

# My Way since 2006 Requested by the Doctor and Chairperson of Sports

**Introduction letter upon joining in the Saitama Medical Association (Japan) (May 1, 2006) \* Mailed to 30 professors of the National Defense Medical College and Jichi Medical University (Saitama Prefecture, Japan)**

“My opinion, which I have also told three-star Michelin chef Mr. Pierre Gagnaire at the All Nippon Airways Hotel in Tokyo, is that there are many shameful, backdoor, money-powered individuals who have paid over 450,000 euros (60,000,000 yen) through entrance examination brokers to the private university to become doctors, negatively influencing Japanese business practices. I had the chance to talk with the Saitama Health Promotion about the Jikei University, and they were like, ‘we cannot comment on our entrance-exam broker for the Jikei University or the 60 million yen tuition.’” The above is an excerpt of a conversation I had last year at the Keio Marunouchi City Campus with the chairperson of the All Nippon Airways, Yoji Ohashi, who is an alumnus of Keio University. It was after I had submitted an inquiry to Dr. Tadao Yoshihara, chairperson of the Saitama Health Promotion as well as the Saitama Medical Association. For chairperson Yoshihara, who still has not responded to my inquiry, the words “entrance-exam broker and 60 million yen tuition” probably hurt his ear. From the perspective of researcher, this is a scholarly confirmation that the Jikei University is also a backdoor, money-powered university (third-class university) that deals with entrance-exam brokers and charges over 60 million yen. I apologize for the lengthy preamble, but I am Yukihiisa Shida, Doctor of Medicine from Mie University, and I have been asked to compose an introduction upon joining the Saitama Medical Association. From 1990 to 1994, I served as the doctor for the Japanese table tennis team, and in 1991, I was the chairperson of the Sports Science Congress of the International Table Tennis Federation. Having retired from sports medicine, I am currently investigating medical education and especially, backdoor, money-powered universities — uncomfortable topic for the immoral officials of private universities with medical schools. For the past three years, I have been in charge of medicine of the Red Cross Blood Centers’ blood donation facilities in Chiba and Saitama Prefectures, and I have also been performing physical examinations as a part-time doctor at the Chiba Foundation for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. However, because medical doctors from Chiba University, who don’t even study for an hour a day and are not worthy of scholarship, don’t relinquish their full-time post, I have been unable to attend academic conferences or write papers and medical books. The dates for the discussion entitled “**The Doping - Backdoor Theory since 1999**” to be held at Harvard University are still not finalized. Not all Japanese doctors can buy expensive medical books and attend academic conferences. Therefore, we don’t need the “lady-killer, paper-tiger” doctors, who prefer nurses to medical books and will never be true scholars, to be part of academic societies. Here is my final comment: Doctors of private universities such as Nippon Medical School sometimes become offended when I inquire about backdoor, money-powered doctors. They say “Don’t insult me. I graduated from a rigid institution.” With Dokkyo Medical University, while the rumor is that the secretaries of Diet members and parents of university applicants go all the way to the parking lot of the Gusto restaurant in Utsunomiya in the winter in order to meet and discuss backdoor admissions, I often hear a phrase “I/we wouldn’t go to the bottom (secret meeting place).” Yet, if I confirm the rumor, I receive so many calls at my workplace from Dokkyo Medical University graduates that I am almost unable to do any work. In that case, they shouldn’t accuse others by saying, “that (university) is terrible, strange, cold, far, not difficult, not special, or ashamed” or “that person is pitiful, inferior, low, weak, plain, and behind” or “They go to the bottom” to begin with. What kind of logic is it to say “Honestly answer the questions I/we asked you,” but “I/We can’t answer your questions”? This is all I want to say to introduce myself to this medical organization, which is also a scholarly organization, from the front lines of global scholarship. I just started working in the Saitama Medical Association as a doctor from public university; this is a place like the Japanese movie *Great White Tower*, unlike the Japanese film *Nurses Work*.

