

# LINK-J Conference 2026

## ~ R & D Investment Cross Talk ~

### ■ Purpose

1. To create a forum where pharmaceutical companies, investors, and VCs can interact with each other.
2. To create a forum where ecosystem stakeholders can learn the up-to-date R&D strategies of Japanese pharmaceutical companies.
3. To build a network among pharmaceutical companies, investors, and domestic and global VCs.

### ■ Overview (provisional)

#### *Part 1: Networking Luncheon + Round Table Discussion*

**Date:** Friday, May 8, 2026, 12:00–16:30 (JST)  
**Format:** Invitation Only  
**Venue:** Nihonbashi Life Science Hub  
1-5-5 Nihonbashi Muromachi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103-0022, Japan  
Chibagin Mitsui Building 8F (COREDO Muromachi 3)  
**Language:** English (with simultaneous interpretation)  
**Attendees:** Pharmaceutical companies (CTO/CSO from domestic pharmaceutical companies),  
Investors/VCs

#### *Part 2: “R&D Crosses Investment” Conference*

**Date:** Saturday, May 9, 2026, 9:30-18:30(JST)  
**Format:** Open to the public, hybrid format  
**Venue:** Muromachi Mitsui Hall & Conference  
COREDO Muromachi Terrace 3F, 3-2-1 Nihonbashi Muromachi, Chuo-ku,  
Tokyo 103-0022, Japan  
**Organizer:** LINK-J  
**Supported/Sponsored by:** TBD

Last year’s supporters/sponsors: Forum for Innovative Regenerative Medicine (FIRM), Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (JPMA), Greater Tokyo Biocommunity (GTB), BioCommunity Kansai (BiocK), Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED)

**Presentation languages:** English/Japanese

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#### **Timeline of the Day:**

12:00 - 13:00	Luncheon Networking (Invitation Only)
13:00 - 15:45	Round Table Discussions (Invitation Only) A closed forum for exchanging opinions where speakers can have in-depth discussions with each other.
13:00 - 13:15	Opening & Purpose Explanation Shunichi Takahashi, CEO, LINK-J/ Visiting Professor, University of Tsukuba
13:15 - 13:45	Topic Presentation Raymond Chan (McKinsey &Co.)
13:45 - 14:30	Session 1: Table 1 will be moderated by Ken Horne, AN Venture Partners Table 2 will be moderated by Frederic Shane, Axil Capital Partners
14:30 - 14:45	Break
14:45 - 15:30	Session 2: same as above
15:30 - 15:35	Break
15:35 - 15:45	Summary and Wrap-up
15:45 - 16:30	Networking

**Expected Themes to Discuss:**

- Support for the growth and overseas expansion of domestic startups
- Strengthening Japan's drug discovery capabilities
- Notable innovations originating from Japan