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Manabu Saito graduated from medical school (Juntendo Univ. in Tokyo) in 2000 and has been board certified in emergency medicine and primary care medicine. Manabu worked in the Emergency Department of a busy community hospital and engaged in teaching medical students and junior doctors. Recently he worked in a clinic that specialised in providing home care. He then decided to have a sabbatical this year for developing rural generalist medical training in Japan. In Japan there are just three years General Internist program not including emergency medicine, obstetrics, general surgery, etc. As a matter of fact, in Japan there are plenty of rural and remote areas, but unfortunately there are no programs specialised for rural medicine. In addition to that, young doctors have changed their mind after the great east Japan earthquake in 2011, shifting from specialist to generalist especially in rural area. This is the reason why we need to develop rural generalist medical training program in Japan.