

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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Since its foundation, the Terumo Group has dedicated itself to providing products and services that contribute to raising medical standards, guided by its corporate philosophy of “Contributing to society through health care.” In recent years, inspired by our vision of pursuing “people-friendly health care,” we have been developing unique and innovative products designed from the perspective of patients and medical practitioners.

Developing medical devices can achieve more than simply creating new products. Fine-tuning to improve devices can provide solutions to issues that arise when they are used in actual medical practices. In that sense, product development can offer significant improvements across the board in safety, performance, patient comfort, and economical efficiency.

2008 was an extremely challenging year in which the financial crisis precipitated by the subprime loan problems in the U.S. shook the very foundations of the global economy. Yet, even during the hard times, some things never change: people still want to receive better medical care, and medical care providers still want to do better. As medical funding in many countries comes under increasing strain, there will be increasing demand around the world for products that can treat effectively at minimal cost.

Terumo will continue its efforts to make “people-friendly health care” a reality. For my part, I consider it both my mission and my contribution to medical care worldwide to dedicate myself fully to guiding Terumo in the right direction.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Wachi". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

TAKASHI WACHI  
Representative Director & Chairman