Japanese Expert to attend World Blood Donor Day 2014

Dr. Yoshihiko Tani, Vice-Director of Red Cross Japan will attend the World Blood Donor Day 2014, to be held in Sri Lanka from the 9 to the 14 June, under the theme “Safe blood for saving mothers”. His participation as an international expert in Blood Transfusion Medicine and a leading researcher in the field of rare blood donors is under the auspices of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to mark Japan’s 60th Anniversary of Official Development Assistance.

Dr. Tani is a graduate from Osaka University Medical School, and has held several senior positions in a career that has spanned over three decades. He will present a paper on “Defining and finding rare donors and reagent preparation” at the scientific sessions on 10th June 2014 at the National Blood Centre, Narahenpita. Drawing on his meticulous research and wide experience, he is also due to discuss with the staff of the Blood Bank.

Sri Lanka is the first South Asian country to host the World Blood Donors Day International Conference, and it is an honour in recognition of the country’s National Blood Transfusion Service (NBTS). JICA notes this success with pleasure, especially as it has supported the development of the NBTS through a Yen Loan Project for Improvement of National Blood Transfusion Services in Sri Lanka.

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