Because of the special nature of this visit, I was accompanied by my wife and college-age son. Dr. Wan and the ACTI secretariat were kind enough to organize an extensive tour of Taipei and northern Taiwan for us. We visited the National Palace Museum, which has an extensive and unique collection of art and artifacts spanning the entire history of Chinese civilization. The collection is so huge that only one-third of it can be displayed at any time on the three large floors of exhibition space. We also traveled to the Pacific Ocean side of the island, where we visited Juifen, a market town in the mountains. It was fascinating to experience the sights, sounds, and smells of a Taipei street market and to sample some of the food (our son was more adventurous than my wife on the food front).

We also enjoyed immersing ourselves in a hot bath at the Beitou hot springs, followed by a walk around this very picturesque area and then touring the Chiang Kai-shek garden. On our final day, we visited the ornate and beautiful Longshan Temple, watched the changing of the guard at the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, and visited the memorial of Sun Yat-sen, founder of the Chinese Republic. Finally, we ascended Taipei 101—one of the tallest skyscrapers in the world—for an impressive view of Taipei at night.

Participating in the ARRS Global Partner International Speaker Program provided me with the opportunity to meet and interact with many of my counterparts in Asia, confirm the high quality of radiological education and research there, and enjoy the hospitality of my Taiwanese hosts. It was an extraordinary visit to a fascinating part of the world for me and my family.

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Japan Welcomes Exchange Representatives

The Japan Radiological Society (JRS) was one of the first GPS partners, joining in 2011. In April 2015, Myrna Godoy and Diego Jaramillo represented ARRS at the 74th Japan Radiological Society Annual Meeting in Yokohama.

By Diego Jaramillo
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We were honored to represent ARRS at the JRS annual meeting. It is one of the largest radiology meetings in the world, with more than 12,000 registrants from 30 countries. The meeting was held April 16–19 in conjunction with the 71st Annual Scientific Congress of the Japanese Society of Radiological Technology, the 109th Scientific Meeting of the Japan Society of Medical Physics, and the International Technical Exhibition of Medical Imaging 2015. The joint meeting venue was in the bay city of Yokohama, one of the world’s most famous port cities, with rich cultural attractions and world-class facilities. The timing of the event was especially fortunate—the cherry blossoms (sakura) were in full bloom, further accentuating the beauty of Japan.

The theme of this year’s meeting was “Be Cool and Practical!” and the program covered a variety of topics, from radiology and imaging physics to radiation oncology. The scientific sessions were presented in Japanese, but slides in English helped to facilitate communication and participation.

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It was a wonderful opportunity to build on our collaborative endeavors with our colleagues from Japan and other countries. We offer our sincere gratitude and appreciation for their superlative efforts and invite all JRS members to attend the 2016 ARRS Annual Meeting in Los Angeles.

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Myrna Godoy (l) and moderator Noriyuki Tomiyama

were very well received by an engaged audience eager to participate. Dr. Godoy’s lecture on lung cancer imaging (moderated by Noriyuki Tomiyama from Osaka University) focused on technological advances in lung cancer detection, staging, and treatment response evaluation. Dr. Jaramillo’s talk, “Infections, Tumors, and Infarcts in the Bones of Children: Can We Tell Them Apart?” (moderated by Shigeru Ehara from Iwate Medical University) presented a systematic approach for the assessment of bone disease in the pediatric setting. At several social events, we had the opportunity to talk with several JRS leaders and exchange ideas about imaging.

Diego Jaramillo (l) and moderator Shigeru Ehara

Myrna Godoy (l) and moderator Noriyuki Tomiyama

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