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The National Kochi T.B. Sanatorium (July 1949)

(1) History

Till before 1945 there were only 2 Prefectures in Japan, which had no T.B. Sanatorium. One of these two was Kochi. Our Kochi Pref had about 2,000 dead T.B. and 20,000 T.B. patients yearly, and many intelligent people had sincerely demanded to establish a T.B. Sanatorium. But everytimes the simple farmers showed very strong opposition against the Sanatorium-plan, because they were afraid of the T.B. infection superstitiously from this Sanatorium. Therefore the farmers would give no land for Sanatorium. <sup>Since</sup> From the defeated day, 15 August 1945, the Kochi Naval Air Corps was emancipated, and at the autumn 1946 it was changed into T.B. Sanatorium by the kind leading of Capt. Dassel

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(Head officer of Health Section, Kochi M.G.) (1945 ~ 1947).

Now Japan was defeated, but T.B. patients in Kochi began to win a Victory against T.B. at the first time.

(2) State of our Sanatorium

The land area is 4.8 square kilometers, which is really too big for 100 patients at present, but as for this Pref. this large area is certainly necessary to sustain 800 beds at least. For the purpose of 800 beds-plan and colony system taking totally over 1000 patients in, this land is rather small.

Our buildings are all very poor, because these were the soldiers' barracks, wooden, and all based on wooden pile. These barracks are very weak and frail, the durability

is perhaps within only 2~3 years.

(3) Capacity

Till April 1949 we have accommodated only 96 beds without operation room. Since from this May we have a new Ward with a operation room and x-ray room, and 30 beds have added to 96 beds. Now we can take 126 patients in. Within the end of this year, we will have more 60 beds certainly, and in the next year more 100 beds must be added. We would expect totally 800 beds in our Sanatorium, as soon as the reconstruction of the Japanese Economy should be realized.

