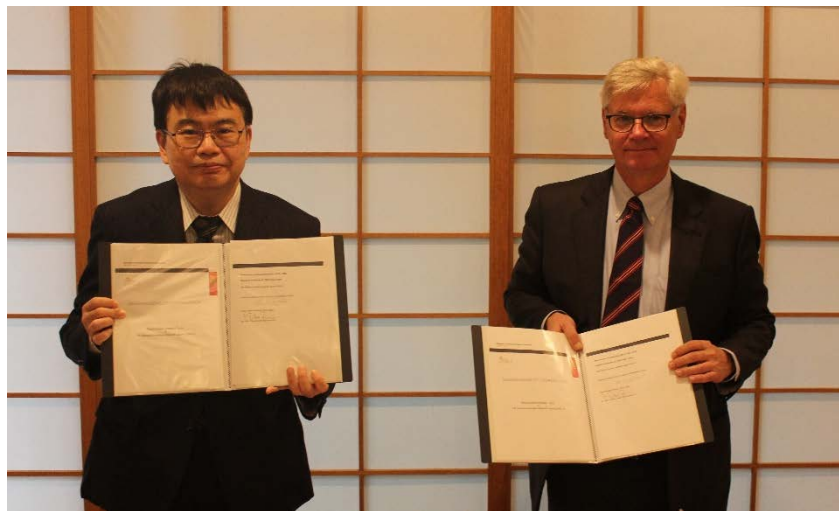

LINK-J Concludes MOC on Mutual Cooperation with Royal Danish Embassy

**-- Cooperating with 15 organizations (including 8 overseas organizations) and
expanding LINK-J's role as a hub for the life sciences field --**

Life Science Innovation Network Japan (head office: Nihonbashi-Muromachi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo; chairman of the board: Hideyuki Okano; hereinafter "LINK-J") concluded a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) aimed at creating innovations in the field of life sciences with Royal Danish Embassy (location: Tokyo, Japan), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, Ambassador to Japan: Peter Taksøe-Jensen. The MOC became effective on November 20th. LINK-J is a general incorporated association based in Nihonbashi in Tokyo that supports the commercialization of seeds and ideas in the field of life sciences by promoting human and technology exchange.



Hideyuki Okano, President of LINK-J, and Ambassador Peter-Taksøe-Jensen



ROYAL DANISH EMBASSY

The Royal Danish Embassy Tokyo Japan is part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. The embassy coordinate a sector specific strategic partnership in health between Danish Ministry of Health and Japan Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW). Governed by the Embassy Department of Economic Diplomacy in Health, the government-to-government cooperation is the framework for the Memorandum of Cooperation, with the aim of accelerating sector cooperation and open innovation through novel inter-disciplinary networks and linking ecosystems in the life sciences between Japan and Denmark.

This MOC is concluded with the objective of cooperation in the promotion of innovation in the life sciences, and through the government-to-government umbrella, link the Danish life science cluster ecosystem with LINK-J international network and the +440 member organizations. It represents an agreement to explore mutual cooperation over the next three years with a view towards creating new commercial opportunities through open innovation, driving the transformation of research outcomes in the field of life sciences into actual businesses and industries.

So far, LINK-J has signed MOUs to create life science-related innovations with the following business alliance partners. This latest agreement makes Royal Danish Embassy the 15th cooperation partner of LINK-J.

Moving forward, LINK-J will serve as a more influential global hub in the life sciences field by cooperating more broadly with additional life science organizations, both in Japan and internationally.



Joakim Steen Barron-Mikkelsen, Minister Counsellor, Special Advisor Economic Diplomacy in Health for the Royal Danish Embassy said: “Building on our close relationship with LINK-J, we have together thought carefully about new ways of joint cooperation, actively expanding the international innovation community, including access to the Danish life science clusters, science parks and knowledge networks. Our joint efforts will facilitate the mutual exchange of information and expertise on matters related to the future healthcare systems; and by jointly hosting innovation programs and symposia, encourage technology and product innovation partnerships in the life sciences for improvements in human health and grow our economies.”

Akihiko Soyama, President and CEO of LINK-J, said, “We are absolutely delighted to establish this partnership with the Royal Danish Embassy, expanding on already strong cooperation and accelerating the innovation capacity by means of international collaboration. The Royal Danish Embassy, an entity that is coordinating the government-to-government strategic partnership in health, regulatory and science collaboration, has been involved in driving scientific symposia on regulatory and health value sciences; open innovation and science-technology and innovation programs at the forefront of biomedical innovation which can be seen in Medicon Valley, and bringing those capabilities together will support the creation of new value and further strengthen our relationship with our 15 partners both in Japan and overseas, our membership base and beyond to revitalize the entire life sciences industry.”

Moving forward, LINK-J will continue to stimulate the creation of life science innovations, contribute to the advancement of life science industries and contribute in resolving life science-related issues for people around the world. Because of the tough situation, it is difficult to host onsite events or seminars so we are planning to co-host webinars within a few months.

■ **About Royal Danish Embassy, Economic Diplomacy in Health.**

The Royal Danish Embassy govern and deliver on permanent Memorandum of Cooperation in Health (MOC) between the Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Denmark and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan (MHLW).

The Royal Danish Embassy cooperate strategically with Danish and Japanese authorities, academia, clinical societies, research parks and businesses, particularly advancing innovation in health service redesign and solution positioning; regulatory frameworks and market access; research and capability building.

The Royal Danish Embassy provides innovation, inward- and export promotion in the health and life sciences, advancing clinical and medical technology cooperation and internationalization.

The Royal Danish Embassy updates: <https://japan.um.dk/en.aspx>; follow on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/embassy-of-denmark-in-japan>

■ **About Life Science Innovation Network Japan, Inc. (LINK-J)**

LINK-J is a general incorporated association established by Mitsui Fudosan and volunteers from academic circles. With its base in the Nihonbashi area, where a number of pharmaceutical companies are clustered, LINK-J aims to promote open innovation in the life sciences realm through industry-

government-academia cooperation and to support the creation of new industries. Across the entire life sciences arena, i.e., the arena where all sciences combine — ranging from medicine to science and further to engineering and new technologies, such as information and communication technology (ICT) and artificial intelligence (AI) — it will accelerate interdisciplinary human and technological exchanges. Website: <https://www.link-j.org/>