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1. Technological advances and expansion of digital health
 - ❖ Expansion of preventive and pre-emptive medicine, personalised medicine (**regenerative medicine, genomic medicine**), AI drug discovery, etc.
 - ❖ Expansion of the scope of use of big data and disease registries
 - ❖ Dynamic change in modalities **from small molecules to biotechnology, gene therapy, etc.**
2. Changes in domestic systems and pharma markets
 - ❖ Further population decline and ageing in Japan
 - ❖ Growth rate of the Japanese pharmaceutical market generally flat to slightly declining
 - ❖ Changes in domestic pharmaceutical and medical insurance systems (e.g. rationalisation of regulations, cost-effectiveness)
 - ❖ Structural shift in the pharmaceutical market: **replacement of long-term listed products (less than 20%) with patented products (more than 60%)**
 - ❖ Expansion of the market for speciality drugs such as anticancer drugs, infectious diseases, immunological diseases, etc.
 - ❖ Expansion of generic drugs use

3. Changing global competitive environment

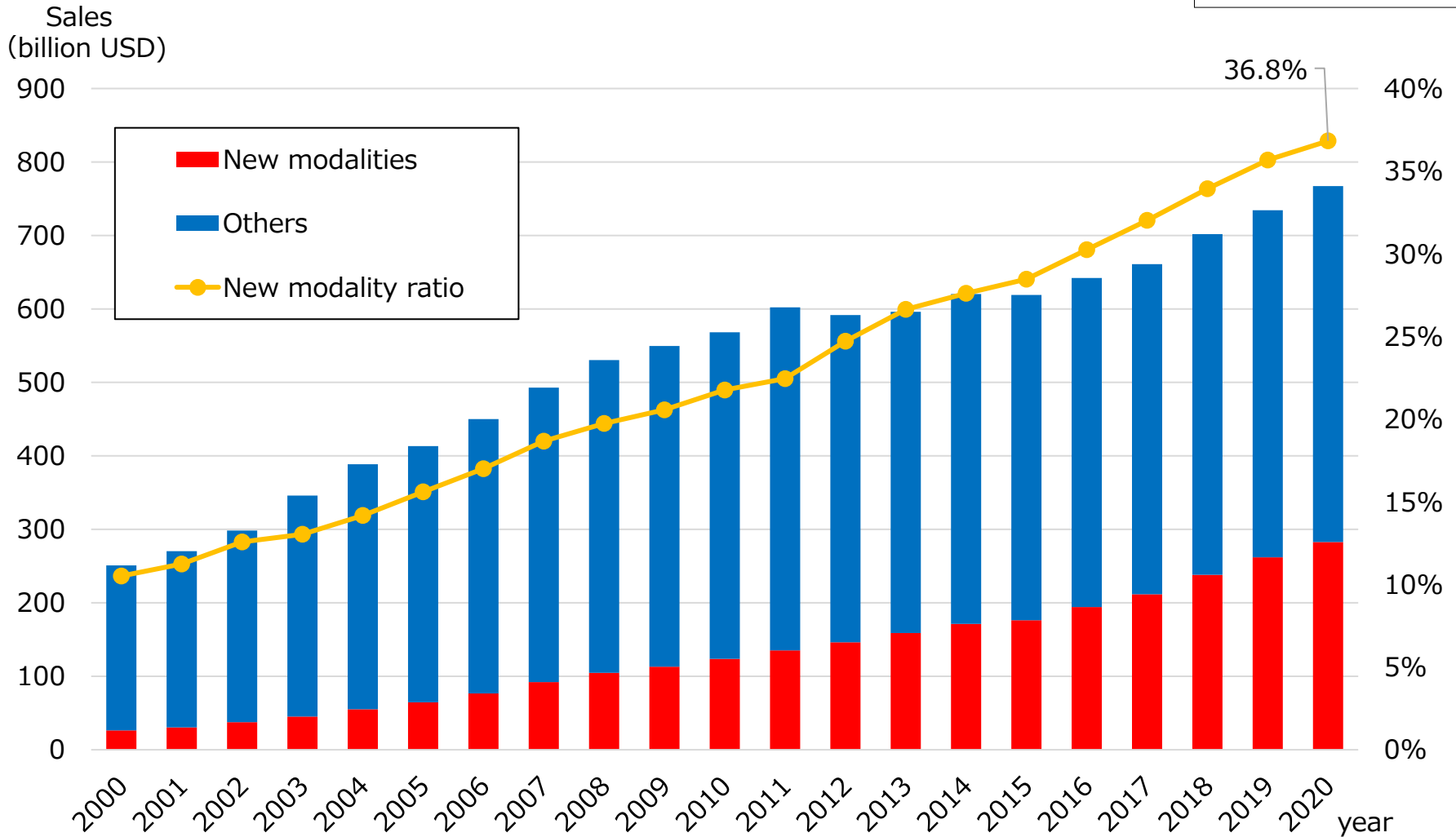
- ❖ Continuous growth of the world's population and rapid ageing of the population.
- ❖ **Global pharma markets are expanding due to expansion in the US, China**, whilst European markets are flat and growth in emerging markets is slowing
- ❖ **Rise of biopharma ventures**
- ❖ Expansion of Asian markets, e.g. India, Southeast Asian countries

