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Dr. Yasuhiro Fujiwara, Chief Executive of PMDA, elected Vice Chair of the International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities (ICMRA)

On June 23, 2019, our agency's Chief Executive, Dr. Yasuhiro Fujiwara was elected as its new Vice-Chair* in the meeting of the International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities (ICMRA) held in San Diego, the United States.

* The term of office of Chair and Vice Chair is 3 years from October 1, 2019.

Upon assuming the position of Vice Chair, Dr. Fujiwara expressed his conviction that "Although it has not been long since I assumed the post of Chief Executive of PMDA, I have experience in planning and conducting clinical trials using various methods from Phase I to Phase III as well as in drug review, and I fully understand the role required of pharmaceutical regulatory authorities. At the ICMRA, in cooperation with the Chair and Vice Chair, I would like to promote discussions that can only be held at the ICMRA, and meaningful discussions among the leaders, in order to address the practical application of innovative technologies."

Dr. Fujiwara will lead ICMRA along with Professor Guido Rasi, Executive Director of European Medicines Agency's (EMA), elected as a new Chair, and Professor John Skerritt, Deputy Secretary for Health Products Regulation Department of Health, Australia, elected as another Vice Chair.

〈Reference〉

Introduction of ICMRA

Launched in 2012, ICMRA brings together the leaders of regulatory authorities from 28 countries around the world to provide strategic directions for enhanced cooperation on common scientific, regulatory or safety challenges, improved communication and information sharing between its members and effective global crisis response mechanisms.

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