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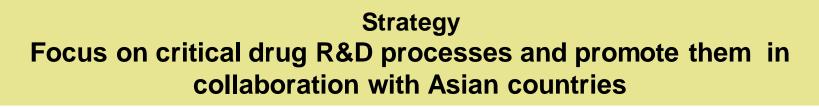
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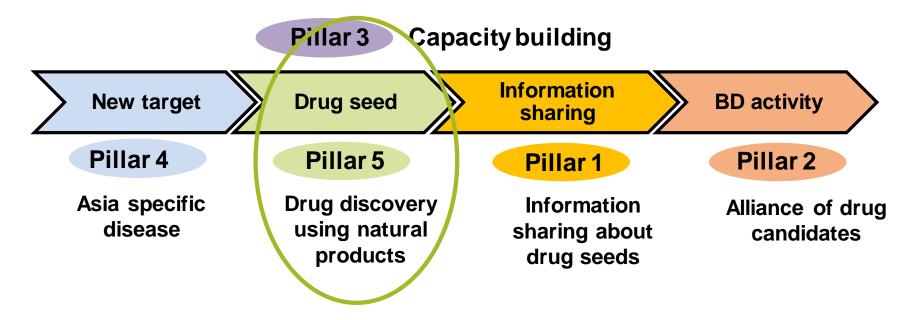
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The APAC Natural Product Drug Discovery Consortium (ANPDC)

• A key function of APAC's DA to drive drug discovery and make use of open innovation platform in order to achieve the launch of innovative medicines for the people in Asia



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

Progress Since 7th APAC (1)

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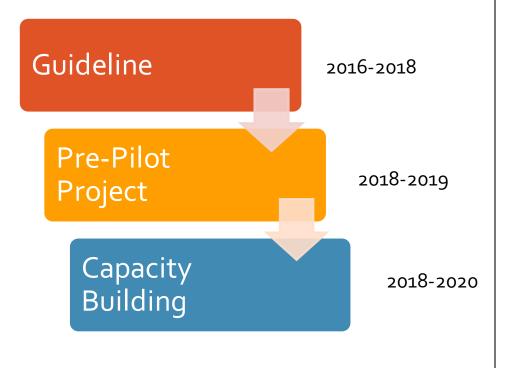
- Following the signing of the International Network Agreement on 15th October, JPMA has set up Japan's own APAC NPDD Consortium
 - Among 35 R&D Committee member companies of JPMA, Eisai and Takeda has applied for the Consortium
- Two institutes have accepted that they will work as Advisory Institutes for Research Cooperation in the Consortium: Technology Research Association for Next Generation Natural Products Chemistry in the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), and Institute of Microbial Chemistry
- Ongoing preparation for Establishment of natural product extract database, medical chemistry expertise, and technology transfer of phenotypic screening etc.

International Network Agreement Signed on 12th October 2018 in Tokyo among TCELS (Thailand), BPIPO (Taiwan) and JPMA (Japan) Taiwan's ASAP: BPIPO, Nodes: DCB, KMU; Potential NODE: ITM@Y-M U.

Thailand's ASAP: TCELS, Nodes: BIOTEC, Mahidol University, Chulalongkorn University

Progress Since 7th APAC (2)

- The Guideline for the Natural Product Drug Discovery Consortium was completed and adopted by DA-EWG Pillar 5 Group and All Members Meeting (AMM) in 2018, thus formulated a common rule among members of DA-EWG and led to the formulation of the Consortium
- Natural compounds screening using cancer cell model system including cytotoxicity test has been established to validate the collaborative work model. By mid-2019, screening system using cell-based technology from Takeda Pharmaceuticals will be transferred and established at Thailand's high-throughput screening facility in Bangkok. Further 4,000 compounds from Thailand's node will be screened.
- A researcher from Mahidol University, Thailand, is undergoing internship in Takeda Pharmaceuticals for a new screening technology before later returning to conduct collaborative research.





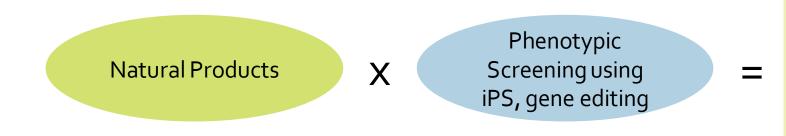
Internship for technology transfer

- 4 month internship at Takeda Shonan Research Center (tech-transfer & capacity building)
- Mr. Phongthon Kanjanasirirat (from Excellent Center for Drug Discovery, Bangkok)



Way forward and Future's Focus?

- Continue to strengthen the Consortium management routine
 - HQ of ANPDC in Bangkok
 - Regular meetings: 2 General Meeting/year, 2 Steering Committee Meeting/year
- Aim to recruit 5 more members to the Consortium, and at least Two programs will be at late discovery stage (e.g. optimization) by 2023.
- Create National Natural Product Libraries and Databases (under discussion)
- More proposals for collaborative research to
 - Seek biologically active seed compound or tool compound for drug discovery
 - Seek novel disease relevant drug targets that could not be addressed by artificial small molecules



Advanced technology to uncover hidden potential of natural product in drug discovery



Thank you