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SECOND GROUP OF MANSFIELD-PHRMA RESEARCH SCHOLARS SET TO VISIT U.S.

(Washington, D.C.) Next week the second group of Mansfield-PhRMA Research Scholars will travel to the United States for a two-week program. The visit will provide opportunities for the eight researchers to learn about U.S. translational research, healthcare policy, and regulatory practices through meetings and site visits in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and Boston. This Japan exchange was launched in early 2013 and is sponsored by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

The Research Scholars Program brings eight young researchers from Japan's pharmaceutical research community to the United States each year. This year the eight scholars include:

Kazuki Hattori, Project Assistant Professor, Laboratory of Cell Signaling, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Tokyo

Akihiro Hirakawa, Lecturer of Biostatistics, Center for Advanced Medicine and Clinical Research, Nagoya University Hospital

Mako Kamiya, Assistant Professor, Laboratory of Chemical Biology and Molecular Imaging, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tokyo

Ken Kato, Chief of Section of Translational Medicine and Development, Exploratory Oncology Research & Clinical Trial Center, and Head of Gastrointestinal Medical Oncology Division, National Cancer Center Hospital

Masahisa Katsuno, Associate Professor, Department of Neurology, Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine

Makiko Kusuma, Lecturer, Laboratory of Pharmaceutical Regulatory Science, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Tokyo

Kiyoshi Okada, Project Associate Professor, Department of Medical Innovation, Osaka University Hospital

Koichiro Yuji, Project Lecturer, Center for Antibody and Vaccine, Research Hospital, Institute of Medical Science, University of Tokyo

The delegation will meet with senior experts in major pharmaceutical research programs, including managers of pharmaceutical research programs in the U.S. government and experts on translating research into commercial opportunities. The delegation's Washington visits will include the Food and Drug Administration and National Institutes of Health. In Philadelphia, the researchers will visit pharmaceutical companies' research and development centers and the Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics. In Boston, highlights will include meetings with experts at

several biotech companies, the Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development, and the Harvard School of Public Health.

Upon their return to Japan, the researchers will be expected to share what they learned during the program with their Japanese colleagues and to contribute to Japan's R&D policy reforms in a practical way.

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