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the Planning Committee for External Review**

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## Preface

The Graduate School and Faculty of Medicine of The University of Tokyo was established in 1886 as the Imperial University Medical College. In keeping with its tradition of leadership, it was recently modernized to increase the potential for further advances in research and education.

The Graduate School of Medicine has 66 departments, 4 closely associated facilities, and 6 endowed departments. The Graduate School grants doctoral degrees in basic medical sciences, clinical medicine, and public health, and a master's degree in medical science. A total of 200 graduate students are accepted each year. In addition, the faculty members are fully responsible for teaching undergraduate medical students. The departments are grouped into 11 programs: Molecular Cell Biology; Functional Biology; Pathology, Immunology, and Microbiology; Radiology and Biomedical Engineering; Neuroscience; Social Medicine; Internal Medicine; Reproductive, Developmental, and Aging Science; Surgical Science; Health Science and Nursing; and International Health. All are actively engaged in advanced research and education.

With the goal of improving our research activities, the senior faculty members recently decided to invite an external review. For this task, 21 internationally renowned scientists were selected to form the review committee.

This booklet outlines the past and current research status of each professor and each research group. Committee members may find this background information useful as they prepare to visit the campus and to hear the researchers' formal presentations. The visit and presentations will be held on February 17 and 18, 2003 at our Hongo campus. We greatly appreciate the committee members' willingness to share their time and expertise, and we welcome their candid and constructive evaluations of our research activities.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Takaaki Kirino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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