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Advancing Cancer Innovation Amid Global Challenges

The Embassy of Japan in the United States of America, in cooperation with the Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED), cordially invites you to participate in the US-Japan Conference on Oncology in-person.

This year marks the 13th year that the Embassy and the Agency have been hosting the annual symposium. The conference will consist of presentations and discussions led by internationally recognized experts from both the US and Japan.



September 4, 2026
10:15 - 17:15 EDT



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Embassy of Japan

2516 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20008

FEATURED SPEAKERS



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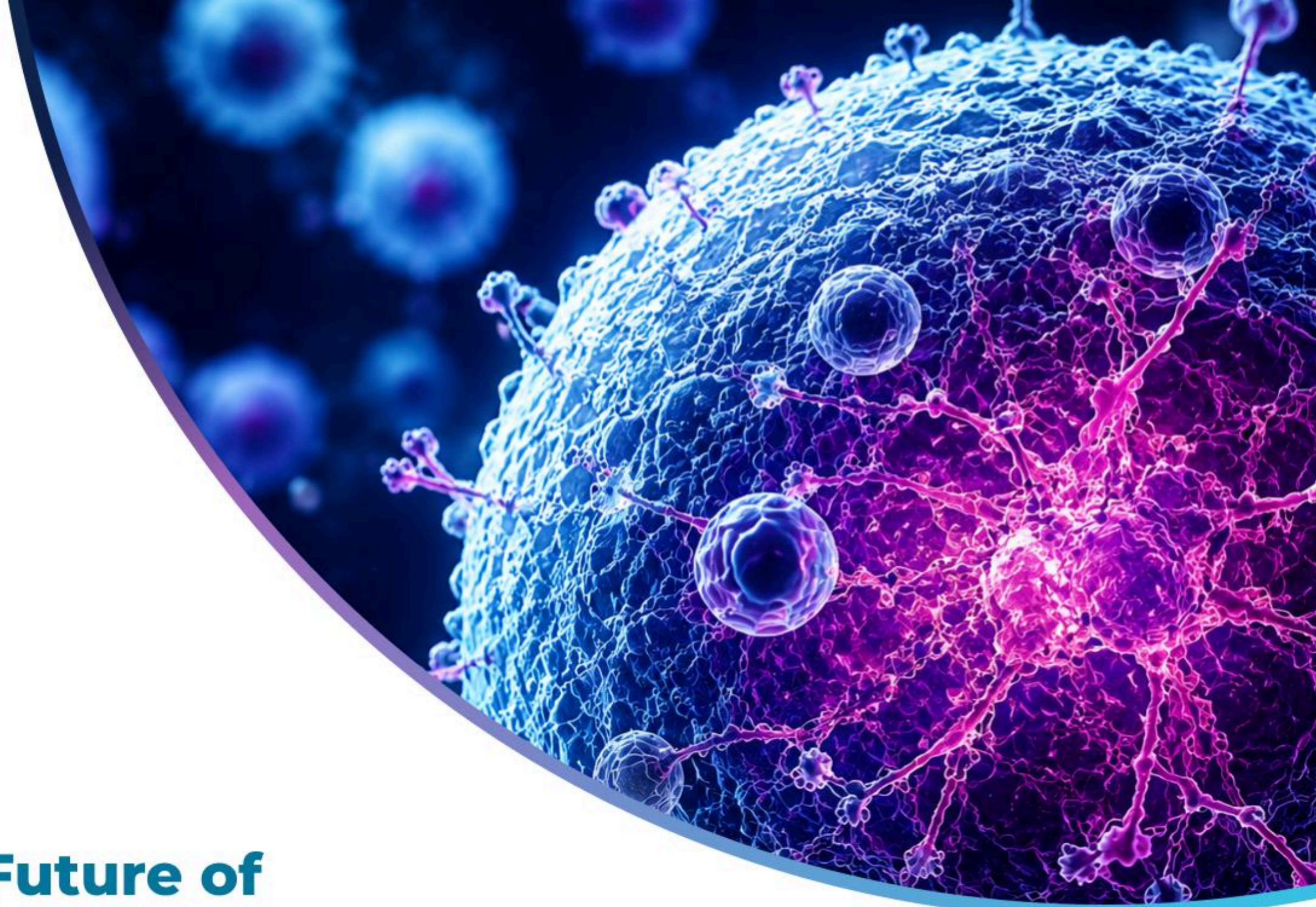
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Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development



PROGRAM



10:15 - 10:40

Venue Open

10:40 - 11:00

Opening Remarks
Ice Breaking: Dr. Takebe



SESSION 1

AMED Insights into the Future of Cancer Research in Japan

Moderator: Dr. Otsuru

11:00 - 11:30

Dr. Hitoshi Nakagama, President, AMED

11:30 - 12:00

Discussion / Q&A

12:00 - 13:00

Lunch



SESSION 2

Start-Up as a Strategy for Funding your Science

Moderators: Dr. Takebe, Dr. Shirai, Dr. Takabe

13:00 - 13:30

Dr. Shunichi Nakagawa, Professor, Columbia University

13:30 - 14:00

Dr. Hisataka Kobayashi, NCI

14:00 - 14:30

Ms. Stephanie Wisner, Chief Business Officer, Centivax

14:30 - 15:00

Discussion / Q&A

15:00 - 15:15

Short Break



SESSION 3

Effective Communication Strategies to Interact with Private Funding Sources

Moderators: Dr. Takebe, Dr. Fujii, Dr. Yamaguchi, Dr. Ikeuchi

15:15 - 15:45

Dr. Yukari Manabe, Professor, Johns Hopkins University

15:45 - 16:15

Mr. Ted Giovanis, President, The Jayne Koskinas Ted Giovanis Foundation

16:15 - 16:45

Ms. Samantha Guild, President, AIM at Melanoma

16:45 - 17:15

Discussion / Q&A

17:15 - 17:30

Group Photo

17:30 - 19:30

Reception

