

Dear Dr.Ihrke:

I was very surprised to hear that you are in hospital.

To pray for your recovery, participants at the JBVP 14th Annual Meeting made thousand paper cranes.

The strings of folded-paper(origami) crane birds is called 'Semba-zuru.'

It is customary in Japan to fold 1000 paper crane birds with a prayer for the quick recovery of the precious person.

Cranes are the symbol of longevity in our country.

To surprise you, each of participants for JBVP 14th Annual Meeting did fold a paper crane for you.

I hope this letter finds you well or recovering. It was a real shock to hear about the seriousness of your condition. Please take your time and recover fully though I know how anxious you must be to get back.

We would appreciate it if you could let us know about your condition from time to time.

We are all praying for your quick and complete recovery.

Sincerely yours.

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