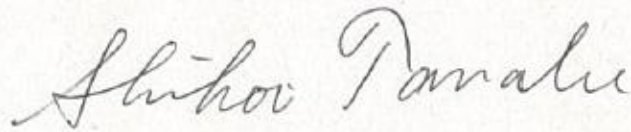


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A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Shihori Tanabe'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'S'.

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