4. Changes in disease structure in Japan

- ❖ With the ageing of the population, the number of patients with lifestyle-related diseases in Japan is on the rise, and the number of patients is also increasing worldwide, especially in developing countries.
- ❖ The number of dementia patients worldwide is increasing in line with the growth of the ageing population
- ❖ Addressing unmet medical needs

New Modalities Global Pharmaceutical Sales Trends

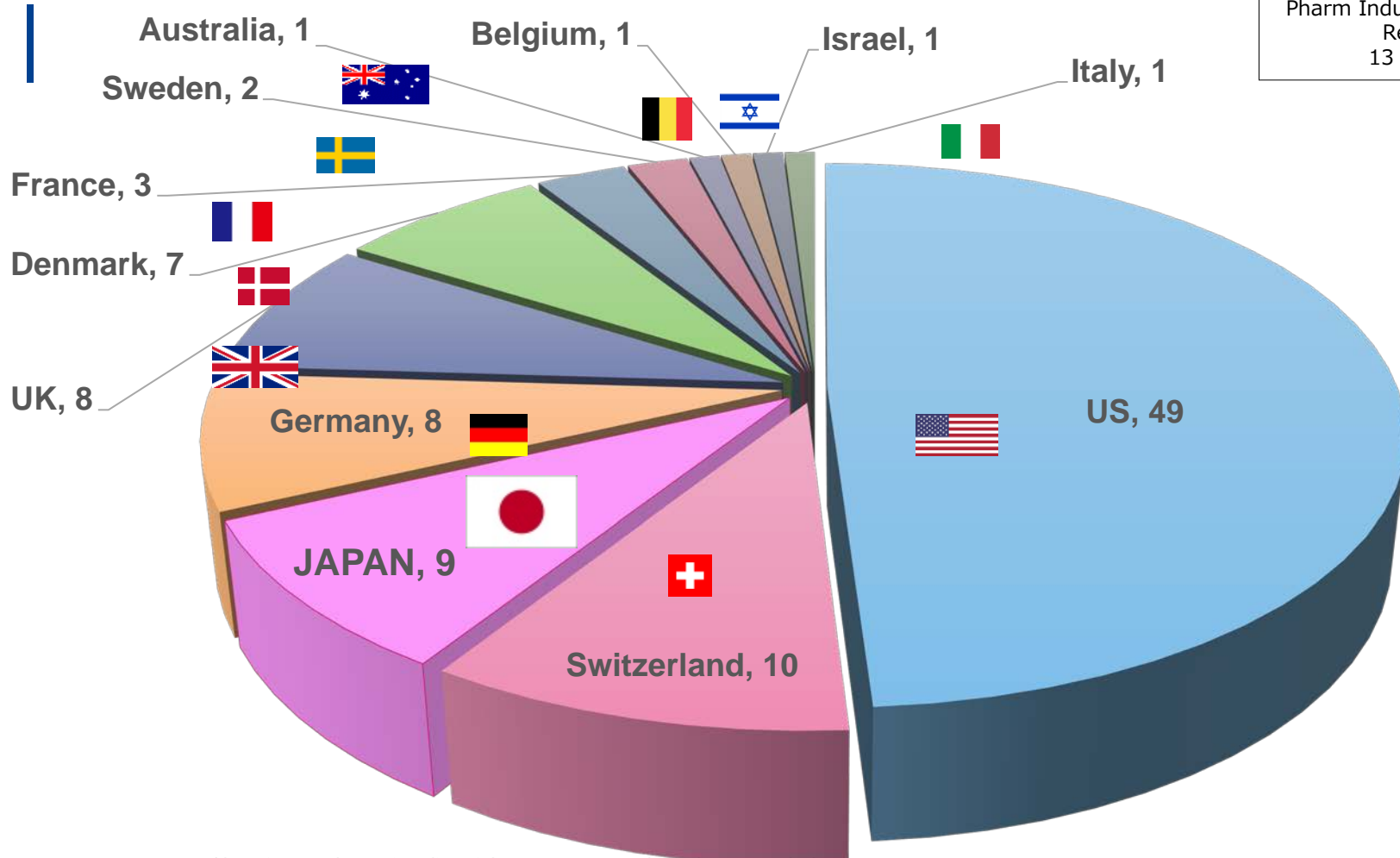
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Country origin comparisons of the top 100 global sales of ethical drugs (2019)

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Note: Classification by nationality of the company to which the patent belongs.

