

24 September 2026

Congratulations on the

Dear Prof Hisao Tajiri

It is with great pleasure and sincere admiration that I extend my warmest congratulations to you on receiving the **WEO (World Endoscopy Organization) Lifetime Achievement Award** at ENDO 2026, held in Cape Town, South Africa, from September 24 to 26, 2026.

Your outstanding reputation as a distinguished gastroenterologist and leading expert in endoscopy is widely recognized throughout the international medical community. Your remarkable contributions to the World Endoscopy Organization, as well as your lifelong dedication to advancing, promoting, and educating the field of endoscopic medicine around the world, are truly deserving of this prestigious recognition.

We have long regarded you as **“the epitome of elegance” in the medical community**—a reflection not only of your exceptional professional achievements, but also of your gracious character, leadership, and enduring commitment to fostering international collaboration in medicine.

On this distinguished occasion, I would also like to express my sincere appreciation for your longstanding efforts to advance medical education and endoscopic medicine globally. I greatly value your friendship and the important bridges you have helped build among colleagues and institutions across different regions of the world.

I sincerely hope that your visit to South Africa will provide an opportunity to further strengthen the bonds of friendship and goodwill between **Japan and the Republic of South Africa**, and that you will continue to contribute to the development of medical care and professional collaboration in Africa and beyond.

Once again, please accept my heartfelt congratulations on this most deserved and distinguished honor. I wish you continued success, good health, and many more years of meaningful contributions to the international medical community.

With warmest regards and sincere congratulations,

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. N. E. Sekonyana', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end.

Silas N. E. Sekonyana

First Secretary: Political Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations