Overview of the Five-Year Strategy for Creation of Innovative Drugs/Medical Devices

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Provide the world's leading drugs/medical devices to the people Making drugs/medical devices the driving force of growth in Japan

Group of measures aimed at up-front development in Japan or simultaneous worldwide development with participation from Japan

1 Intensive investment of research funds

- · Focused allocation/expansion of drugs/medical devices related budget
- · Establishment of an organization to make adjustment on intensive development areas by industry, academia, and public sector.
- Discussion on improvement/enhancement of research and development taxation system
- · Discussion on comprehensive/efficient management of research funds in special zone for advanced medical care development
- Focused/centralized distribution of research funds related to special zone for advanced medical care development

2 Development of venture business

- Expanding research funds
- · Joint use of facilities and devices
- Development of industrialization support system, utilization of experienced human resources, improvement of consultation
- Improvement of support measures for utilization of the "angel taxation" system
- Implementation of support internationalization of Bio-Venture
- · Promotion of industrialization of new technologies that are important for national economy
- · Discussion on support for examination expenses
- · Discussion on measures to facilitate offering of medical devices

3 Development of environment for clinical research/trials

- Promotion of joint international clinical trials
- · Establishment of "medical cluster", a system in which National Center for Advanced and Specialized Medical Care conduct clinical reserach in close cooperation with industry, academia, and public sector
- · Establishment of bridging research support facilities, regenerative medicine facilities, and clinical research system
- · Utilization of facilities, networks, and IT in clinical trials led by medical clusters
- Training/securing human resources to support doctors and clinical trials
- Measures to improve clinical performance evaluation of doctors
- Promotion of appropriate regulations of clinical research
- Establishment of global clinical research facilities with central IRB functions for enabling advanced joint international research
- · Establishment of conference for dual track talk from development stage between parties on research/development side and regulation side in special zone for advanced medical care development

- Speeding up and quality improvement of examination • Reducing the period before marketing for drugs by 2.5 years (elimination of drug lags)
 - · Doubling the number of drug examination staff and quality improvement (increase of 236 staff members over 3 years)
- · Clarification of the examination approval processes and standards and improved execution of GCP (Good Clinical Practice)
- Establishment of a consultation system for clinical trials for handling every consultation in timely manner
- · Discussion on the introduction of a consultation system for joint clinical trials among executives of Japan, the United States, and Europe
- Reducing the period before gaining approval of new medical devices by 19 months (elimination of device lags)
- · Increasing the number of medical device examination staffs and quality improvement (increase of 69 members in 5 years)
- •I ntroduce 3-track examination system for new medical devices/innovated medical services/generic medical devices, and promote rationalization of approval examination.
- · Improving quality and quantity of consulting operation.
- · Improved execution of GCP for medical devices

Cooperation with Asian countries

- · Promotion of joint research on diseases of importance
- Joint research on utilization of data collected in east Asia

6 Proper evaluation of innovations

More proper evaluation of innovative products in drug pricing system

② Government and private sector discussion

Enhanced cooperation among related ministries, research institutions, and industries Implementation of regular government and private sector discussion