The top 100 products in terms of sales in 2019, broken down by originating company nationality.

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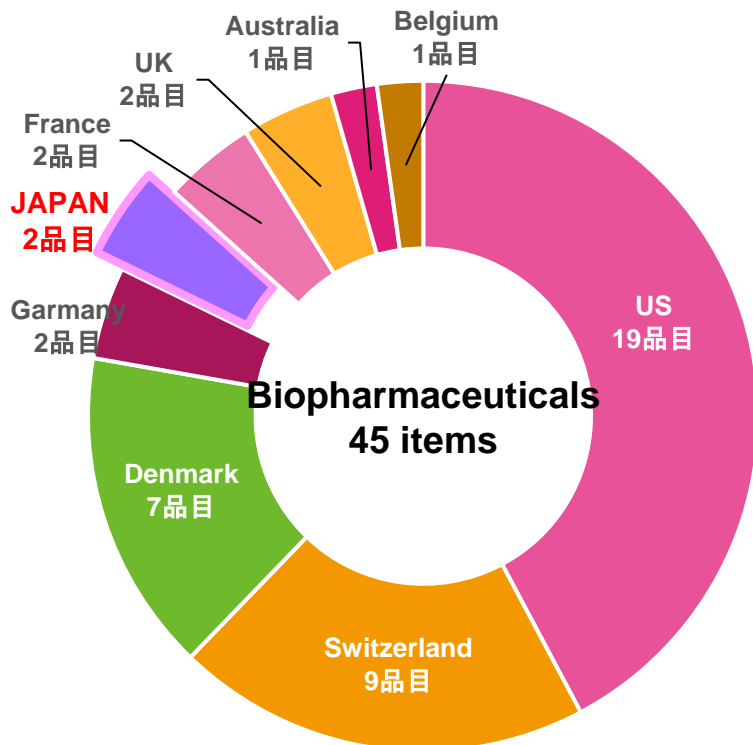
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Breakdown of the number of medicines by nationality of the top 100 drug generators in global sales

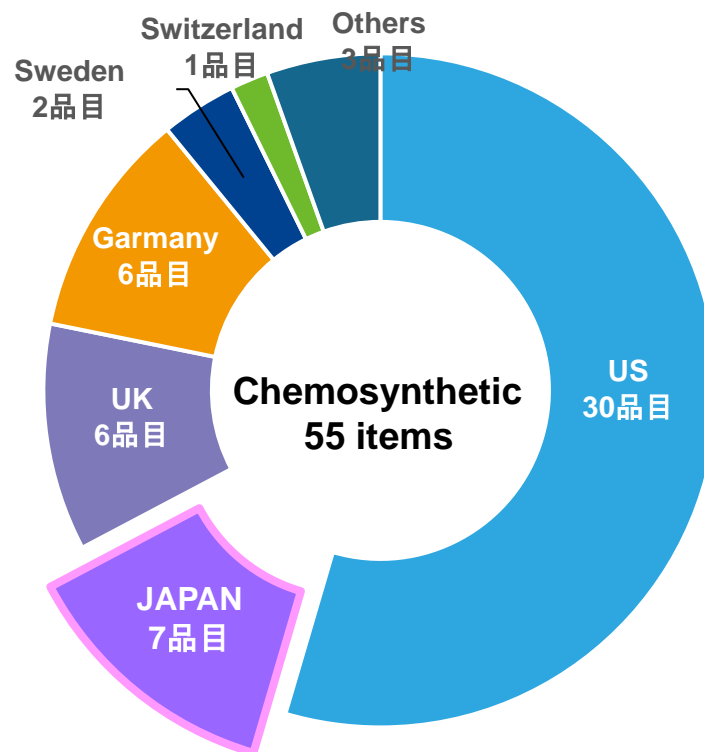
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- **10%** of the world's top 100 ethical drugs originate **from Japan**
- On the other hand, Japan's share of biopharmaceuticals is small compared to Europe and the US
- **The challenge is to increase the number of biopharmaceuticals originating from Japan.**

