

Featured MDS Patient Support Group: Kanagawa, Japan

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The report of their first regional meeting:

Twenty-nine MDS patients and their families gathered on that meeting. We gave seven talks to them and answered many questions asked by them. After that, we enjoyed free time with drinks and cakes and a mini violin concert by my niece, Micca. Three hours passed quickly, and we are sure that the first meeting is successful and useful for participants. We received many very positive responses from participants.

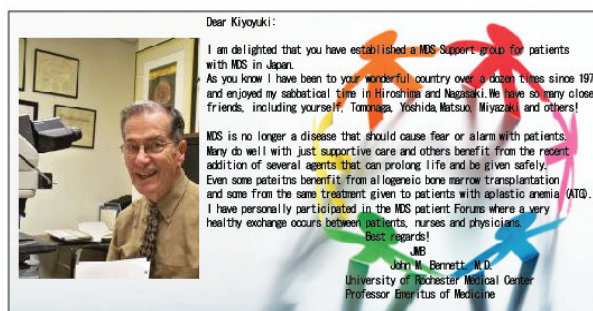


Our seven talks were:

1. **The Reason Why We Need This MDS Patient Support Group**
Mika Kojima
2. **Understanding of MDS**
Kiyoyuki Ogata
3. **MDS Flow Cytometry**
Eri Kashiwagi
4. **Fact of Stem Cell Transplant for MDS**
Kiyoyuki Ogata

5. **Living with MDS: A Story of Robert Weinberg**
Miki Iizuka
6. **Current Therapy for MDS**
Kiyoyuki Ogata
7. **Future Perspective**
Kiyoyuki Ogata

The next regional meeting will be held on November 30, 2013 at the same time and the same place.



Dear Japan MDS Support Group,

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for your first MDS Support Group Meeting!

We hope you will find the discussions and information helpful in your journey of LIVING with MDS. Studies and other literature show that patients, as well as their families and friends, benefit in numerous ways from participating in patient support groups.

We also want to thank Dr. Kiyoyuki Ogata and MRC Japan for making this possible. Without their help this support group would not be in existence.

Please know that we are thinking of you on September 7th!

With best wishes,
The MDS Foundation, Inc.