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In this seminar, she will share the knowledge that she have clarified through her research activities on what kind of health problems that pregnant and postpartum women in Mongolia are facing. In Mongolia, they have health problems that are different from those in developing countries as you might imagine. She would like everyone to know more about Mongolia and think together about how to solve those problems.