

“Healing Cancer Convention” - Japan’s KYB Club in Vancouver

Since 1984, the vision of Dr. Masatoshi Kaneko has nurtured the growth of the KYB (Know Your Body) Club in Japan. Their goal is to provide the public with valid scientific information on the proper use of nutritional supplements and to promote a healthier nation. Affiliated with orthomolecular pioneers Linus Pauling and Abram Hoffer, the KYB Club today now represents over 30,000 professional clinicians, registered dietitians and orthomolecular medical nutritionists all over Japan, and encompasses the Orthomolecular Nutrition Laboratory, the KYB Medical Services and Clinic, and the non-profit Orthomolecular Medical Nutrition and Associates. The group has hosted several symposia in Japan, and Dr. Kaneko has participated in conferences in the USA with other orthomolecular doctors including David Horrobin, Hugh Riordan, Julian Whitaker, Michael Janson, and Michael Lesser.

When the KYB Club invited Abram Hoffer to Japan, his reluctance to travel such a distance at age 89 led Dr. Kaneko to the wonderful idea of holding their meeting in Vancouver, Canada. The unique “Healing Cancer Convention”, which took place on September 15, 2006, brought together leading orthomolecular researchers and physicians from both countries. The well-organized program featured Masatoshi Kaneko, Ph.D., as the Keynote Speaker; Abram Hoffer, M.D., Ph.D., “Adrenochrome and Cancer”; Harold Foster, Ph.D., “Glutathione Peroxi-

dase”; Toru Mizoguchi, M.D., “Nutrition and Mental Disorders”; Hisayoshi Hirose, M.D., “Mental Disorders and Vitamin B”; Kenshi Miyazawa, M.D., “Cancer and Vitamin C Therapy”, Erik Paterson, M.D., “Orthomolecular Approach towards Cancer Patients”; and Ronald Hunninghake, M.D., “Monitoring Intravenous Vitamin C Effectiveness in Cancer Patients”. Participants from Japan, numbering close to 200, were provided with instant translation of the English lecturers, and the Canadian doctors heard English translations of the Japanese presenters.



Dr. Masatoshi Kaneko addresses the guests at the Evening Gala Dinner.

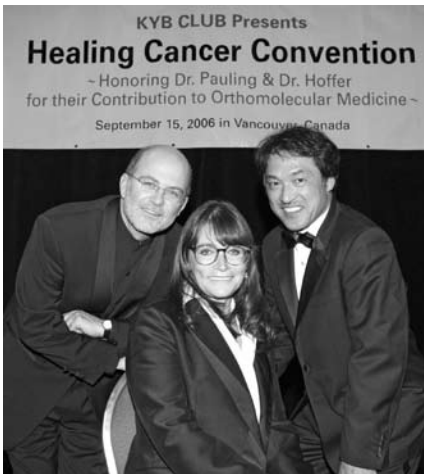
Following the full day program, the KYB Club hosted a marvelous gala dinner in honour of Dr. Hoffer and Dr. Kaneko. Highlights included a fine speech from Margot Kidder, introduced by a five-minute video compilation of her in the “Superman” movies, specially produced by KYB for the evening and a beautifully moving classical piano recital by Ms. Sawa Takahashi, who had recently recovered from a lifetime of seri-

ous illness thanks to help she found in coming to the KYB Clinic. She was very pleased “to meet Dr. Hoffer and have the opportunity to directly express my gratitude for sharing this knowledge.” The elegant evening also greeted a newlywed Japanese couple, who combined the convention with their honeymoon. The grand finale featured a well-rehearsed choir made up of KYB Club members, who sang a specially written song of appreciation for Dr. Kaneko.

