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

On July 13, 2022, our agency's Chief Executive, Dr. Yasuhiro Fujiwara was re-elected as its new Vice-Chair¹ in the virtual meeting of the International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities (ICMRA)². He has been serving as a Vice-Chair since 2019, so this is his second term.

Upon continuation of the position of Vice Chair, Dr. Fujiwara expressed his conviction that "Regarding recent COVID-19 response, ICMRA framework leveraged proactive experts' discussion as well as information sharing on developing vaccine, therapeutics and virus variants, therefore ICMRA played a significant role to make international consensus. I would like to support to continue these activities and go a step further. In addition, I will contribute to increasing strategic leadership, resuming international collaboration activities other than COVID-19 such as Innovation project and expanding membership. I will continue to work to bring out maximum ICMRA ability and contribute to maintain and improve global public health with the Chair."

Dr. Fujiwara will lead ICMRA along with Ms. Emer Cooke, Executive Director of European Medicines Agency (EMA), re-elected as a Chair.

¹ Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair is held once in 3 years. The term of office is 3 years from October 1, 2022.

² Launched in 2012, ICMRA brings together the leaders of regulatory authorities from 37 countries/regions 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. <http://www.icmra.info>