

4th The Public-private delegation from Japan meet high-level officials in Beijing

Under the guidance of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) and the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA), the Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (JPMA) partnered with the Japan Federation of Medical Devices Associations (JFMDA) to conduct the 4th The Public-private delegation from Japan meet high-level officials, in Beijing on July 2–3, 2019. This followed the previous mission held in December 2018. Led by Dr. Yasuhiro Suzuki, Chief Medical & Global Health Officer of MHLW, the Mission delegates included Dr. Yasuhiro Fujiwara, chief executive of PMDA, and Mr. George Nakayama, president of JPMA. With cooperation from the Embassy of Japan in China, the delegates held high-level meetings with the National Medical Products Administration (NMPA, pharmaceutical affairs regulatory authority in China) and the National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China (Welfare ministry of China). The last China-Japan Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Joint Conference with NMPA was held in December 2018, so this meeting did not take place during the Government-Private Sector Mission on this occasion.



Delegates members at the residence of the Japanese Ambassador to China.

High-level Meeting with NMPA

The delegates held a high-level meeting with Ms. Jiao Hong, Commissioner of NMPA, and other NMPA executives to confirm that they will continue to communicate to solve issues, such as cooperation in the supervision and control of pharmaceuticals and medical devices.

Ms. Jiao presented the status of the reform and development of pharmaceutical regulations in China and told the Japanese delegates that strengthening communication and cooperation between China and Japan regarding supervision and control will contribute to the health and happiness of the people of both countries, the development of their industries, and the preservation of exchanges between the two nations.

Dr. Yasuhiro Suzuki, Chief Medical & Global Health Officer of MHLW, congratulated China on its progress in pharmaceutical regulatory reform. He also expressed his hopes that mutually beneficial cooperative ties will continue for the sustainable development of supervision and control of pharmaceuticals between Japan and China.



Delegates and NMPA members after high-level meeting

High-level Meeting with National Health Commission

The Mission also held a high-level meeting with Mr. Wang Jianjun, Deputy Director of the National Health Commission, and other executives.

Mr. Wang presented on the Healthy China 2030 Plan and China's policies toward its aging population. He said that, as their societies and economies have developed, population aging has become a common problem for China, Japan, and the rest of the world. Mr. Wang also mentioned that China and Japan will step up their cooperation in the area of pharmaceuticals and medical devices for healthy aging in both countries and will work together to improve the health and happiness of their people.

Dr. Suzuki highly commended the productive outcomes of health-related cooperation between Japan and China and presented experiences and lessons that Japan has learnt in its responses to the aging of its population. He declared Japan's intention to strengthen cooperation between the two countries in healthy aging and other related areas.



Mr. Wang Jianjun, Deputy Director of the National Health Commission, and Dr. Yasuhiro Suzuki, Chief Medical & Global Health Officer of MHLW

Reception held by Japanese Ambassador to China, H.E. Yutaka Yokoi, at the Ambassador's Residence

In addition to the Mission, members of Japanese companies that have ventured into the Chinese market, such as members of the Life Sciences Group of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in China and the Beijing Japan-Pharmaceuticals Association were also invited to a reception held by Japanese Ambassador to China, H.E. Yutaka Yokoi, at the Ambassador's residence.

Embassy staff who worked hard to organize the mission also attended the reception, which took place amid a cordial atmosphere from beginning to end.

After Ambassador Yokoi made some remarks commending the delegation for establishing excellent relationships with Chinese authorities, similar to Japan-China diplomatic relations, JPMA renewed its resolve to make proactive and continuous efforts toward such relationships going forward.



Reception at Ambassador's Residence

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