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Kenji Hirayama is now Dean of the Institute of Tropical Medicine (NEKKEN), Nagasaki University and Professor at the Department of Immunogenetics of the institute since 2001. He established the present NEKKEN during his previous term between 2007 and 2013 through his leadership organizing a big research team consisted of 14 principle investigators designed to make cutting edge projects for the control of global infectious diseases named 'Global Center of Excellence for Integrated strategy to control Tropical and Emerging Infectious Diseases' funded by MEXT Japan. He also established a new school of Master of Tropical Medicine at Nagasaki University Graduate School of Biomedical sciences since 2006.

Kenji Hirayama got a PhD in the area of human Immunogenetics and since then, he had been involved in a series of research on the genetic susceptibility against several parasitic infection, such as malaria, Chagas Disease, dengue fever, and schistosomiasis. His interest is not limited to Immunogenetics but to drug and vaccine development. He got awards from Society of Tokyo Medical Dental University Alumni (Ochanomizu Igaku), from Japanese Society of Tropical Medicine (JSTM Award) and from Japanese Society of Parasitology (Koizumi Award). He is also chairman of Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Asia and Western Pacific regions (FERCAP) since 2010.