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An Experience of the ACC Leadership Training Program

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In the Mid-August of 2014, I got an e-mail from JCC, which informed my acceptance as one of the 2 candidate trainee for the first ACC Leadership Training Program in last December. I was very excited to learn about the leadership and educational skills from the American top physician scientists. The program was held in the Heart House at Washington D.C. for one and a half day. It started with the impressive overview of Dr. DeMaria; "The world is becoming small, so we have to discuss and learn about the educational skills together." Twenty seven trainees from 15 different countries were attending mainly from Europe, South America, Middle and East Asia. On day 1, we discussed about "What leadership skills are lacking and what educational needs are present in each country?" The presentation was given by 8 countries including Japan, and I introduced Japan and Japanese medical educational environment as following; 1) Japanese are homogeneous and less egoistic in general, which is good for organizing stable society including medical field, 2) however, less opportunity is existing to study leadership skills to activate young doctors, 3) no medical staff is equipped specified for the education. The presentations from developing countries such as Chile and India were interesting for me. We enjoyed nice dinner with course directors, all of the attendance, and ACC staffs after the course. I made an international collaboration Finally, I would like to express an address of thanks to JCC, especially to Prof. Hirayama and Prof. Ozaki for sending me to such an exciting program.