

Further cooperation on medical products regulation with Thailand

- Five-Year Joint Action Plan on Japan-Thailand Strategic Economic Partnership -

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On 17th November, Ministers of Foreign Affairs of both Japan and Thailand signed "The Five-Year Joint Action Plan on Japan-Thailand Strategic Economic Partnership" in Bangkok.

In this plan, the following two PMDA's activities were included as implementing mechanisms to promote cooperation in research and development, and healthcare and medical products of the two countries to improve the quality of life of the people in Thailand and its neighbouring countries.

- Joint symposium co-organized by Japanese and Thai regulatory authorities, the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency of Japan (PMDA) and the Thai Food and Drug Administration (FDA), for sharing information between regulators and industries as well as for sharing Japan's review experience on products approved in Japan with Thai regulator
- PMDA's Asia Training Center for Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Regulatory Affairs for sharing Japan's review experience

PMDA and Thai FDA have promoted mutual understanding and shared information through personnel exchange, annual joint symposia and seminars on various topics in medical products regulation of both countries so far.

In accordance with the Action Plan, PMDA will continue to promote cooperation with Thai FDA and contribute to achieving objectives in the Action plan.

In addition, Japanese academia also initiated projects to promote cooperation in research and development of medical products by forming clinical trial networks among academia in Thailand and other Asian countries. PMDA also supports these projects and will encourage collaboration between regulatory authorities and academia in Asia.

PMDA hopes that these collaborative actions strengthen relationship between Japan and Thailand and also contribute to the improvement of health of all people in Asia across borders.

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