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The Public Health Service has had a long-time commitment to Hawaii and inasmuch as the University of Hawaii and its School of Public Health has had a long-term commitment to the Pacific Basin Countries, the United States Public Health Service and the Pacific Rim have always worked in close collaboration. Another factor in the close relationship has been the presence on the Island of Kalaupapa of the second leprosarium run by the United States to address the problems of Hansen's Disease. That colony is now a domicile for all patients who were granted the privilege of living there for the rest of their lives, and except for treating them for intercurrent problems, there is no active anti-leprosy work going on at Kalaupapa, because all of those patients are cured.

In this lecture, I substituted the second paragraph in my prepared remarks with a more informal presentation, which took into account some of these historical facts.

The speech was an important one to reunite the various divisions and factions in public health working towards the same goal in the Pacific Rim Nations.

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Bilateral Health Agreements with
Foreign Countries
Cancer
Diphtheria
Disease of Post Millennium
Drug abuse
Hawaii
Heart by-pass on television
Heart disease
Hepatitis B
Infectious diseases
Leprosy
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Maternal mortality
Polio
Pregnant women – mother & children
Research
Sexually transmitted disease
Small pox
Stroke
Tetanus
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