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My name is Haruka Hoshida from the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations, or IFMSA.

I would like to also thank Dr Omi for letting medical students of this region to witness how regional health issues are dealt with at an international level.

Our students work outside of their normal studies to educate themselves and their peers about the most important global health issues and to discover how they can best contribute to the health of both their own societies and people across the world. IFMSA's work, both educational and practical, focuses public health, reproductive and sexual health, the impact of conflict and violence on health and, or course, medical education.

IFMSA has worked intensively on reproductive health for more than 10 years. The standing committee on AIDS and STD's (SCOAS) was formed within the IFMSA in 1992 as the result of an IFMSA concern about the raising numbers regarding the epidemic. In Asia-Pacific region, we are focusing on adolescents' sexual health including HIV/STI. We already have many projects toward fighting against HIV/AIDS like peer education in junior and senior high schools, training for medical students, and World AIDS Day campaigning all over our region.

The IFMSA Anti-TB Campaign was officially born in August 2003. It aims to raise awareness on TB and establish an international strategy among the medical students worldwide to respond to the return of the disease. The Campaign is like umbrella for all Anti TB activities that are organized in IFMSA in local, national and international level. The campaign organizes several TB trainings that

cover aspects as health education on TB, management and control of TB, DOTS strategy and training on intervention at a local level.

Recently one of the big roles in IFMSA Anti TB Campaign is for TB/HIV Taskforce that concentrates on TB + HIV relation, raising medical students' awareness and initiating activities in many national Member Organizations. In this moment, even if a lot of concerns about the TB = HIV relation, the cooperation between HIV/AIDS program and TB program hasn't been better yet in the field level and also the national level. As for the IFMSA, our HIV/AIDS section started to collaborate with our anti-TB campaign project intensively last year. With our HIV/AIDS and TB projects we advocate for implementation of DOTS strategy. We try to exchange experiences and good practices between National Member Organization and also the HIV/AIDS program and TB program to strengthen collaboration for a greater impact.

As we are young people, our projects tend to focus on young people and adolescents in our communities. As the Who has noted, moving towards the Millennium Development Goals requires increasing the access of young people across the world to information and services in HIV/AIDS and TB.

Here are many barriers that stop young people taking control of their reproductive health – lack of education, poverty, stigma and peer pressure are some of these. To reach this vulnerable group, reproductive health information and services must be youth-friendly. Appropriate training of healthcare staff is essential, as is a commitment from those who commission and manage healthcare training and services.

Madam Chair parson, IFMSA again warmly welcomes emphasize the importance of collaboration between HIV/AIDS and Anti-Tb campaigns. We are proud to work with all of you in this direction for the benefit of the young people that we work with.

Thank you for your attention