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9.2 Appointment of the Regional Director for Western Pacific

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Thank you Chair,

On behalf of the WHO EURO Region we would like to express our deep appreciation for Dr Shin Young-soo leadership during the past 10 years as regional director for the WHO Western Pacific region.

In the past decade your efforts have effected and improved the health conditions of many of the 1.9 billion people in your region. You focused on partnerships and on new ways to make WHO better in delivering the needs of the countries of the West Pacific.

Your guiding principle of keeping the countries at the center of everything done by the regional office is becoming an example for the whole organization, moving ahead in the direction of a country focused global mission.

We thank you for your great achievements, especially in reducing significantly Tuberculosis incidences, bringing the region closer to eliminating malaria, and increasing viral hepatitis immunization of children, turning the tide on this disease: great achievements indeed.

We would also like to congratulate Dr Takeshi Kasai on your election as Regional Director for the WHO Western Pacific region. We wish you the very best success. We are confident that your extensive experience focusing on tackling emerging infectious diseases nationally and globally, while placing great importance on the improvement of health systems, will greatly benefit your region.

We warmly congratulate you on your appointment and wish you all the best.