Biopharmaceuticals



Chemosynthetic

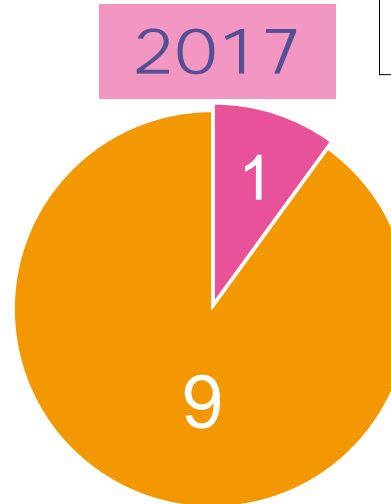
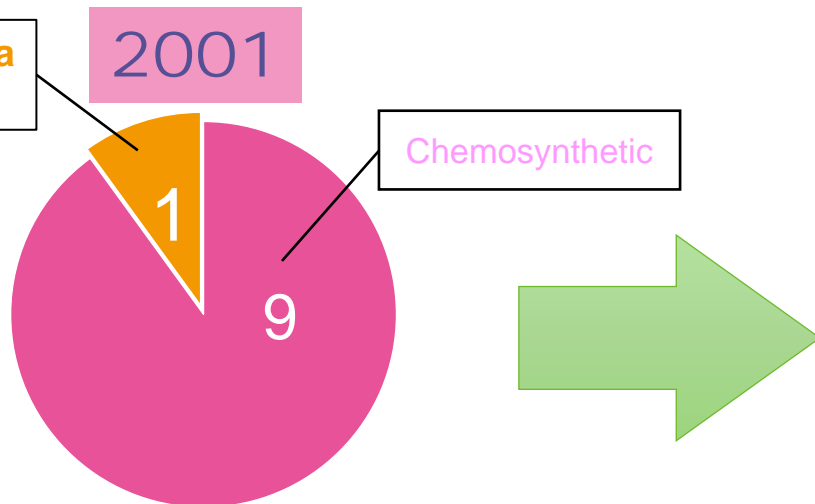


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Changes in drug discovery trends (Top 10 global sales)

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Biopharmaceuticals



Products	Indication	Company	Sales (million USD)
1 ザコル(リボバス)	高脂血症薬	メルク	6,670
2 リピトール	高脂血症薬	ファイザー	6,449
3 オメプラール/ プロロセック	抗潰瘍剤PPI	アストラゼネカ	5,684
4 ルバスク	降圧剤Ca拮抗剤	ファイザー	3,582
5 ヴァンコリン/ プロバコール	高脂血症薬	三共/BMS	3,509
6 プロクリット/ エプレクソン	腎性貧血	J&J	3,430
7 タグロン	抗潰瘍剤PPI	武田薬品/ TAP	3,212
8 クラリチン/D	抗ヒスタミン剤	シエリング・パラ	3,159
9 テラレックス	Cox2阻害剤	ファルマシア	3,114
10 ジプロレキサ	精神分裂病薬	イーライ・リリー	3,087

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Products	Indication	Company	Sales (million USD)
1 ヒュミラ	関節リウマチ	アッヴィ/イーザイ	18,923
2 インブレル	関節リウマチ	アムジエン /ファイザー/武田	8,234
3 レフラミド	多発性骨髄腫	セルゲーン	8,191
4 リツキサ	非小細胞肺癌	ロシュ	7,528
5 レキオト	関節リウマチ	J&J/メルク /田辺三菱	7,172
6 ハセプチン	乳がん	ロシュ /中外製薬	7,126
7 アバスタ	結腸・直腸がん	ロシュ /中外製薬	6,795
8 アイリア	加齢黄斑変性症	リジエロン /ハインル/参天製薬	6,291
9 オプジーボ	悪性黒色腫他	BMS/小野薬品	5,761
10 プレバナー	肺炎球菌	ファイザー	5,693

