Dear Sir or Madam,

We hope this e-mail finds everyone in your institution in good spirits.

We are continuingly developing the Leading Graduate Program for Reducing the Burden of Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) in the Asian Pacific Region. Under this project, Shiga University of Medical Science (SUMS) would like to receive excellent students and young researchers from overseas institutions that have academic agreements with SUMS. We would be very grateful if you would inform those who may be eligible for this program in your institution.

I have attached a brochure that describes the program we have to offer at SUMS. If possible, would you mind displaying or distributing it within your institution in the form of an A3 one-page poster or as an A4 double faced flyer.

There are 3 major features of this program that might be of special interest to you.

- 1. Enrollees will learn about important tools and techniques in epidemiology, preventive medicine, and public health that can help reduce the burden of NCDs in Asia.
- 2. An applicant from an affiliated university can take the entrance examination via online.
- 3. A generous renewable scholarship is offered to eligible applicants. This includes the full cost of tuition and living expenses.

For further details, interested parties or potential candidates can refer to the following websites;

A) Guidelines:

http://www.shiga-med.ac.jp/entrance/daigakuin/boshuu/pdf/28leadingautumn_eng.pdf

B) Chart of Application Procedure:

https://cera.shiga-med.ac.jp/ncdlead/documents/2016.pdf

C) Application Forms:

http://www.shiga-med.ac.jp/entrance/daigakuin/boshuu/boshuu.html

D) Website of NCD Program:

https://cera.shiga-med.ac.jp/ncdlead/en/index.html

Faithfully yours,

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