**Letter to the faculty of Osaka University (October 31, 2008) \* Mailed to 100 professors**

Thank you for your continuous support. I’m also very grateful for the opportunity to recommend a presentation of my research on medical education, which focuses on backdoor, money-powered universities, at a luncheon seminar for 104 professors of the Osaka University department of medicine, dentistry, and pharmacology, including professor Toshiyuki Yoneda and president Kiyokazu Washida. In 2008, no commentaries were made on the state of Japanese medical education by the Osaka University faculty. This weighs very heavily on my mind. *Asahi Shimbun*, *NHK*, *Nikkei Shimbun*, and the rest of Japanese mass media have largely resigned to accept backdoor, money-powered universities. It seems that, facing the complexities of medical education, they were intimidated by the “dark side.” Regarding the backdoor practices in the employment-exams for Oita Prefecture Board of Education teachers that became controversial this summer, I consider that the existence of those brokers — some of the prefectural assembly members and middlemen between the applicants and the Oita Prefecture Board of Education — itself proves the backdoor practice. After leaving a clinic in Osaka in 1998 for the Kanto region, I have often encountered an attitude of “I can talk about other people, but I can’t talk about myself,” mainly from individuals at private medical universities. Osaka University, as with Nagoya University, may look down such talks from Mie University, which is not a former imperial university, thinking “come back in three years (you aren’t at our former-imperial-university level)” or “In particular, you are thought to be extremely over-confident.” However, if you don’t mind, I would ask you to quietly observe the academic field of medical education from the university in Osaka Prefecture. Furthermore, I ask you to reconsider what I often say to doctors at public universities in the Kanto region: “Not all Japanese doctors have positions, salaries, and research funding that allow them to buy expensive medical books and attend academic conferences. Please refrain from saying something like ‘doctors from private universities do not use entrance-exam brokers or spend more than 60 million yen at conferences or on academic papers.’” I also believe that I have gained your understanding about my irritation towards statements such as “we don’t have inappropriate relationships with nurses at the workplace or in the organization” made regarding doctors with shoddy work practices (low human quality), as it has become a controversy escalated to a question whether the doctor from Kyushu University should resign. Understandably, I was dumbfounded to hear most doctors deny any inappropriate relations with nurses from any organizations or places of employment. This is something I plan to consult with the faculty of Kyushu University next year, but, the Japan Society for Medical Education as well as Japanese universities with medical school continue putting pressure on me, and the state of medical education in Japan persists to be unpredictable. I hope you all first-class doctors would hear my apprehension and become strict with yourselves and your academic clique by being considerable to others and discuss/coordinate about yourself first. I would also appreciate if you could help alleviate the pressure from Osaka University on me and on medical education research. To the best 100 “*myo* (wonderful or odd)” professors: if you, the “*fu-un* (heroes or nimbus)” move, even in the tight-knit world of universities, we can hope to achieve full disclosure on backdoor, money-powered universities, which is also the secrecy issues of Osaka University alumni itself. I hope you, at Osaka University, will think of me as a leader in the field of medical education with a focus on backdoor, money-powered universities.

**Letter to the faculty of the University of Tokyo (December 31, 2011) \* Mailed to 30 professors**

This is my first letter to you. The world of scholarship is small. As you know, Kazunori Nakajima, a University of Tokyo graduate, is the general manager of the Tokyo Red Cross Blood Center dispatched from the medical department of the University of Tokyo. Despite his shoddy work practices and the lack of confirmation thereof, Dr. Nakajima issued a dismissal notice to me, Dr. Shida, in February 2009. This was my fourth dismissal (or near dismissal) notice which came from a Red Cross Blood Center general manager graduated from the University of Tokyo. The other three dismissal notices were from Saitama Red Cross Blood Center general manager Hideaki Mizoguchi and Mutsuhiko Minami, and Ibaraki Red Cross Blood Center general manager Akiyoshi Kashii. Now, it is possible that my research and education on sports and medical education, especially backdoor, money-powered universities, which began about 10 years ago and was preceded by clinical practice, research, and education in sports medicine starting about 20 years ago, will actually come to an end. As Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara, a Kyoto University graduate and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of St. Luke’s International Hospital in Tokyo, says, “Tokyo is rough because the University of Tokyo alumni throw its weight around.” Sadly, it seems I have succumbed to the power of the University of Tokyo alumni. I have kept on working at an Olympic, international academic conference level. As I conveyed in similar letters to the faculty of Osaka University, Kyushu University, and Yokohama City University, please speak about yourself first and speak with consideration for others. Please don’t talk about work (verification), dismissal, or employment rejection concerning other doctors and medical staff without talking about your own work or your own dismissals or employment rejections resulting from your loose working hours and loose interpersonal relationships. To the University of Tokyo alumni: in the end, the University of Tokyo medical department is responsible for education, management, and supervision. I would like you to check the serious cases of dismissals for shoddy work practices such as inappropriate male-female relationships at the workplace among your own University of Tokyo alumni. It troubles us that you try to pass off a deer as a horse. As an example, there was a sports doctor (now deceased) from Juntendo University in my hometown of Tsu City, Mie Prefecture. He was notorious for commuting to a nurse’s condo in a foreign (conspicuous) car, was even regarded as a source of local shame. Doctors and medical staffs like him cannot say that they are concerned other doctors’ work. As an analogy, if officers at a police station, including the chief, regularly engaged in shoddy work practices such as drink and drive, they would be unable to enforce laws. I have worked diligently for 20 years without engaging in any inappropriate relationships at workplace, and I have conducted research on medical education for 10 years. In 2012, I will send a notification enclosing the “**Chairperson 20th Anniversary Treatise**,” which I had mentioned to many professors of Osaka University and the University of Tokyo and expert professors of Columbia University and Harvard University, in addition to all members of the Vienna Philharmonic which usually tours the world. I request the Japanese top academy, the University of Tokyo alumni to “*kaizen* (improve)” this issue. I appreciate your understanding for not ignoring the issue as my alma mater Mie University, Kyushu University, and Yokohama City University.



