

A Declaration of the Japan Patients Association's Foundation

Sunday May 29, 2005

The Inaugural meeting of the Japan Patients Association

The initial Japanese Nanbyo (Rare and Intractable Diseases) policy was conceived in 1972. Since 2002, many social and developmental events were convened through the cooperation of the two main patients groups, **Japan Patients Council (JPC)** (founded 1982) and the **All Japan Nanbyo Association** (founded 1980).

On this day, Sunday May 29, 2005, these two organizations amalgamated and became the Japan Patients Association (JPA).

Three Primary Goals of Patient Groups

- 1) Know Your Disease
- 2) Living with your Disease
- 3) Making a Well-being Society

Our Aspirations

- Best medications
- Pain reduction
- Hardship reduction
- No discrimination
- No prejudice
- Optimistic future
- Human dignity respect
- Social welfare improvements
- Patients first approach
- Peace objective

Our Mission

To create the national center of patients' groups we appeal to all existing patients' groups through cooperation and diligence to join our endeavor.

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