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Dr Masamine Jimba is Professor and Chairman at the Department of Community and Global Health, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tokyo. He studied public health, in particular environmental health and international health, in the National Institute of Public Health in Japan and at the Harvard School of Public Health.

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