

June Program
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SPEAKER: Mr. Takahiko Iwaya, Director, Health & Welfare Dept., JETRO New York
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TOPIC: *Taking the Pulse of Japan's Health Care –Will the Patient Survive?*

Mr. Takahiko Iwaya, Director of Health and Welfare Department, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) New York, was assigned to this position from the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW) in June 2000. In this position, he has been actively promoting mutual understanding between the U.S. and Japanese pharmaceutical industries and conducting research on U.S. policy and systems in the health care field.

At this program, Mr. Iwaya will compare the future of pharmaceutical policies and health care in Japan with those in U.S., based on his extensive study and experience over the past three years. He will share his impressions and experiences he has had with the business culture in the U.S. as well as his personal views, off the record, on what the Japanese pharmaceutical industry and the Japanese government need to do for survival.

Mr. Iwaya joined the Ministry of Health and Welfare in 1990. His experiences with the Ministry include serving in the Minister's Secretariat, the Health Policy Bureau, serving as a visiting scholar at the University of British Columbia, and a position with the Ministry of Finance.

He will return to Japan to assume a new position at the Ministry shortly after this program, and therefore, this may be the last opportunity for NYPF members to have an interactive discussion with Mr. Iwaya before he leaves New York.