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Abstract(200 words) : Occupational and Environmental Medicine (OEM) in Japan is supported by a strong legal framework, most notably the Industrial Safety and Health Act, which mandates companies to appoint occupational physicians (OPs). These professionals are responsible for a wide range of tasks such as workplace inspections, individual health consultations, and analyzing health trends to support employee well-being. In this session, I will introduce the historical background and current framework of Japan’s occupational health system, emphasizing the critical role of OPs in ensuring worker health and safety. Furthermore, I will share my own professional journey—from graduating from the University of Occupational and Environmental Health, Japan (UOEH), to practicing as a full-time OP, and later transitioning into academia while continuing to serve as a part-time OP. Through this narrative, I hope to illustrate the diverse and evolving roles of OPs in Japan. This session aims not only to convey the structural elements of Japanese occupational medicine, but also to humanize the role of occupational physicians by presenting a personal example of balancing clinical, corporate, and academic responsibilities. I hope this talk will provide insights into how Japan fosters workplace health and may offer perspectives applicable in other countries, including Taiwan.	