DRUG DISCOVERY ALLIANCES INITIATIVE FOCUSING ON NATURAL PRODUCTS

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Drug Discovery Alliances Expert Working Group (DA-EWG)

Mission Promote cross-border open innovation in Asia to deliver innovative drugs to people in Asia

Strategy Focus on critical drug R&D processes and promote them in collaboration with Asian countries

The APAC Natural Product Drug Discovery Consortium (ANPDC)

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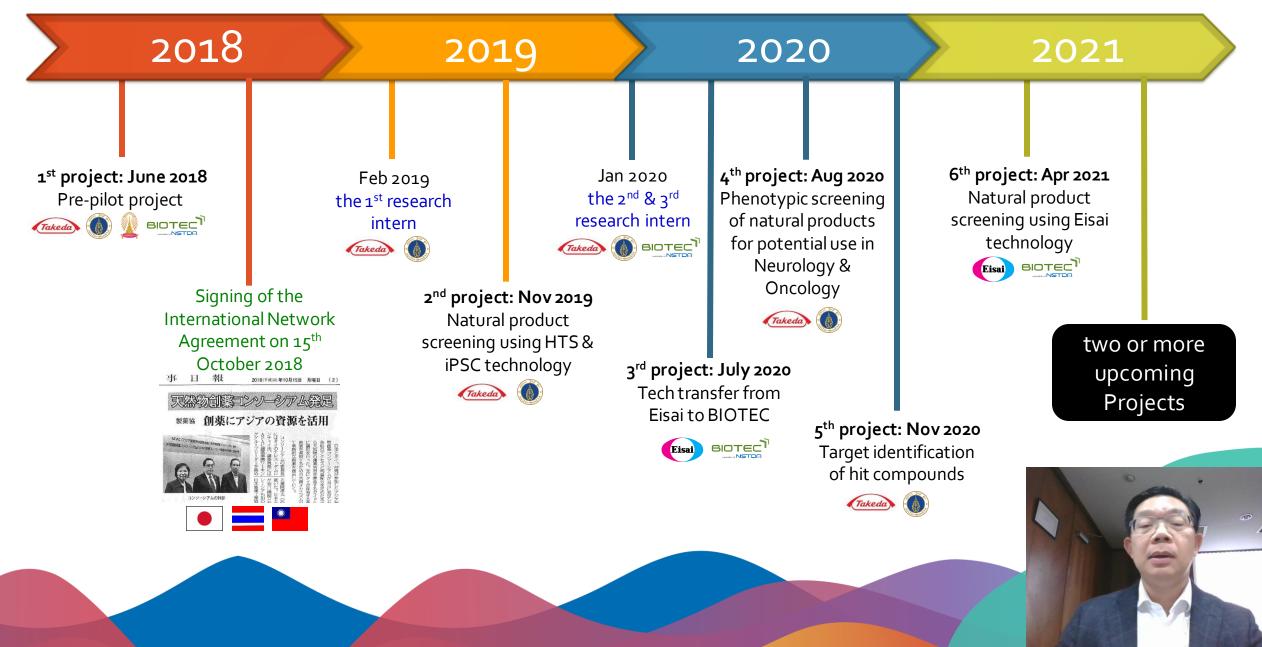
Objective and Uniqueness

- To construct *unique* and *successful* collaboration mechanism in Asia for the drug discovery using natural resources
 - 1. APAC driven consortium: under the "Guideline", participants need to commit promoting cross-border open innovation and capacity building
 - 2. Asian-wide consortium: Two Japanese pharma companies and many academia in Thailand and Taiwan are joining the consortium.
 - 3. Synergy between academia and industry: the member academia have established unique natural product library, Japanese industry has developed competitive drug discovery know-hows and technology
 - 4. Capacity building of Asian researchers and technology transfer: all the processes are done by in-kind contribution by Asian countries and Japanese pharma. This basic policy encourages Asian academia and Japanese pharma companies to evaluate potential of natural products

Overview of the ANPDC collaboration in Thailand



Timeline of the Collaborative Projects



Collaborative Projects: Plan and Results

Year	Project	Plan/Objective(s)	Result(s)	Remark
2018	 Pre-pilot project on natural product screening using HTS 	System testing	✓ Done	
2019	• Tech transfer (the 1 st research intern)	• 1 researcher/year	✓ Done	
	 Natural product screening using HTS & iPSC technology (Takeda-ECDD) 	Setup iPSC systemFind hit compounds10,000 screening	 ✓ Done ✓ 40 hits found ✗ ~5,000 screening 	
2020	 Tech transfer (the 2nd & 3rd research intern) 	• 2 researchers/year	 ✓ (1 on site & 1 online) 	
	 Tech transfer from Eisai to BIOTEC (Eisai- BIOTEC) 	 Develop crude extract library tech transfer on phenotypic screening Medicinal chemistry & drug design consultation 	 ✓ 254 samples ✓ 1 technique ✓ Done 	COVID-19 outbreak
	 Phenotypic screening of natural products for potential use in Neurology & Oncology (Takeda-Siriraj) 	 Establish a platform for neurology & cancer drug screening Find hit compounds 	Ongoing study	
	 Target identification of hit compounds (Takeda-ECDD) 	 Develop testing processes to identify target proteins Structure–activity relationship (SAR) analysis 	Ongoin	
2021	 Natural product screening using Eisai technology (Eisai-BIOTEC) 	 Setup and develop testing processes for natural product screening Develop the compound library system 	Ongoin	



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