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**UAMS Lecture Series on Medicine, Sustainability Kicks Off
March 30 with President of National Academy of Medicine**

LITTLE ROCK — The public is invited to attend a new lecture series on medicine and sustainability that kicks off March 30 with a presentation by Victor J. Dzau, M.D., Ph.D., president of the National Academy of Medicine, at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

As the inaugural speaker in the Richard and Ellen Sandor Lecture Series, Dzau will discuss the importance of activating the entire biomedical community; educating the public about climate change and health; driving changes through research, innovation and policy; and taking bold actions to decarbonize the health sector.

Entitled “Climate, Health and Equity: The Case for Collective Action from the Health Systems,” the lecture will be held from 4–5 p.m. in the Fred Smith Auditorium on the 12th floor of the UAMS Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute.

There is no cost to attend and no registration required. Parking will be available in Parking Deck 3 and near the Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, both on the UAMS campus.

Dzau is also vice chair of the National Research Council, chancellor emeritus of Duke University and past CEO of Duke Health System. He is the James B. Duke Professor of Medicine at Duke University School of Medicine and was previously a professor and chair of the Department of Medicine at both Harvard and Stanford universities.

He is recognized globally for his career as a scientist, administrator and leader, and he is known for his work on the renin-angiotensin system and pioneering research in gene therapy for vascular disease. His research laid the foundation for development of lifesaving drugs known as ACE inhibitors, which are used globally to treat high blood pressure and congestive heart failure.

The National Academy of Medicine is a policy research organization that is part of the nonprofit National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, which provides authoritative and objective advice on issues relating to health, medicine, health policy and biomedical science to policy makers, societal leaders and the public at large.

The lecture is made possible by a generous gift to UAMS from the Richard and Ellen Sandor Family Foundation.

Richard Sandor, Ph.D., is a businessperson, economist and entrepreneur who lectures in law and economics at the University of Chicago Law School and in 2002 was named “Hero of the Planet” by *Time* magazine for founding the Chicago Climate Exchange. Ellen Sandor is an artist and founding director of (art)n, a Chicago-based collective of artists, scientists, mathematicians and computer experts, and has works in the permanent collections of the Smithsonian Institution, International Center of Photography and Santa Barbara Museum of Art.

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