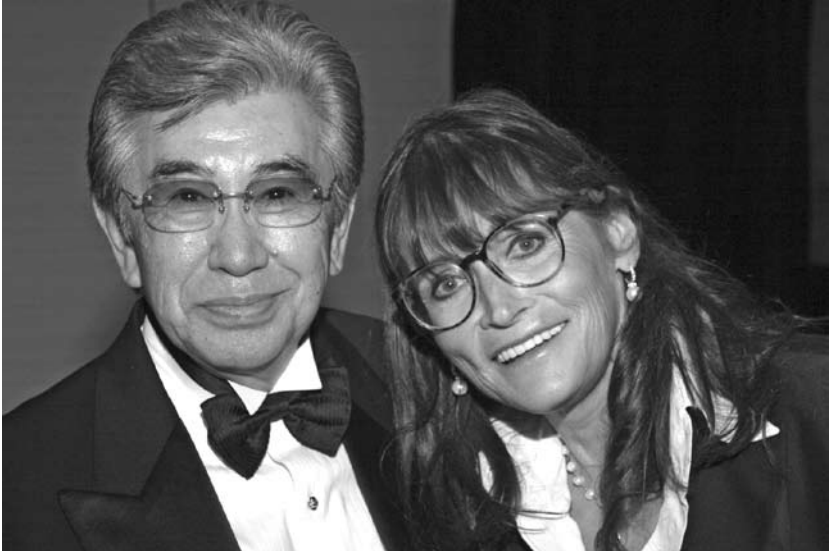
This was a singularly historic event, one that will be fondly remembered by all the participants for years to come.



Speakers at the “Healing Cancer Convention” L to R: Harold Foster, Kenshi Miyazawa, Hisayoshi Hirose, Masatoshi Kaneko, Toru Mizoguchi, Abram Hoffer, Ron Hunninghake, Matashiko Miyata, Erik Paterson.



Special guest Margot Kidder, Honorary Chair of the International Schizophrenia Foundation, is pictured here with Steven Carter, Director of ISOM and Yoshi Nakasone, General Manager, KYB America, who assisted with the convention organization,



Dr. Kaneko with Margot Kidder.



Following her piano performance, Ms Sawa Takahashi presents flowers to Dr. Abram Hoffer in gratitude for his bringing orthomolecular medicine to the world.



The Canadian guest speakers are pictured here at the Gala dinner with several Japanese doctors, along with convention organizers, Mr. Kunihito Kobayashi, Director of Planning (fourth from left, standing) and Ms. Rumi Koike, Executive Secretary (fifth from left, standing).



The grand finale of the evening was a special choral presentation in gratitude to Dr. Kaneko, led by Ms. Yasuko Ishikawa.

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To date, issues which have been communicated and discussed are political items (EC discussion paper on safe levels vitamins and minerals; USA-legislation on supplements and Codex Medicus news), medical items (antioxidants in chronic pancreatitis; vitamin D and infections; folic acid supplementation reduces risk of heart attack and stroke), comments on publications in the international press, such as in the *New York Times* (“What’s Wrong with a Child”) and in the British

Guardian (“Diet and Crime”) and articles in peer-reviewed journals eg. “Anti-aging supplements don’t work”, *New Engl J Med* 2006; 355: 1647-1659; “Higher mortality with vitamin E and beta carotene supplements” *Int J Canc*, 2006; 119 (9): 2221-4 and “Meta-analysis: vitamins don’t slow heart disease”, *Am J Clin Nutr*. 2006 Oct; 84: 880-887. Also discussed are topics like “High dose IV vitamin C interference with blood glucose meters and strips” and “Niacin as aid in smoking cessation?” Dr. Abram Hoffer is participating as well. This site is an excellent place to ask him personally his expertise.

The ISOM is the only international professional medical organization which maintains and protects the tenets of the founders of orthomolecular medicine, Abram Hoffer, M.D., Ph.D. and two-time Nobel prize laureate, Linus Pauling, Ph.D.. Dr. Abram Hoffer was the first physician to treat schizophrenic patients with high (optimum) doses of niacin and vitamin C in 1954. Dr. Linus Pauling was the first to describe the theory behind orthomolecular medicine in *Science* (1968; 160 (825): 265-71). Dr. Pauling wrote: “Dr. Hoffer has made an important contribution to the health of human beings and the decrease of their suffering through the study of the effects of large doses of vitamin C and other nutrients...I believe that a really great improvement in health can be achieved through the ingestion of the optimum amounts of vitamins and nutrients.”

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