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**a Special Seminar-series 39**

**“Genetic Studies of Diabetes: The Beginning of the End”**

**Thursday, April 14, 2011**  
**17:00**

***Shinryoku Hall***

*a seminar by:*

**Graeme I. Bell, Ph.D.**

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Professor Graeme Bell was the first to clone the full-length cDNA and the chromosomal gene encoding human insulin. These discoveries opened the way for the production of human insulin and its large-scale use in patients with diabetes mellitus. His early application of the techniques of molecular biology led to the cloning and characterization of many genes that are key to modern diabetes research including insulin, glucagon, IGF-I, and many others. Prof. Bell has made landmark contributions to our understanding of the genetic basis of diabetes. His most significant discoveries in this area have put him at the forefront in elucidating genes causing monogenetic forms of diabetes especially maturity onset diabetes of the young (MODY). Recently, he has also identified over 20 mutations, and established the insulin gene as the second most common cause of permanent neonatal diabetes as well as an uncommon cause of Type 1B and MODY. He has over 380 peer-reviewed publications. These have been of enormous impact of his work as shown by the fact that his papers have been cited over 42,000 times and that 114 papers have been cited over 100 times. In recognition of his work Prof. Bell has received a number of important honors and awards including the American Diabetes Association Award for Outstanding Scientific Achievement, the Banting Memorial Lecture -British Diabetic Association, etc.

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