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**THE QUEEN AWARDS HONORARY KNIGHTHOOD TO SEATTLE
RESIDENT**

Dr. Tadataka Yamada, a US citizen who has provided outstanding services to pharmaceutical investment and innovation in the United Kingdom while working at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), has been made an honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (KBE) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

"This award is in recognition of Tadataka Yamada's leadership of GSK's global R&D strategy and outstanding personal contribution to R&D investment in the United Kingdom," according to Martin Uden, the British Consul General in San Francisco. "He has worked passionately to maintain and grow this investment base through working with the UK government to improve the investment environment for R&D in the UK."

"I am delighted and humbled to receive this great honor," Dr. Yamada said. "The UK is at the forefront of scientific innovation, particularly in discovering new medicines and improving global health. It has been my privilege to work with extraordinary British colleagues throughout my career in academia, in industry, and now in the fight against health disparities throughout the world."

Dr. Yamada was Chairman of Research & Development at GSK from 2000 until 2006. During that time GSK grew to become the UK's most innovative company, according to UK government data. GSK is the world's second largest pharmaceutical company and now spends more than £1.2 billion (\$2.4 billion) annually on R&D in the UK. It is the UK's largest private sector R&D investor, accounting for over 40% of GSK's UK-conducted R&D-although less than 4% of GSK sales are generated there.

Significant capital investments in the UK under Dr. Yamada include Europe's largest chemistry research facility in Harlow and one of Europe's most advanced clinical imaging centres in Hammersmith. The company has also set up a dedicated research group, located in the UK, Spain and US, to focus on researching diseases in the developing world. GSK is the only company doing research to find vaccines and medicines for the three diseases identified as most important by the World Health Organization (WHO): HIV, TB and malaria.

Dr. Yamada is currently President of the Global Health Program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where he leads efforts to help develop and deliver low-cost, life-saving health tools for the developing world. He also oversees the Foundation's global health grant portfolio and Global Health Advocacy.

The honorary KBE will be presented to Dr. Yamada on 20 September 2007, at 12:00 EST, at an investiture ceremony at the British Ambassador's residence in Washington

D.C. The investiture will be closed to the press, but photographs will be available immediately afterwards.

A KBE is the second highest honour of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire—an order of chivalry established in 1917 by King George V to honour those who served in non-combatant capacities during the First World War. Today, the Order recognises service to the United Kingdom in all fields. Non-UK citizens are admitted to the Order as honorary members and do not use the prefix, "Sir".

Notes to Editors:

British honours are awarded on merit, for exceptional achievement or service. The honour of Knighthood dates back to medieval chivalry, from which comes the method used in the United Kingdom of conferring a knighthood based on by the touch of a sword known as an accolade. The first and simplest method of knighting was that used on the battlefield, when the candidate knelt before the royal commander of the army and was 'stricken with the sword upon his back and shoulder'.

The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) was founded in 1917, initially to recognise service by civilians in the First World War. This award now honours civilians and service personnel for public service or outstanding contribution to society. The Grand Master of the Order is the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Knight Commander (KBE) is a distinction within the realm of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Honorary Knighthood's are conferred by the Queen, on the advice of the Foreign Secretary, on those who have made an important contribution to relations between their country and Britain.

Americans admitted to membership of British Orders of Chivalry do not style themselves 'Sir'. They are however entitled to place the letters KBE after their name.

American recipients of honorary British Knighthoods include former Presidents George Bush and Ronald Reagan; Secretary of State Colin Powell, General Norman Schwarzkopf ; Caspar Weinberger, Bob Hope, Andre Previn, Steven Spielberg, Dr James Watson, Dr Billy Graham; and Rudolph Guiliani.