

# PMDA Updates

## January/February, 2010

### < News >

#### 1) Indonesian Regulators visited PMDA (January 19 -28)

Four officials from The Ministry of Health Republic of Indonesia and The National Agency of Drug and Food Control paid a courtesy call to Dr. Tatsuya Kondo, PMDA's Chief executive, and received training from PMDA employees. The visit was made possible by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

#### 2) Liaison Officer dispatched to the US (February 15)

PMDA sent one of its executives as liaison officer to US Pharmacopeia. The officer is expected to serve as the prime contact of PMDA to USP as well as to improve communication between FDA and PMDA/MHLW, for the coming 15 months.

This move is in line with PMDA's International Strategic Plan, citing as one of its goals "to strengthen cooperation with the US, the EU, Asian countries, and relevant international organizations."

### < Events etc. to come >

#### 1. Conferences/meetings PMDA hosts

Dates	Title	Location
March 16,	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> PMDA Advisory Council The principal agenda items are Annual Plan and Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2010.	Tokyo (at PMDA)
May 28,	PMDA/JPMA Symposium on Global Clinical Trials and Ethnic Factors co-hosted by SFDA-CCPIE	Beijing

#### 2. Major conferences/meetings PMDA participates in

Dates	Title	Location
March 2- 4,	APEC LSIF RHSC Meeting	Hiroshima
March 8-10,	The 22 <sup>nd</sup> DIA Annual Euro Meeting	Monaco
May 10-12	GHTF Steering Committee Meeting	Singapore