶだけではなく、明日の医学・医療を切り拓き、プロデュースしていくことができる人材を輩出していくことを使命に掲げています。多くの新薬や新しい治療法が世に出っていますが、原因不明の病気や治療法のない病気もまだまだ多く、世界中で多くの患者さんやその家族が苦しんでいます。学生生活においては、そのことを理解し皮膚で感じながら、「この病気は何故起こるのか?」、「なんとか治療できないか?」と日々考え、常に「何故か?」と問いかけて続ける姿勢を身に着けることが大切です。また、研究生活においては、生命現象の本質・真髄を見据えた基礎研究、また臨床研究においても、そこから新たな基礎研究に発展し、病因・病態の真の解明に繋がるような骨太の研究を目指してこそ、あとに残る成果、次につながる研究が生み出されます。

人は、人生の節目節目において、夢見る思いで一生の重大ごとを決定するものです。それは医学の道も同じです。「千日の勤学より一日の学匠」の言葉があります。阪大医学部・医学系研究科には、皆さんの憧れや将来の role model となるような教授方がたくさんおられます。また、皆さんの隣には、数年後の医学界を背負っていくであろう仲間がいます。アンテナを張らなければ、せっかく入学した大阪大学の医学部・医学系研究科も、単なる通り道になってしまいます。研究生活・学生生活の中で、生涯の師や仲間と出会い、そして、その輪の中に飛び込む勇気を持ってほしいと思っています。主体的に自らを高め、難病に苦しむ患者さんを救える臨床医師として、あるいは世界の医学界を牽引し活躍する医学研究者として、大きく羽ばたいてもらうことを願っています。

現代社会において、大学は世間から隔絶された存在ではあり得ず、一般社会からの評価と支援を受けることは不可欠です。地域や一般の皆様からの医学部・医学系研

究科への日頃からのご理解・ご支援へ感謝するとともに、医学・医療の追求、研究成果の社会への還元を目指して日々活動しております私たちに引き続きましてのご支援を賜りますこと、この場を借りましてお願い申し上げます。

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Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine/Faculty of Medicine has its roots in Tekijuku, a group of highly motivated, excellent young scholars who gathered from across Japan to follow Ogata Koan. In addition to receiving teachings from their master, they also worked together to improve their skills in the spirit of friendly competition. Today's Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine/Faculty of Medicine is continuing this Tekijuku spirit and our mission is to develop individuals who not only study the latest medical science and treatments but who will also pioneer and produce the medical science and treatments of tomorrow. While many new pharmaceuticals and medical procedures have been released into the world, there are still many diseases for which the causes are unknown and which have no treatments, and a large number of patients and their families around the world are suffering. It is important that in their studies, students understand this and take it to heart, so that they begin to consider questions such as "Why does this disease occur?" and "Isn't there some way we can treat it?" on a daily basis and adopt an approach in which they are always wondering "Why?" In research activities, they should aim to carry out solid research that reveals the true causes and pathology of a disease through basic research focused on the essential substance of a vital phenomenon and clinical research that further develops this new basic research. The results of this will generate research that takes the next step.

At each juncture of life, people make the most important decisions based on their dreams. The same is true of medicine. There is a saying that, "One day with a great teacher is worth more than 1,000 days of study." The teaching staff of Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine/Faculty of Medicine contains many people who students can aspire to be like and who can act as role models for the future. Students are also surrounded by classmates who will lead the medical world in years to come. Even after entering the school, unless they stay alert to their surroundings, students could end up simply following the path laid out. They will meet lifelong teachers and colleagues in their research and academic activities, and we want them

to find the courage to really engage with these circles. We hope that they will take the initiative to improve themselves so that one day, they will make great leaps forward as practical physicians who can save patients suffering from intractable diseases or as medical researchers whose research activities drive the global medical circles forward.

In modern times, the university cannot exist in a vacuum separate from society. It is crucial that we are evaluated by and receive support from society in general. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the local community and general public for the support and understanding they show the Graduate School of Medicine/Faculty of Medicine every day, and to ask for continued support for our daily activities as we pursue medical science and treatments with the aim of using the fruits of this research to give back to society.