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Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, Minokamo Japan Neurosurgeon, Elected Lions Clubs International President

OAK BROOK, IL, USA, June 30, 2015—Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, of Minokamo, Gifu, Japan, was elected to serve as president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 98th International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, June 26 through 30, 2015.

President Yamada is a neurosurgeon.

As international president, Yamada will lead the 1.4 million members in more than 46,000 clubs serving communities in over 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe. He will also support the humanitarian work of Lions Clubs International Foundation, the charitable arm of the Lions association.

A member of the Minokamo Lions Club, Yamada has been a Lion since 1985. He has held many offices in the association, including district governor and GLT constitutional area vice leader. He served on the international board from 2005 to 2007 as a member of the Executive Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee and vice chairperson of Convention Committee. Yamada also served as a board appointee for 2011-2012.

In recognition of his service to the association, Yamada has received numerous awards, including the Humanitarian Partners Award, 10 International President's Awards and an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world. Our 1.4 million members in more than 46,000 clubs are serving communities in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired, championed youth initiatives and strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit lionsclubs.org.

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