

To members of the press,

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The Fifth “Asia Partnership Conference of Pharmaceutical Associations (APAC)”:
~ APAC’s continued challenge to create and improve access to innovative medicines ~

The Fifth “**A**sia **P**artnership **C**onference of Pharmaceutical Associations (APAC)” was held on 7th and 8th April with the mission of “To Expedite the Launch of Innovative Medicines for the Peoples in Asia” under the theme of “APAC’s continues challenge to create and improve access to innovative medicines”.

Based on the agreements described below, JPMA is determined to overcome the various challenges through cooperation and close collaboration with the pharmaceutical associations, government bodies, regulatory authorities, and academia in Asia.

General

- APAC will continue to take on the challenge of improving “Access to Innovative Medicines” (ATIM) in Asia, in cooperation with various stakeholders including the government bodies of each country.

Specifically, we will continue efforts to address the issues of “Regulations and Approvals” and “Drug Discovery Alliances”, and will identify and address additional priority issues related to ATIM, with the aspiration of contributing to the health of the people in Asia.

Regulations and Approvals

- Implement training on Good Submission Practice as part of Good Registration Management in collaboration with stakeholders for envisioning regulatory convergence in Asia

Drug Discovery Alliances

- Promote information sharing, networking and capacity building in drug discovery in Asia by making the best use of established APAC DA-EWG platforms.
- Pursue drug R&D alliance opportunities to generate innovative medicines from Asia based on common understanding of strengths and features by academia and industry in Asia, as well as challenges that need to be overcome.

Other matters

- The sixth APAC will be held in Tokyo in 2017 together with the 9th Asia Regulatory Conference (IFPMA).

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