

3rd Japan-Korea Joint Symposium on Medical Products

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On 3rd July 2018, the 3rd Japan-Korea Joint Symposium on Medical Products was held in Tokyo. This symposium had been held 13 times in the past, sponsored by private-sector organizations, in order to mutually understand the internal and external environmental of the pharmaceutical industry in Japan and Korea. Since two years ago, it has been held under the joint public-private sponsorship, and this time was the third such symposium.



A total of 197 people participated in the comprehensive session in the morning. In the Japan side, there were 166 participants from Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW), Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA), Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (JPMA), Japan Federation Medical Devices Association (JFMDA), member companies and general public participants. In the Korea side, there were 31 participants from Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS), Korea Pharmaceutical and Bio-Pharma Manufacturers Association (KPBM), Korea Medical Devices Industry Association (KMDIA), and member companies.

In the morning comprehensive session, the latest topics in Japan and Korea were presented, regarding the recently issued regulations on drugs and medical devices. In the afternoon pharmaceutical session, presentations were given regarding measures to promote drug discovery innovation in both countries and the latest status of the drug pricing system. In addition, questions and answers were very active throughout in this symposium.

This symposium became very meaningful due to active discussions among participants from public and private sectors. We hope that this symposium will lead to the further development of the pharmaceutical and medical device industry and the rapid delivery of initiative pharmaceuticals through public-private partnerships and collaborations between the two countries. The next symposium is scheduled to be held in Seoul.

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