

## **Presentation Ceremony for Princess Chichibu Memorial TB Global Award**

It is a great pleasure for me to present the “Princess Chichibu Memorial TB Global Award”. I would like to thank The Union for its long-term collaboration with Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, the winner of this year’s award, has devoted her professional life to offering her warm-hearted support to those without a voice, such as children with TB. She has worked in India for many years, displaying a deep empathy with patients suffering socio-economic difficulties. Internationally, she has contributed to the global efforts to respond to TB and HIV. I am sure that she will achieve further success in promoting global health by strengthening scientific research based on human values.

On behalf of Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association and The Union, I would like to offer the Princess Chichibu Memorial TB Global Award for 2020 to Dr. Swaminathan for her outstanding contribution to global TB control.

Congratulations!