Yellow: biopharmaceuticals, ★: venture-origin medicines

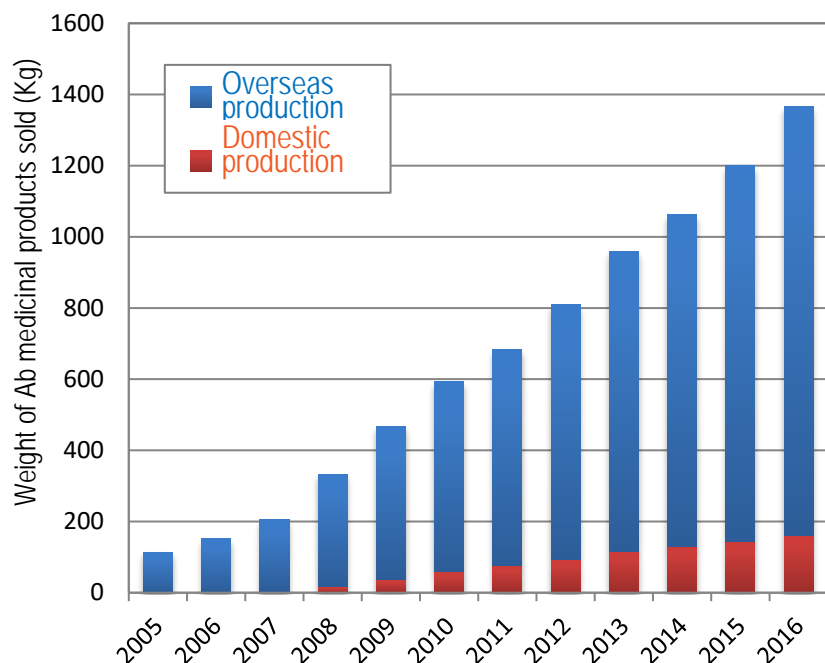
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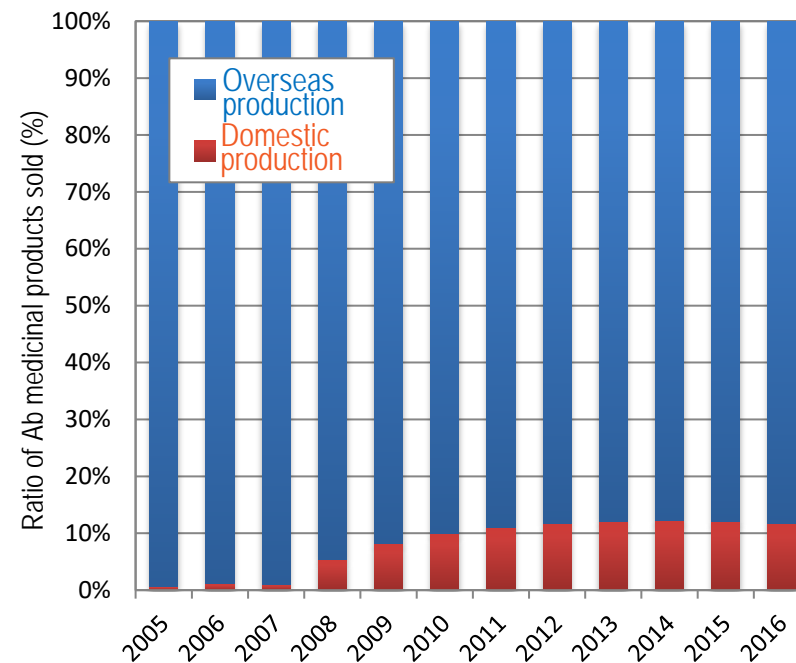
Although the number of antibody drugs sold in the country is increasing, around 90% of these are produced abroad, making the country highly dependent on overseas production sites.

Weight of antibody drugs sold by domestic and international production

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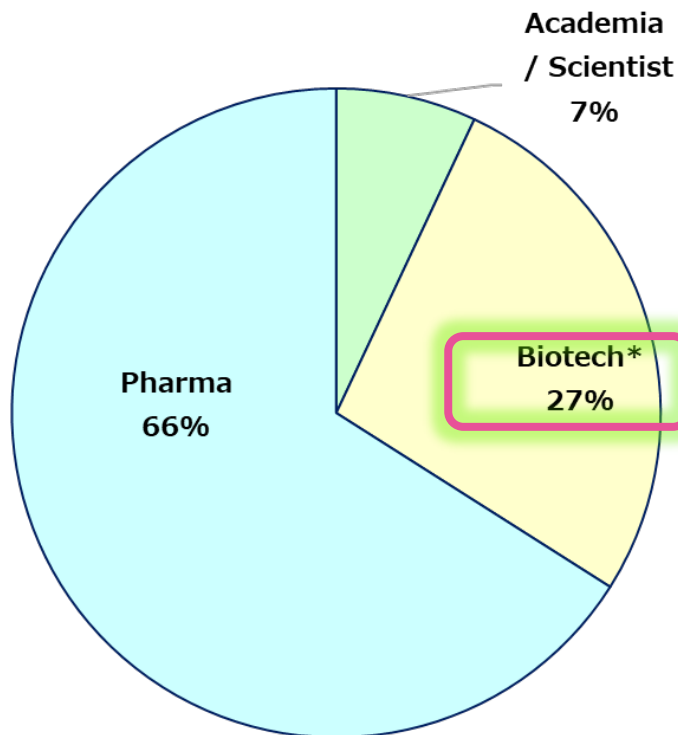
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Classification of global top sales products by origin organisation in 2017

