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His major interest is oral health promotion against a global health perspective and has contributed to the health capacity development in several countries such as Palau, Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, the Philippines and Indonesia. Dr. Ogawa is also involved in clinical research so as to explore the integration of oral diseases and general diseases (NCDs) that supports the implementation of the common risk factor approach.