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**Chairperson of the International Table Tennis Federation Sports Science Congress (1991)**

# Comments related to the “My Way” (Extracts) made among the Chairpersons of Various Fields

**Liver Group, Mie University (Japan) (December 2, 1996)**

Dr. Shida provides an explanation to the Japan Society of Clinical Oncology

“In 1994, the front page of the *Asahi Shimbun* newspaper reported the results of the research on Hepatitis C conducted by the Mie University Liver Group (Prof. Shozo Watanabe, Dr. Masahiko Kaito, et al.). And they tapped me (Dr. Shida) on the shoulder, shouting, ‘Write the clinical records!’ Their study is based on many blank clinical records in Mie Prefecture. [The Japanese Society of Gastroenterology had known that many clinical records of the Liver Group at Mie University were blank and had presented them with an award for their study in hepatology in 1996. Can the Japanese Society of Gastroenterology just tear up patients’ records?]”

**Dr. Koichiro Aramaki, Ph.D.: Chairperson of the Board, Kirin Holdings Company, Limited (Japan) (April 21, 2008)**

**“I don’t fully understand what Dr. Shida was talking about with regard to information disclosure about backdoor admission brokers and huge sums spent at universities. From the perspective of Kirin Holdings, we feel that the level of information disclosure is adequate. However, if shortfalls do exist in case of certain aspects, we will do our best to address such situations if we are made aware of the details. Please note, however, that in case of issues such as those regarding detailed purchasing prices and other matters, in which it will be impossible to respond in full content.”**

**Mr. James G. Neal: Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian, Columbia University (December 24, 2008)**

Dr. Shida asks Mr. Neal

“As Americans know, Sen. John Kerry gave a speech on TV in 2004: ‘We will end the backdoor draft of the National Guard and reservists.’ I would like to know the opinion of the university in New York on the backdoor draft of the American army. Is it true? Who intervenes as a broker between the American people and the Army? What does the broker essentially do? How many Americans take the backdoor draft? Vice President, you can operate the American army in any way you please. But once the army leaves America, they’re like the police of the world and our responsibility.”

Mr. Neal replies to Dr. Shida

**“No comment.”**

Dr. Shida replies to Mr. Neal

“If we can, we would like a short, written comment from the professor of Columbia University. However, Professor Emeritus Hideaki Mizoguchi, the Special Member of the Japan Society for Medical Education and the former dean of the medical department, Tokyo Women’s Medical University (private university), spoke ill of a patient of Dr. Shida and hung up rudely on May 2, 2006, after Dr. Shida asked him about the brokers and more than 60 million yen spent on educational expenses of his university on February 14, 2006. And Shiro Asano, a professor at Keio University (Japan), the former section chief of the Ministry of Welfare, and the former governor of Miyagi Prefecture (Japan), sent an e-mail to Dr. Shida on July 19, 2007, when the Keio Group was not prepared to give an answer: ‘Please refrain from asking us (Keio Group) this question about free access to information concerning the backdoor, money-powered university.’ So it is unsurprising that the university in the City of New York where the battle began in 2001 said ‘No comment’ to the International Chairperson on December 24, 2008. Still, we can’t see Christmas Chicken on the menu. The à la carte course dishes of the 21 Club, which is one of the most celebrated restaurants in New York for the world’s VIPs, are suitable for a luncheon at the International Meeting on Christmas Eve 2008.”

**Mr. Masaru Akai: “Flower Man,” Flower Artist of G8 First Ladies Lunch (2008) (January 22, 2009)**

Dr. Shida asks Mr. Akai

“I heard that you will offer flowers to the Pope next month. Great! What kind of spirits will you include in your flowers?”