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	Academia / Scientist	Biotech*	Pharma
USA	5	23	22
JAPAN	1		11
Switzerland		1	10
UK		1	6
Germany			7
Denmark			5
France		1	1
Belgium		1	
Sweden			2
Italy			
Israel	1		
Luxembourg			1
Netherland			10 1

*Biotech: A company that is developing novel pharmaceutical products. They typically have very few marketed products and the products they are developing are generally NMEs/BLAs.

2017年売上上位100品目の特許帰属組織の種別による分類 (EvaluatePharma)

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EBP's share of pharmaceutical sales and number of products under development

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Classification of pharma

Share of global sales

Share of global pipeline

(N=8,706)

Large Pharma
(25)

売上高:
10Bnドル以上

64%

15%

Mid-size
Pharma
(9)

売上高:
5Bnドル~10Bnドル

5%

2%

Small Pharma
(74)

売上高:
500Mnドル~5Bnドル

16%

3%

EBP
(3,212)

売上高:
~500Mnドル

14%

80%

日本企業の
売上シェア:
約8%

日本企業の
品目数シェア:
約7%

- 日本では新興バイオフーマの存在感が低い (アメリカでは新薬承認数の半分以上を新興バイオフーマの創製品が占める)
- 日本企業は低分子領域の開発品では**10%**近いシェアをもつが、新モダリティ領域の開発品では**3%**程度のシェアにとどまる

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- PMDA has introduced **support systems** according to customer's need
- The environment for **new seed development** is being prepared by throughout Japan



1. Facilitate the development of medical products by developing a more reliable roadmap.
2. Accelerate the clinical trials led by academia.
3. For regenerative medical products, ensure the quality of the products and confirm the nonclinical safety before the clinical trial notification.

1. Advice on Roadmap

Advice on the protocol of each study

Quality study

Non-clinical study

Clinical study

2. Exploratory trial

Basic Research



Promising seeds

3. Regenerative medical products

Bridge between seeds and products

Practical Use

Innovative drugs, medical devices, regenerative medical products



* In collaboration with **the Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED)**, PMDA is proactively supporting the establishment of an exit strategy via Regulatory Science (RS) Consultation on R&D Strategy.

Outline of the RS Consultation

Category	Objective	Consultant	Style	Duration	Fee	Minutes
General Consultation	Introduction of general information on: -Consultation system -Pharmaceutical regulatory system -Related guidelines	Technical Experts	F2F / Online	20min	Free	Not shared
Pre-consultation meeting	Clarification of discussion points, consultation dossiers	Technical Experts and Reviewers	F2F / Online	30min	Free	Not shared
Consultation	Scientific discussion	Technical Experts and Reviewers	F2F / Online	Max. 2hr	Charged	Shared

Please contact:



rs-contact@pmda.go.jp

PMDA offers 90% reduction to venture companies.

<Objective>

To put innovative products into medical practice in Japan

<Criteria for designation>

1. Innovativeness - new mode of action (in principle)
2. Severity of the target disease - life-threatening or no curative therapies
3. Prominent efficacy - no existing therapies or probable significant improvement in efficacy or safety compared to existing therapies
4. Plan/System - to submit the NDA in Japan first or at the same timing* as the first NDA submission to other national regulatory authority

<Incentive>

Concierge service offered by senior review partner (PMDA)

Priority scientific advice (PMDA)

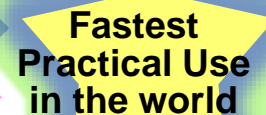
Pre-review in consultation (PMDA)

Priority review (6 months)(PMDA)

Premium drug pricing

Extension of re-examination period

*within 30 days



**Fastest
Practical Use
in the world**

<Objective>

To promote the R&D of the products for rare diseases to provide the patients with safe and effective medicines / medical devices as early as possible

<Criteria for designation>

1. Number of patients (any of the following has to be met)
 - Less than 50,000 in Japan
 - The target disease is one of [the designated intractable diseases](#)
2. Medical needs
 - Serious diseases with high medical needs
3. Feasibility of development

