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Keizo Takemi is a member of the House of Councillors of the Japanese parliament, or Diet, where he belongs to the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). As the chair of the Special Mission Committee on Global Health Strategy of the LDP Policy Research Council, he is playing a key role in policymaking, and creating political momentum for increasing Japan's contributions to global health under the principles of human security.

Mr. Takemi was involved in various global initiatives, including the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health, Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWA), WHO expert working group on R&D Financing, and the international organizing committee of the Prince Mahidol Award Conference (PMAC). He has also been serving as the chair of the parliamentary caucus on Stop TB Partnership since March 2013, and the chair of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) since October 2013. In March 2016, he was appointed to the UN High Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth.

Prof. Takemi served in the House of Councillors from 1995 to 2007 and then returned to the Diet in December 2012. During his previous tenure in the Diet, he served in the first Abe administration's cabinet as Senior Vice Minister for Health, Labour and Welfare, and he was State Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the Obuchi Cabinet in 1999. As State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, he led the initiative to establish the UN Trust Fund for Human Security and was subsequently named by former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to serve as a member of the High Level Panel on UN System-Wide Coherence in Areas of Development, Humanitarian Assistance and Environment.

He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Keio University, and from April 1995 to March 2016, taught as professor at Tokai University. Between 1994 and 1998, he was vice chairman of the Institute of Strategic Peace and International Affairs at Tokai University. He has also been an anchor on CNN Day Watch in Japan and a visiting scholar at the Fairbanks Center for East Asian Research at Harvard University.

Since September 2007, he has been a senior fellow with the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE), and serving as the chair of the Executive Committee of JCIE's Global Health and Human Security Program, a pioneering public-private partnership on global health that was formerly known as the "Study Group on Challenges in Global Health and Japan's Contributions." He was a research fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health from November 2007 to June 2009. Also, he is a visiting professor at a number of universities around the country including Keio University and Nagasaki University.

Prof. Takemi is co-author of *Global Action for Health System Strengthening: Policy Recommendations to the G8* (2009), and he has contributed numerous articles in English and Japanese to journals such as *The Lancet*, *Asia-Pacific Review*, and *Gaiko (Diplomacy)*.