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Dr. Akihisa Harada has served as President & Representative Director and Internal Medicine Lead of Pfizer Japan Inc. since December 2017.

Dr. Harada joined Pfizer as Director for Clinical Research in 1999. In 2004, he became Deputy Head of Regulatory Affairs and then Executive Director of Clinical Research in 2005. In April 2008, he was appointed Vice President of Development Japan. In addition to heading Development Japan, he also served as Chief Scientist of Pfizer Japan, responsible for leading Pfizer's interactions within Japan's scientific communities and associated stakeholders. As Chief Scientist, he was Pfizer's point of contact vis-à-vis members of these communities and guided Pfizer's R&D leaders on appropriate strategies for engaging with communities and leveraging Japan's biomedical innovation potential. From 2016 to 2017, he served as Inflammation & Immunology Japan Lead.

Dr. Harada started his career in immunology research. In 1997 as a visiting scientist at Windeyer Institute of Medical Sciences, University College London, UK, he conducted research on molecular immunology. Prior to this, at the Kanazawa University, he was a research assistant at the Hygiene Laboratory and lecturer at the School of Medicine. He was also an adjunct lecturer of molecular preventive medicine at The University of Tokyo Faculty of Medicine.

He obtained his M.D. from Kanazawa University School of Medicine in 1986, then trained in internal medicine and was awarded Doctor of Medical Science from Kanazawa University Graduate School of Medical Sciences in 1990.

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