Mr. Akai replies to Dr. Shida

**“Yes, I am considering the image of the Pope, but I haven’t decided on the spirits yet.”**

**Mr. Daniel Ost: “World’s Foremost Floral Designer and Sculptor” (November 23, 2005 and December 10, 2009)**

Dr. Shida asks Mr. Ost

“I would like to ask you one question about the presentation of the sense of the human spirit. As you know, with the Metropolitan Opera, Paris National Ballet, Broadway, Vienna Philharmonic, and so on, one can sense both the beautiful and the unclean human spirit through their art. On the other hand, the first iemoto, Sofu Teshigahara, made the statement, ‘Once arranged, flowers transform into a human being.’ But I did not feel any unclean spirit in ‘The Sogetsu Flower Arrangement Event’ at the Takashimaya Tokyo department store this month (November 2005). I think that you express only beautiful spirits to people through flower art. Have you ever expressed unclean spirits to the world, for example, as seen in the play *Hamlet* or the picture *Guernica*?”

Mr. Ost replies to Dr. Shida

**“Dr. Shida, ‘Flower and Spirit’ is a theme requiring a deep discussion and will need more than one hour. So I will comment simply today in response to your request. I don’t necessarily think that the statement by Mr. Sofu Teshigahara is right. I have presented a beautiful spirit in flowers worldwide. But it is possible that I will create a dirty spirit with flowers like Mr. Yukio Nakagawa, after having seen a lot of the world over many years.”**

Dr. Shida replies to Mr. Ost

“I retired from sports medicine in 1994 and am now conducting a study of medical education in Japan. Using dope to win events and seeking help from brokers to pass examinations are part of the dark side of our society. Doped athletes violate the spirit of sport, and backdoor examinees dampen the spirit of examinations. They have done so in the wrong spirit and have selected the wrong way.”

**Mr. Stéphane Gaboriau: Meilleur Ouvrier de France (Best Craftsman of France) (September 19 and October 19, 2010)**

Dr. Shida asks Mr. Gaboriau

“The world hotel chain, Hilton Hotel group, has been facing some trouble lately. I am asking you this question because you are the consultative chef to the main restaurant of the Hilton Hotel Tokyo. (1) Regarding the Hilton group flagship hotel, the main bar manager at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel New York, concealed her academic background and that of their most experienced (over 40 years) bartender. When I invited them to the main bar of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel after introducing my cocktail ‘Chairperson’ on December 24, 2008, the main bar called the security staff, and not the bar manager, on April 13, 2010. (2) As you know, in September 2008, the main restaurant of the Hilton Hotel Tokyo had deceived its guests about the origin of meat used in the dishes. Then, after this incident, the Hilton Hotel Tokyo changed the main restaurant’s name from ‘Twenty One’ to ‘Le Pergolèse.’ (3) Ms. Paris Hilton was found to be in possession of narcotics again last month (August 2010). Such narcotics transactions are often made as a deal with a broker who intervenes between a merchant and the talent in secret. Chef, what do you think about these incidents at the Hilton Hotel?”

Mr. Gaboriau replies to Dr. Shida through the commercial marketing campaign of Hilton Hotel Tokyo

**“No comment.”**

Dr. Shida replies to Mr. Gaboriau

“Similar cases have been witnessed in Japan: (1) Regarding the biggest university in Japan, Nihon University (private university comprising about 80 thousand students): Dr. Eikichi Tokunaga, President of Ageo Central General Hospital (750 beds, Saitama Prefecture), covered up the truth about his academic background that he was a graduate from ‘Backdoor University’ (maybe Nihon University), in which they take help from brokers such as the secretaries of Diet members for passing the entrance examination. The associated payments involve a significant sum of money. Less than ten percent of applicants can gain admission into Saitama University (public university), which produces many intelligent graduates in Saitama Prefecture. (2) In the Prince Hotel Group, a hotel chain in Japan, the souvenir shop of the Shin Yokohama Prince Hotel falsified the expiration date of a Christmas cake. President Yukihiro Watanabe apologized for this incident on February 26, 2010. (3) Mr. Manabu Oshio, a famous Japanese actor, used narcotics in secret. His narcotics use caused him to lose his career and fame. ... Also, we Japanese regret that Toyota, the world’s biggest automobile company, concealed and deceived consumers worldwide about the defects in the luxury car, Lexus. According to some specialists, President Akio Toyoda may have thought that it was necessary for Toyota to manufacture a powerful automobile in order to win the F1 race (Toyota needs only technology).”



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