

# Government-Private Sector Mission to China

JPMA Holds High-level Meeting with National Healthcare Security Administration in China During Visit to Japan

On December 10, 2019, Mr. Wang Xiaoning, Deputy Director (in charge of pharmaceutical pricing, procurement, and purchasing) of China's National Healthcare Security Administration (NHSA) and other Chinese delegates to Japan visited JPMA to hold a high-level meeting with JPMA executives.



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NHSA is a new organization that was established in 2018 after the restructure of administrative organizations in China. It is responsible for pharmaceutical pricing, tenders, negotiations and reimbursement lists and is a critical government authority when it comes to the development of the pharmaceutical business in China. Although a high-level meeting with the NHSA could not be arranged during the Government-Private Sector Mission to China in July, 2019, thanks to the efforts of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, JPMA was able to take the opportunity of a visit to Japan by NHSA executives to make this meeting a reality.

At the meeting, Mr. Tadaharu Goto, Director General of JPMA, presented initiatives being undertaken by JPMA. Mr. Wang Xiaoning of NHSA talked about various topics such as the current status and future plan of drug prices negotiations, the assessment and current status of the national rollout of the 4+7 centralized bulk procurement policy, bulk procurement of high quality generics, and the revision of the reimbursement list.



High-level meeting

The two sides agreed that, going forward, they would create further opportunities for interaction to continue their dialogue, and exchange information regarding common issues facing both Japan and China, such as population aging, high pharmaceutical prices, and funding sources. The meeting ended in a cordial atmosphere.

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