<Incentive>

Grant-in-Aid for R&D of orphan designated drugs (NIBIOHN*)

Tax deduction for R&D expenses

Priority scientific consultation (PMDA)

Priority review (PMDA)

Premium drug pricing

Extension of re-examination period



Promoting
R&D

 orphan_drug@mhlw.go.jp

*National Institutes of Biomedical Innovation, Health and Nutrition

Abundant experience in:

- Planning, implementation, and analysis of clinical research and trials
- Commercialisation of innovative seeds

Diverse human resources:

- Experts in clinical research and commercialisation
- Cooperation from various departments in the hospitals
- Biostatisticians and data managers
- CRC and other operational units
- Review committee bodies such as CRBs
- Staff experienced in PMDA

Support by making the most of features,

etc.

Clinical Research Core Hospitals have similar difficulties and experiences with venture companies.

“Clinical Research Core Hospitals” can provide a range of support tailored to ventures needs!

- ❖ National Cancer Centre Central Hospital
- ❖ Tohoku University Hospital
- ❖ Osaka University Hospital
- ❖ National Cancer Centre East Hospital
- ❖ Nagoya University Hospital

- ❖ Kyushu University Hospital
- ❖ University of Tokyo Hospital
- ❖ Keio University Hospital
- ❖ Chiba University Hospital
- ❖ Kyoto University Hospital

- ❖ Okayama University Hospital
- ❖ Hokkaido University Hospital
- ❖ Juntendo University Hospital
- ❖ Kobe University Hospital
- ❖ Nagasaki University Hospital

Recently public organisations support medical ventures in Japan.

Consultation Services for Ventures



- Provides consultation on a wide range of fields, including healthcare and life sciences
- Support the creation of innovation through the matching of consultants and supporters, as well as a consultation function that can introduce support measures from ministries, public and private funds, the private sector, etc.

Coordination



- Focuses on consultations on pharmaceutical regulations and the medical insurance system.
- In addition, actively provide consultation and support for developing business strategies for issues faced by medical ventures at each stage of R&D, such as IP and business management, and overseas expansion.

Coordination



- RS Consultation, General Consultation etc.

Grants and Acceleration programmes

Acceleration Programmes



- IP Acceleration programme
- Pharmaceutical and Medical Venture Acceleration programme

Grants and Acceleration Programmes



- ViCLE, bridging research, projects to promote medical-engineering collaboration, etc.
- NEP, STS etc.
- START, SCORE, SUCCESS etc.

