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THIRD GROUP OF MANSFIELD-PHRMA RESEARCH SCHOLARS ANNOUNCED

(Washington, D.C.) The third group of Mansfield-PhRMA Research Scholars has been selected and is preparing to travel to the United States for a two-week program in September. The Mansfield-PhRMA Research Scholars program, sponsored by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), was launched in early 2013 to provide opportunities for young researchers from Japan's pharmaceutical research community to learn about U.S. translational research, healthcare policy, and regulatory practices.

Each year the Research Scholars Program selects eight researchers to bring to the United States in order to explore the U.S. ecosystem for fostering translational research through a series of meetings and site visits in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and Boston. This year the highly accomplished researchers selected for the program are:

Hisayoshi Hashimoto, Research Resident, Division of Molecular and Cellular Medicine, National Cancer Center Research Institute

Yoichi M. Ito, Associate Professor, Department of Biostatistics, Hokkaido University Graduate School of Medicine

Hiroya Kuwahara, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology and Neurological Science, Tokyo Medical and Dental University

Kazue Mizuno, Research Fellow of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Department of Materials and Science, The University of Tokyo, School of Engineering

Fumihiko Nakatani, Head, Musculoskeletal Oncology, National Cancer Center Hospital

Takayoshi Shimohata, Associate Professor, Department of Neurology, Niigata University, Brain Institute

Keiko Ueda, Chief Researcher, Department of Regenerative Medicine, National Cardiovascular Center

Kiyoshi Yamaguchi, Assistant Professor, Division of Clinical Genome Research, The Institute of Medical Science, The University of Tokyo

The researchers will arrive in Washington in mid-September and later travel to Philadelphia and Boston. During the two-week program the delegation will meet with experts in major pharmaceutical research programs, including managers of pharmaceutical research programs in the U.S. government and specialists in translating research into commercial opportunities. In Washington they will meet with policy experts in Congress and think tanks and senior scientists at the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health. The researchers will visit pharmaceutical companies and venture capital firms in Philadelphia and Boston as well as such

leading institutions as the Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics and Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development.

The researchers are expected to share what they learned from the program with their Japanese colleagues and to contribute to Japan's R&D policy reforms in a practical way. Researchers who participated in the first and second years of the program are applying the experience to make changes in their research, their institutions, and more broadly.

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization that promotes understanding and cooperation in U.S.-Asia relations. The Foundation was established in 1983 to honor Mike Mansfield (1903-2001), a revered public servant, statesman and diplomat who played a pivotal role in many of the key domestic and international issues of the 20th century as U.S. congressman from Montana, Senate majority leader and finally as U.S. ambassador to Japan. Maureen and Mike Mansfield's values, ideals and vision for U.S.-Asia relations continue through the Foundation's exchanges, dialogues, research and educational programs, which create networks among U.S. and Asian leaders, explore the underlying issues influencing public policies, and increase awareness about the nations and peoples of Asia. The Foundation has offices in Washington, D.C.; Tokyo, Japan; and Missoula, Montana.