It is a great honor and privilege for us to host the Sixth International Conference of Occupational Health for Health Care Workers (HCW) at UOEH, Japan. Our university has held an international symposium on occupational health every year since 1981. The 24th UOEH International Symposium will be held as a joint meeting with the OH for HCW.

We will focus on SARS in Asia and biochemical terrorism as emerging measures for health care workers. In addition the program will also cover a wide variety of topics such as violence, work environmental and musculoskeletal disorders etc.

We are looking forward to your participation in and contribution to the conference and hope you will also take the opportunity to appreciate the natural beauty and culture of Japan during your visit.

Conference Date and Place
  October 8-10, 2004, Kitakyushu, Japan

Conference Venue
  Ramazzini Hall at the University of Occupational and Environmental Health (UOEH)

Conference Language
  The official language of the conference will be English

Program
  Program will be arranged. Details will be given in the 2nd Announcement.

Further Information
  The 2nd Announcement and call for abstracts will be distributed in November 2003. Additional information with respect to the conference program, keynote speech, accommodations, etc. will be given at that time.

Information for this conference can be found at: http://www.hcw2004uoeh.jp/

Important Deadlines
  May 31, 2004  Deadline for receiving abstracts
  June 30, 2004  Notification of acceptance of abstracts for conference
  July 31, 2004  Early registration

Organizing committee:
  Chairperson: Toshiteru Okubo (President of UOEH)
  Vice-chairpersons: Susumu Oda, Toshiaki Higashi
  International organizing committee: Gustav Wickstrom, Hans-Martin Hasselhorn

Registration Fees

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**Program (Tentative)**

1) **Keynote Speech**
   - Toshiteru Okubo: New Threat to Health Care Workers
   - Gustav Wickstrom: Working conditions in public health care - yesterday, today and tomorrow

2) **Special Session**
   1) Country Report
   2) Site Visits (university hospital, nearby hospitals)
   3) Other sessions

3) **Topics (workshop)**
   1) SARS and Infectious Disease
   2) Terrorism (Chemical, Biological etc.)
   3) Suicide (Mental and Organization-related etc.)
   4) Work Environment
   5) Violence
   6) Occupational Health in the Nursing Profession
   7) Future Research Topics in Occupational Health for Health Care Workers
   8) Other topics

4) **Oral or Poster Session**
   1) Biological factors
   2) Physical factors
   3) Chemical factors
   4) Psychosocial factors
   5) Organization factors
   6) Accidents
   7) Education, Training, Information
   8) Occupational Health Service for Health Care Workers
   9) Shift work
   10) Other topics

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