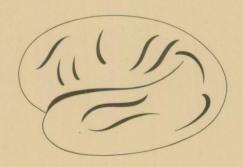
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All who had the privilege of attending the Fourth International Neurosurgical Congress in New York enjoyed a most stimulating and delightful time. The symposia of supratentorial tumors, increased intracranial pressure, cerebral edema, and pain; and the joint symposia with Neurology of epilepsy and cerebrovascular diseases, were extremely well organized and showed the highest standards in these fields. Free communications, including those read through T.V. were interesting and excellent. I must particularly mention the special lectures delivered by the outstanding neurosurgeons of our time which were all superb and didactic. I congratulate Dr. Walker and our American colleagues for the great success of this wonderfully organized congress and express our hearty gratitude for their warm hospitality.



Keiji Sano

I feel greatly honored to be elected President of this great fraternity, the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies, and the host of the Fifth International Congress of Neurological Surgery. At present I believe the date and place of the next Congress will be October 7 - 13, 1973, at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo. On behalf of the Japanese neurosurgeons I wish to extend to you all a most cordial welcome.

As you know, in most of the Asian countries, neurological surgery is still in a developing stage, and I am sure the next Congress will give a big impetus to further development in this specialty in Asia.

I recall that when I started apprenticeship of neurosurgery under Professor Shimizu many of my friends advised me not to do so inasmuch as neurological surgery was the most unprofitable of all surgical specialties. But I was greatly influenced at that time by the words of the celebrated German Poet, Goethe, "Der Chirurg widmet sich dem Gottlichsten aller Geschafte: ohne Wunder zu heilen, under ohne Worte Wunder zu tun" (The surgeon is devoting himself to the most divine of all occupations, curing without wonder and without words doing wonders) I hope our German colleagues will not resent my clumsy translation. To me, more than other specialties, Neurological Surgery seemed a divine vocation in the saving of people from death. For instance, in brain tumors, aneurysms, and head injuries, we have and are still fighting against the Man with the big Scythe called "Death". Neurological Surgery is not only a life saving business; many functional disorders are now relieved by various neurosurgical techniques. In the future we may be able to find ways to reconstruct neurones of their pathways in the central nervous system, relieving paralysis, blindness and deafness. That will be the final goal of neurological surgery and would really deserve the praise of Goethe.

Again I extend a most hearty welcome to Japan to all the members of the Federation.

Any help and advice from you will be most gratefully appreciated.

Keiji Sano