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The PMDA convenes the second Science Board meeting ~ Enhancing the review system in response to the Medical Innovations ~

While PMDA has been making various efforts to make its review process faster and more efficient by increasing the number of reviewers and revamping its review system, it is increasingly required to evaluate products using advanced science and technologies precisely and to provide sound advice and guidance.

Under this circumstance, PMDA has been creating a system which ensures constant upskilling of its reviewers enabling them to assess the fruits of advanced technologies in close collaboration with academia that conducts cutting-edge scientific researches. As a part of its effort, PMDA established the Science Board as a high-level organ to give scientific advice. The Board consists of external experts who are active in the front lines of dental, pharmaceutical, and engineering fields.

The second Science Board meeting will be held on July 31 (please refer to the Annex 1 for the list of the Science Board Members, Annex 2 for PMDA organization chart, and Annex 3 for List of the Office of Review Innovation Members.)

The second meeting will discuss appointments of the members of the sub-committees dealing with pharmaceuticals, medical devices, biologics, and cellular- and tissue- based products (regenerative medicinal products). The agenda for the future discussion will be also discussed.

Meeting is closed to public, since specific contents of individual approved products may be referred to. However, a briefing session by the Office of Review Innovation, with the chair of the Board, is scheduled after the meeting as below.

Briefing session	
Place:	PMDA 6 th Floor, Meeting Room #8-9
Time and Date:	Tuesday, July 31, 2012, 2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



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Annex 1

List of the Science Board Members

(in the Japanese alphabetical order)

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Akinori Akaike Professor, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Nagoya University
Tatsuro Irimura
Professor, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the University of Tokyo
Yukihide Iwamoto
Professor, Orthopaedic Surgery, Department of Clinical Medicine, Kyushu University
Hideyuki Okano
Professor, Department of Physiology, Graduate School of Medicine, Keio University
Chieko Kai
Professor, Institute of Medical Science, the University of Tokyo
Hideo Kusuoka Director General, Osaka National Hospital, National Hospital Organization
Hideo Saji Professor, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyoto University
Toshiya Sato
Professor, Biostatistics, Public Health, Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University
Yuichi Sugiyama
Invited Senior Scientist, Sugiyama Laboratory, RIKEN Innovation Center, RIKEN
Tatsutoshi Nakahata
Deputy Director, Center for iPS Cell Research and Application, Kyoto University



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Masahiro Hayashi Director, Department of Pharmacy, Toranomon Hospital

Akira Matsuda Professor, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Hokkaido University

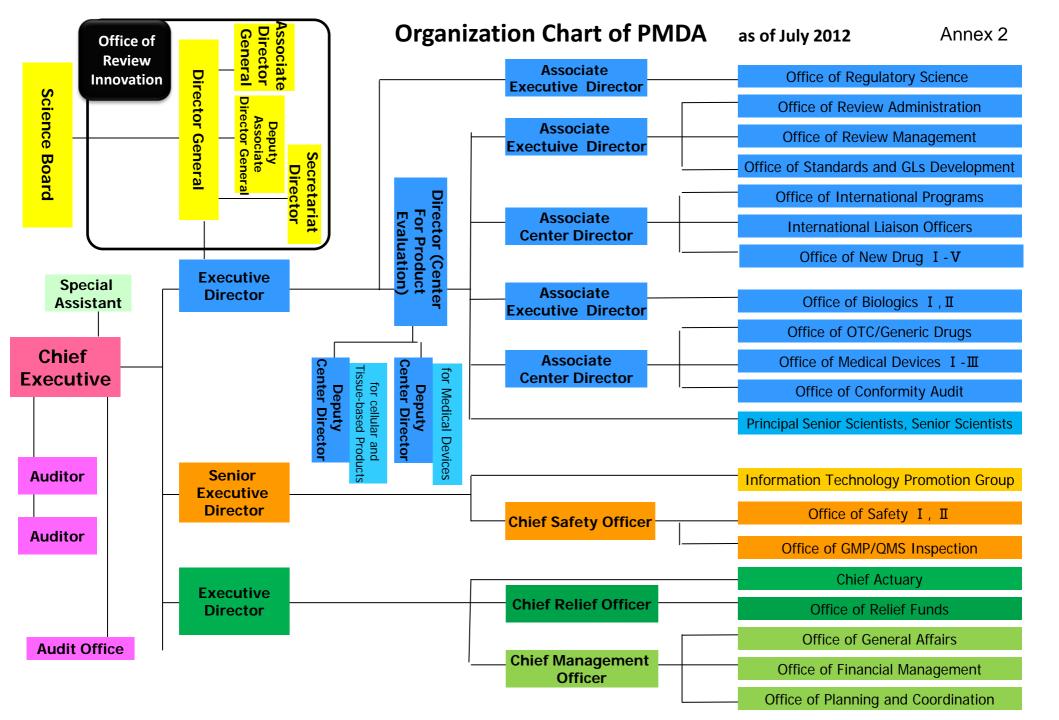
Yoichiro Matsumoto Professor, Graduate School of Engineering, the University of Tokyo

Masaki Mori Professor, Department of Gastroenterological Surgery, Graduate School of Medicine, Osaka University

Nobuhiro Yamada President, University of Tsukuba

Kazuhiko Yamamoto Professor, Graduate School of Medicine, the University of Tokyo

Teruko Yamamoto Professor, Graduate School of Dentistry, Tohoku University





Annex 3

List of the Office of Review Innovation Members

Director General

Dr. Hideo Utsumi, Executive Director, PMDA

Associate Director General

Dr. Takao Yamori, Director of Center for Product Evaluation, PMDA

Deputy Associate Director General

Dr. Akihiro Umezawa, Deputy Center Director (for Cellular and Tissue-based Products), PMDA

Deputy Associate Director General

Dr. Ichiro Sakuma, Deputy Center Director (for Medical Devices), PMDA

Secretariat Director

Dr. Soichiro Isobe, Office Director, Office of Review Management, PMDA

Deputy Secretariat Director

Mr. Masakatsu Imoto, Review Director, Office of Medical Devices III, PMDA



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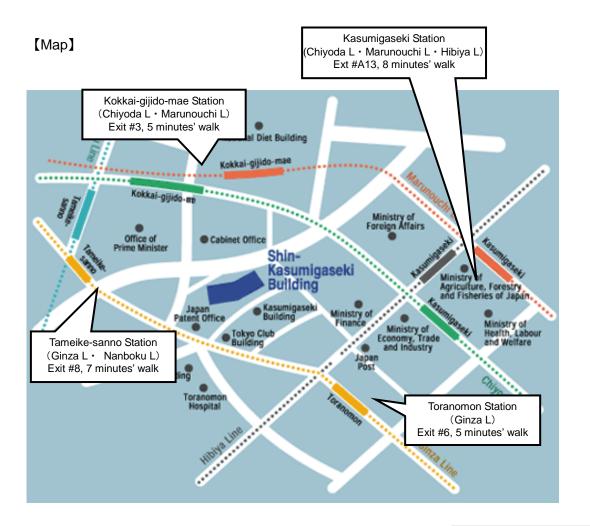
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Briefing Session:

6th floor conference Room#8&9 14:15~15:00



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