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Editorial Note: What is Medical? Kumamoto Bioethics Roundtable (1/2)

This issue and the next issue of *EJAIB* include papers presented at the Third UNESCO-Kumamoto University Bioethics Roundtable -What is Medical?-, held on 12-13 December, 2009 in Kumamoto, Japan. Abstracts for these papers and others presented are on-line.

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Being Medical: Between the Frontiers of the Natural and the Artificial

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Introduction

I wish to share some of my ideas on the question: "What is Medical?" A philosophical understanding of being here now, moreover, requires not only my factual presence in this room at this time today but also my being present here in an active and progressive sense of *being* – acting in such a way that I can share whatever knowledge I may have about the topic of our conference.

Philosophers since the time of Parmenides, the Pre-Socratic Philosopher of Elea, have wondered on the primordial question of being. Even a positive understanding of the opposite of being, the notion of nothing which has been touted as an Asian way to negate the so-called western conception of being, must mean something, a nothing or not a thing, in deference to a non-entity that grounds all other particular beings. As the first sentence of the first chapter of the Tao Te