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Dear Dr. Blackburn:
Much time has passed since I wrote you last. I hope this letter finds you in good health. The most beautiful season of crimson foliage has finally arrived in Japan.

I have been a professor of community medicine in Tsukuba University since 1980 and have been appointed chairman of the committee of the special project on "Aging" which has started since 1982.

I am very lucky to be involved in the project of Tsukuba University, because it is a large-scaled and interdisciplinary project sponsered by the government. The project is mainly focusing on basic studies of the mechanism of aging, epidemiology of aging and prevention of pathological aging in the society. I am glad to hear that you will attend the Osaka US-Japan meeting which will be held on Nov. 29-30. The group of US slide is supposed to make a field trip around Tsukuba, following the meeting in Osaka. For I have a few field study sites around Tsukuba.

Happily enough, the NHLBI admitted that we would hold the joint symposium on aging and cardiovascular diseases in Tsukuba University on Dec. 3rd, in the schedule of the field trip. The NHLBI will inform you that you are one of speakers in the symposium.

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Dear Dr. Blackburn:
It is becoming colder and colder each day. Everyone is busy preparing for the New Year's Celebration and the atmosphere is a hurried one. The Osaka meeting was successful thanks to special efforts from you and other U.S. delegates. I was especially pleased with your excellent presentation at the symposium. Community-wide strategies in Minnesota is very impressive because they are well-organized and comprehensive. I am sure there are something we can learn from those strategies. Please send me materials or pamphlets on your activities in Minnesota Heart Program, - especially a public campaign. I would like to go and see you and have a look at your activities in Minnesota next year. It helps us to develop our community wide strategies in Japan.

I am looking forward to seeing you again next year.
With best wishes for the New Year.
sincerely yours,


