Mr. Yasuhiko Sata President Tokibo Co., Ltd 3-4 Higashiazabu, 2-chome Minato-ku, Tokyo 106 Japan

Dear Mr. Sata:

I extend my sincere congratulations to Tokibo during the celebration of its 45th anniversary. Tokibo has made it possible for patients in Japan and other Asian countries to benefit from high-quality U.S.-manufactured medical equipment. This type of innovation and leadership demonstrates the advantages of the global economy.

I wish you continued success in the new millennium, and I look forward to our medical firms continuing to work together in the future.

William M. Daley