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Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency

PMDA Concludes a Memorandum of Understanding with the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)

— Strengthening Human Resource Development in Regulatory Science —

The Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA), Japan, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), United Kingdom, on 6 July 2026 to promote collaboration in the field of regulatory science.

The purpose of this MoU is to facilitate collaboration and cooperation in areas such as education, research, and human resource development, leveraging the respective strengths of both institutions and contributing to the advancement of regulatory science.

This collaboration will be implemented as part of PMDA's initiative for collaboration and human resource development, the Alliance for Regulatory Science Advancement (ARSA). Under this framework, PMDA collaborates with worldwide academic and research institutions to conduct advanced, practice-oriented training and joint activities, thereby fostering the next generation of regulatory science professionals.

LSHTM is a world-leading research institution in the fields of epidemiology and public health and has played a significant role in addressing global challenges, including infectious disease control. Under this collaboration, international personnel exchange and cross-border joint activities will be mainly conducted between the Faculty of Epidemiology and Population Health at LSHTM and the Division of Pharmacoepidemiology, Office of Pharmacovigilance I at PMDA. Through collaboration with internationally active researchers, PMDA staff will build on their existing expertise and further deepen their practical understanding of cutting-edge analytical methods and research findings. This will contribute to further advancing their expertise in pharmacoepidemiology, as well as accumulating practical experience in an international research environment. Furthermore, the knowledge and experience obtained through this collaboration are expected to be applied to PMDA's internal operations, thereby contributing to further improvements of science-based approaches in the quality of regulatory review and safety measures, as well as to the strengthening of institutional capacity for international cooperation through the establishment of professional networks.

(Reference) About the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) is one of the world's leading public health universities. Its 3,500 staff and 4,700 students are working together to help create a more healthy, sustainable and equitable world for everyone. With main sites in London, The Gambia and Uganda, and an annual research income of £190 million, it is uniquely placed to make a tangible impact on people's lives through highly-rated research, postgraduate education and global networks. LSHTM's mission is to improve health and health equity in the UK and worldwide; working in partnership to achieve excellence in public and global health research, education and translation of knowledge into policy and practice.

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