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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Towards Better Neonatal and Child Health Care

This is an exciting and important historical moment for us as we celebrate the birth of the journal *Pediatrics and Neonatology*.

Child health is the key basis for human health. Good pediatric research in basic science, clinical science and health policy are critical if we are to improve neonatal and child health care with regard to disease prevention and comprehensive disease management.

The health care that children receive affects health in later life; there are many examples that illustrate this. Nutritional status during infancy and early childhood may affect health in adult life, impacting on obesity, cardiovascular diseases and diabetes. Mental health during childhood may influence an individual's behavior throughout their life. Immunization in infancy may prevent infection, chronic

disease, and even cancer. Hepatitis B vaccination programs have reduced the incidence of chronic hepatitis B and liver cancer.

The journal *Pediatrics and Neonatology* has taken the best parts of two previous journals—*Acta Paediatrica Taiwanica* and *Clinical Neonatology*—to result in a new journal that will provide new scientific information on neonatal and child health care. I truly believe that *Pediatrics and Neonatology* will bring new vision and knowledge to readers, particularly clinical and translational researchers in pediatrics and neonatology.

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