

## Upon completing the 7th Sino-Japanese Symposium on Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Disease

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The 7th Sino-Japanese Symposium on Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Disease was held in Beijing from April 18 to 19, 2008 and welcomed four professors as Symposium Presidents: Profs. Ke-Ming Ja, Zhiqiang Huang, and Jia-Hong Dong from China and Prof. Keiichi Kubota from Japan. Top professors from Japan and China gathered together, and results from 75 of the latest studies on themes ranging from hepatocarcinoma, hepatectomy, liver transplantation, treatment of hepatic inflammation, to autoimmune pancreatitis were presented. The symposium attracted many participants, as evidenced by the fact that two conference rooms were packed during the length of the symposium, and featured active question-and-answer sessions. For those not well-versed on medical conditions in China, the symposium offered ample opportunity to learn more through a number of interesting presentations. The assembled research and information on aggressive treatment approaches using surgery on the part of the Chinese participants was impressive and may assist the Japanese participants in their future medical and research practices as well. In addition, the symposium provided a meaningful opportunity to talk with top professors and young doctors from China, with the hopes that such exchanges continue in the future. Many young doctors from Japan also participated in the symposium. They gave a number of interesting presentations, and the symposium offered them the chance to present their results in an international setting. Much as China's drive and determination to host the upcoming Beijing Olympics were apparent, China's influence in the medical field appears to be on the rise as well.

The symposium went well for the two days it was scheduled, and thanks are expressed to everyone who aided with and participated in the symposium. The future looks bright for the upcoming Eighth symposium.



### Main Sessions

- Comprehensive Management of Viral Hepatitis
- Update on Liver Resection Techniques in an Age of Liver Transplantation
- Medical Treatment of Biliary Disease
- Living Donor Liver Transplantation
- Comprehensive Diagnosis and Management of Liver Tumors
- Evaluation and Management of Pancreatic Disease
- Surgical Management of Biliary Disease
- Evaluation and Management of Liver Failure
- Management of Liver Disease
- Current Management of HCC
- Surgical Management of Pancreatic Disease
- Management of Portal Hypertension and Upper Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage
- Systematic Diagnosis and Management of HCC

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