

# "Dawning Era in Drug Discovery with Natural Resources in Asia"

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### Introduction to the DA Session



### **Topics**

- 1. Update on DAEWG activity
- 2. Reason for selecting "drug discovery with natural compounds" as the theme of the DA session

### Mission and Strategy



#### **Mission of DAEWG**

Promote <u>cross-border open innovation in Asia</u> to develop innovative medicines for patients in Asia

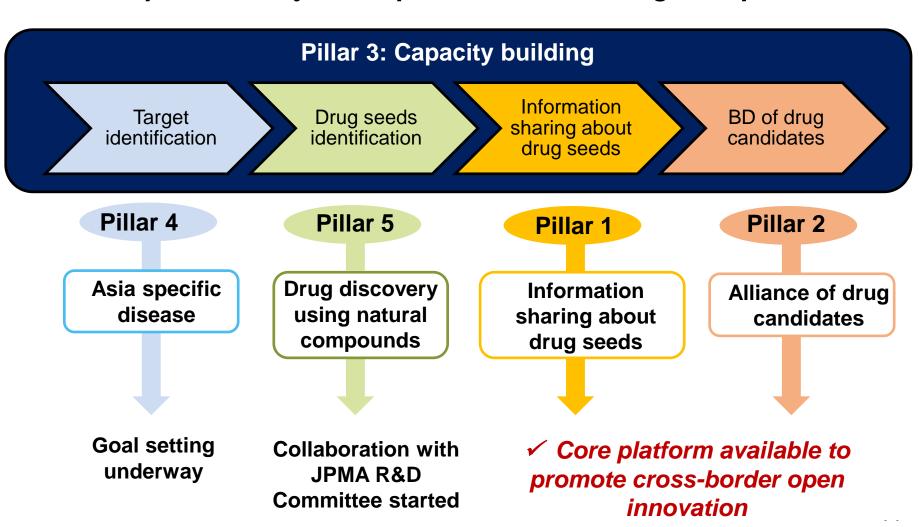
### Strategy

Focus on critical drug R&D areas and promote them in collaboration with Asian countries

# **DAEWG** "Pillar Activity "



#### Each pillar activity corresponds to critical drug R&D process



#### Pillar 1

# ~Information sharing about drug seeds~



- DAEWG have been closely collaborating with Osaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (OCCI)
- OCCI has been leading in establishing information sharing platform
  - ✓ "Drug Seeds Alliance Network in Asia (DSANA)", Asian-wide information sharing platform, was launched (http://willsonline.jp/dsana)
  - ✓ Information about selected drug seeds from Japanese academia was shared with Taiwanese companies in 2016



### Pillar 2

# ~Alliance of drug candidate~



# DAEWG arranges "APAC Business Development Partnering Conference" in Bio Japan every year

#### **☑Overview of the event in 2016**

[Schedule] 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm Wednesday, October 12, 2016 [Venue]: Harbor Lounge-B, Annex Hall, Pacifico Yokohama



16 Asian bio-ventures and 9 Japanese pharma attended

Progress of "Pillar 1 and 2" will promote crossborder open innovation in Asia!

# Reasons for focusing on cross-border open innovation using natural compounds



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Potential of natural compound as an useful starting point in drug discovery

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Advantages in doing drug discovery using natural compounds

-3-

Capacity building of researchers in Asian countries

# Potential of natural compound as an effective starting point in drug discovery



Useful medicines were developed from natural compounds and saved a lot of patients

- Natural compound is an important starting point for drug discovery
- ✓ About 30% of new drugs approved by FDA in 1981-2010 originate from natural compounds, Newman, et.al., J Nat Prod. 2012, 75(3): 311–335.



# Requirements for an effective collaboration using natural compounds



Natural environment/resources producing natural compounds with useful biological activity

✓ Library of natural compounds

Geographical proximity
enables close collaboration
between researchers in
Asian countries

Asia has advantages in doing drug discovery using natural compounds

Scientific expertise and knowhows for drug discovery

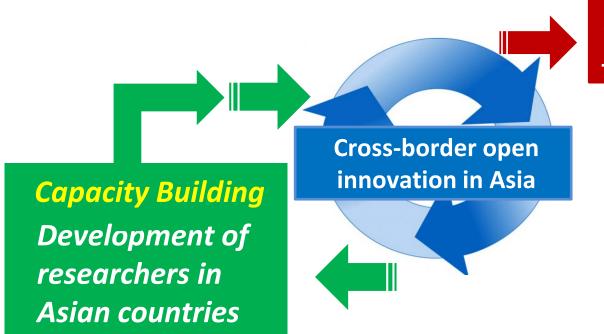
- ✓ Organic synthesis
- ✓ Structural analysis, etc.

Progress of collaboration between Japanese pharma companies to tackle mutual challenges

# Expected outcomes from cross-border open innovation using natural compounds



- Collaboration using natural compounds requires participation of researchers from Asian countries
- Researchers could learn by each other and improve their expertise by participating in the collaboration
- Capacity building is critical to ensure sustainability of cross-border open innovation in Asia



Seeds compounds for innovative drugs

### Pillar 5

# ~Drug discovery using natural compounds~



- Advance Pillar 5 in collaboration with JPMA R&D Committee
  - Leader: Dr. Nares, Thailand Center of Excellence of Life Science (TCELS)
  - Sub leader: Dr. Kawakami, (Eisai)
  - Representative from JPMA R&D Committee: Dr. Tsukahara, (Eisai)
- Create action plans to promote collaboration using natural compounds
  - policy for collaboration
  - sustainable research "ecosystem" including capacity building
  - a pilot collaboration project using natural compounds, etc.

# **Program of this year's DA session**



13:15	~	13:20	Introduction to the DA Session	Hasuoka	JPMA
13:20		13:45	Keynote Lecture Continued Efforts to Discover New Drugs using Natural	Chair : Chi & Hasuoka Shinya AIST	
13.20	~	13.43	Resources (tentative)	Offilitya	Aloi
			Presentations		
13:45	~	14:00	<ol> <li>Drug discovery using natural compounds in Thailand</li> </ol>	Wanchai	Chula. Univ.
14:00	~	14:15	2. Drug discovery using natural compounds in Taiwan	Su	SynCore
14:15	~	14:30	<ol><li>Application of Natural Resources to Drug Discovery in Eisai</li></ol>	Tagami	Eisai
14:30	~	14:45	<ol> <li>Activities of Pillar 5 (Drug Discovery by Natural Resources) Task Force</li> </ol>	Nares	TCELS
			Panel discussion		
			<ul> <li>Implementation of drug discovery using natural resources in Asia</li> </ul>	3	
14:45	~	15:10	<ul> <li>Issues &amp; solution for drug discovery by natural resources in Asia</li> </ul>	all member &	floor
15:10	~	15:15	Session closing	Chi	DCB



# Thank You!