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This newsletter features Dr. Jutaro Fukumoto, M.D., Ph.D., Research Associate, employed in Dr. Narasaiah Kolliputi, PhD's laboratory, Division of Allergy and Immunology, Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. Fukumoto is getting ready to go back to his native country, Japan, and was honored at the Wednesday morning Division Didactic Conference, September 23, 2020. He was presented with a farewell certificate by Dr. Richard F. Lockey, MD, Division Director. We all wish Dr. Fukumoto the very best in his future endeavors in Japan.

Jutaro Fukumoto, MD, PhD was born in Kagoshima, Japan. After getting his medical degree at Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan, he started his career as a clinician in 2001. He joined the fellowship program in the Department of Pulmonary Medicine, Kyushu University in 2004. While working as a pulmonologist, he earned his Ph.D. from Kyushu University.

His desire to develop new therapies against fibrotic lung diseases drove him to pursue a new career as a postdoctoral researcher and he joined Dr. Narasaiah Kolliputi's lab in the University of South Florida, Department of Internal Medicine in 2011. He not only published many peer-reviewed research articles with high impact but also mentored many undergraduate and medical students. After getting a research associate position in USF in 2016, he took a leading role in the study of lung fibrosis in Dr. Kolliputi's lab and found that Aconitase 1 is a key enzyme that could open the door to the mechanism of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

Some words by Dr. Narasaiah Kolliputi, PhD on Dr. Jutaro Fukumoto, MD, PhD

Dr. Jutaro Fukumoto, MD, PhD, is a Research Associate in my laboratory in the Division of Allergy and Immunology at the Morsani College of Medicine. Dr. Fukumoto is working on the mechanism of lung aging in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and acute lung injury. He received his doctoral training in Japan under the mentorship of Dr. Kazuyoshi Kuwano, a highly respected IPF researcher. Dr. Fukumoto was funded a postdoctoral fellowship from the American Heart Association Grant. He has published twenty research articles in peer-reviewed journals and has a record of successful and highly productive research projects in acute lung injury and IPF at the University of South Florida.

It has been a pleasure having Jutaro in my laboratory. My personal best wishes to him for continued success in his home country, Japan!

With warm regards,

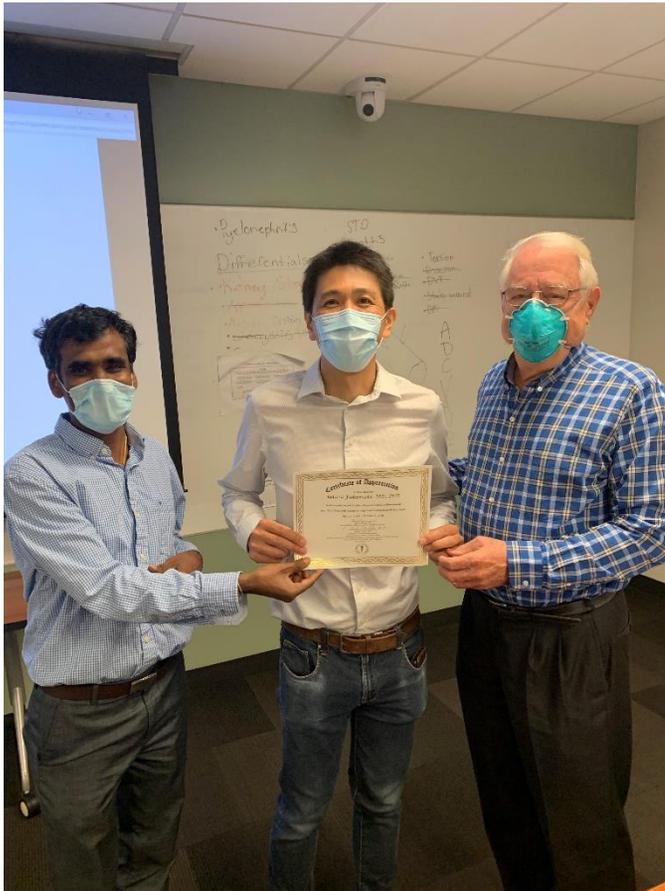
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Presentation of farewell certificate by Richard F. Lockety, MD to Jutaro Fukumoto, MD, PHD, September 23, 2020.

Left to Right: Narasaiah Kolliputi, PhD, Jutaro Fukumoto, MD, PhD, Richard F.Lockety, MD



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Jutaro Fukumoto, MD, PhD, Matthew Allen, Narasaiah Kolliputi, PhD

