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Human Cloning Scientifically Impossible: Prof. Hwang

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NEW YORK -- In the New York United Nations Headquarters, Seoul National University Professor Hwang Woo-suk said Tuesday (local time) that attempts to clone humans must stop because many alarming side effects were evidenced through animal cloning tests. He added that human cloning is scientifically impossible.



During a meeting with the UN press club, Hwang said that his research team would explain the results of their research on extracting stem cells from a cloned human embryo at the UN meeting the following day. They will also present several pieces of evidence regarding the alarming side effects proven through animal testing that could also result from human cloning if scientists were to succeed.

Hwang is currently visiting New York with SNU professor Moon Shin-yong to attend the “Human Cloning Issues in All Its Aspects for the United Nations” seminar hosted by the Genetic Policy Institute, held at the UN headquarters on June 2. Hwang and his research team has been the forerunners in this field, succeeding in animal cloning many times.

Hwang said that although cloning skills have been accumulated through animal testing that go on for quite some time, the chance of success is slim.

He also said that animal clones showed abnormalities. Hwang said that human cloning could succeed after thousands of tries; however, there is no possible way to acquire that many human’s ova.

At the UN conference, Hwang said that he would explain why human cloning is impossible in real life, but he would continue to emphasize the need for cloning in stem cell therapy.