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SPEAKER: **Mr. Taichi Ono**, First Secretary (Health and Welfare), Economic Section,
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TOPIC: “Health Care Policymaking in the U.S. and Japan”

Mr. Ono, a representative of the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW), was assigned his current position, First Secretary at the Embassy of Japan, in Washington D.C. three years ago. Since then, he has been responsible for liaison for trade talks between the U.S. and Japan on pharmaceuticals and medical devices, working with U.S. governmental and non-governmental organizations. He has been conducting extensive research on U.S. policies for health care, public health, social welfare, social security and other areas within the jurisdiction of MHLW.

Mr. Ono will share his insights and observations on the U.S.’ and Japan’s health care policymaking processes and systems, how they differ from each other and the reasons, and the impact they make on the pharmaceutical industry.

Before being transferred to Washington D.C., Mr. Ono was with the International Affairs Division of the Minister’s Secretariat at MHLW. His experiences at the Ministry include assignments at the Nature Conservation Bureau of the Environmental Agency; Policy Planning and Evaluation Division of the Minister’s Secretariat; Health Service Division and Planning Division of the Department of Health and Welfare for the Elderly.