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Dr. Yasumasa Nishimura, M.D., Ph.D. an internationally reputed, leading radiation oncologists from Japan is currently working as a professor and chairman, Department of Radiology, Kinki University School of Medicine in Osaka. Dr. Nishimura was born in 1956 in Niigata prefecture, Japan.

and research contributions in radiation oncology, especially in the treatment of esophageal cancer.

Dr. Nishimura graduated from Kyoto University, Faculty of Medicine in 1981, and started residency at the Department of Radiology, Kyoto City Hospital. In 1985, he entered Kyoto University, Graduate School of Medicine to obtain Ph.D. In the graduate course, he was supervised by Professor Mitsuyuki Abe, and had been involved in clinical and biological studies on hyperthermia. His thesis of Ph.D. was on heat-induced vascular damage in hyperthermia. In 1989, Dr. Nishimura was appointed as an assistant professor, Department of Radiology, Kyoto University. In 1990, he moved to Department of Radiation Medicine, University of Kentucky, U.S.A. as a research associate, and performed basic animal experiments on the effects of combining radiation and hyperthermia. After returning to Japan in 1992, he started to perform various clinical studies on radiation therapy for various cancers at Department of Radiology, Kyoto University. In 1996, Dr. Nishimura received Best Paper Award from the Japan Radiological Society (Nishimura Y, et al. Esophageal cancer treated with radiotherapy: impact of total treatment time and fractionation. *Int. J. Radiat. Oncol. Biol. Phys.* 30: 1099-1105, 1994). In 1998, he moved to Department of Radiology, Kinki University School of Medicine as a professor and chairman. His subspecialty in radiation oncology is head and neck cancer, gastrointestinal cancer, and lung cancer. Dr. Nishimura has published 110 papers written in English and 118 papers in Japanese since 1981. He is now interested in chemo-radiation therapy for esophageal cancer, head and neck cancer, and lung cancer, and conducting various clinical trials for these diseases. In addition, he is also heavily involved in clinical trials of intensity modulated radiation therapy.

Dr. Yasumasa Nishimura was selected by the World Scientists Forum for "Eminent Scientist of the Year 2004" international award of IRPC based on his research excellence