

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 the Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

Professor Knut Lönnroth, the winner of this year’s award, led for 14 years the development at the World Health Organization of key global policies for tuberculosis based on social medicine, and is currently engaged in research and education at the Karolinska Institute.

He has published many scientific research papers on social medicine. He examines how social and economic conditions interact with health and disease in various communities, and explores ways to alleviate people’s suffering. His work has helped to foster policies and strategies to improve the health systems of many countries, and to reduce tuberculosis around the world. He has contributed to the development of the End TB Strategy and to putting it into practice. I would like to express my deepest respect for these outstanding accomplishments.

The current COVID-19 pandemic is a difficult challenge for all of us, but I sincerely wish for your good health and continued contributions to promoting global health, including measures against tuberculosis for vulnerable people, and mentoring junior researchers and policy makers worldwide.

On behalf of the Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association and The Union, I would like to offer the Princess Chichibu Memorial TB Global Award for 2021 to Professor Knut Lönnroth, for his outstanding contributions to TB prevention and his efforts towards ending TB.

Congratulations!