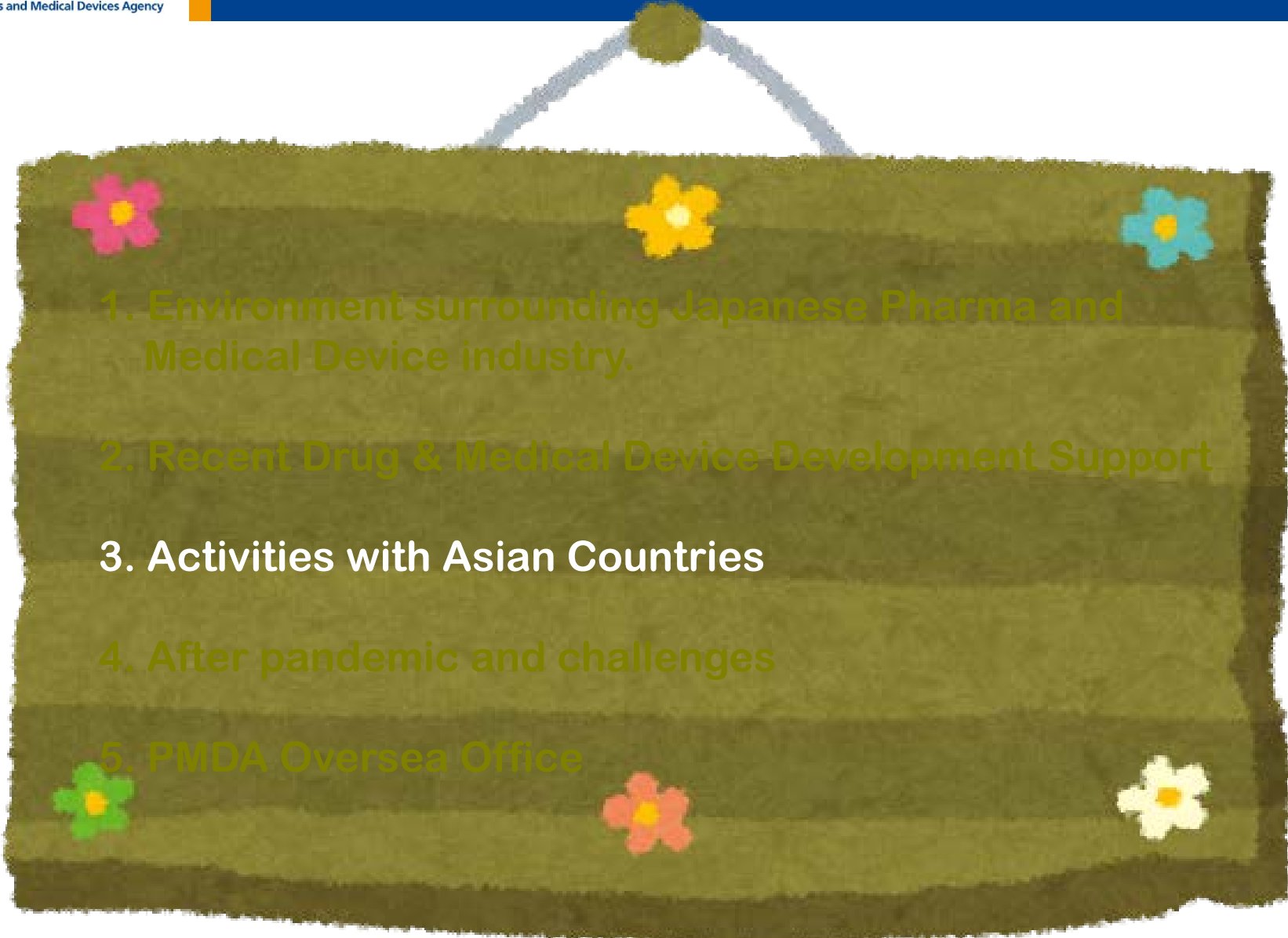
Plus One



- Support for R&D ventures, in addition to healthcare and medical fields.
- Agreements with nine organisations to provide integrated support according to the characteristics of the supporting organisation.

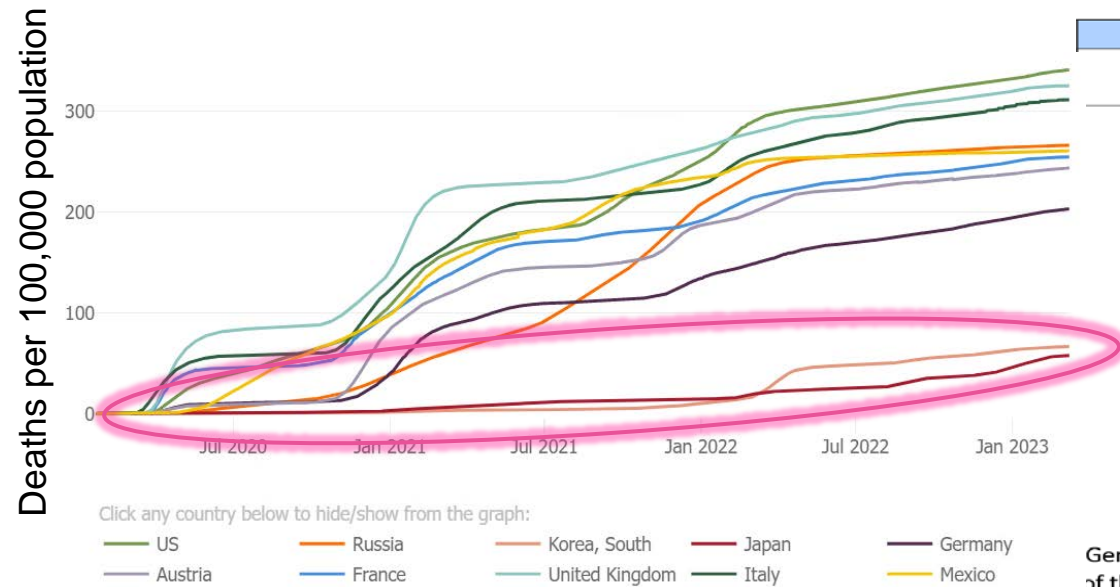


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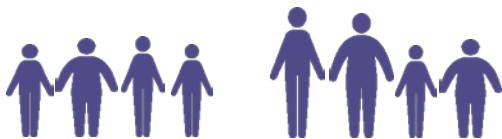
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Intrinsic / Extrinsic factors in Asian

Cumulative Cases by Date



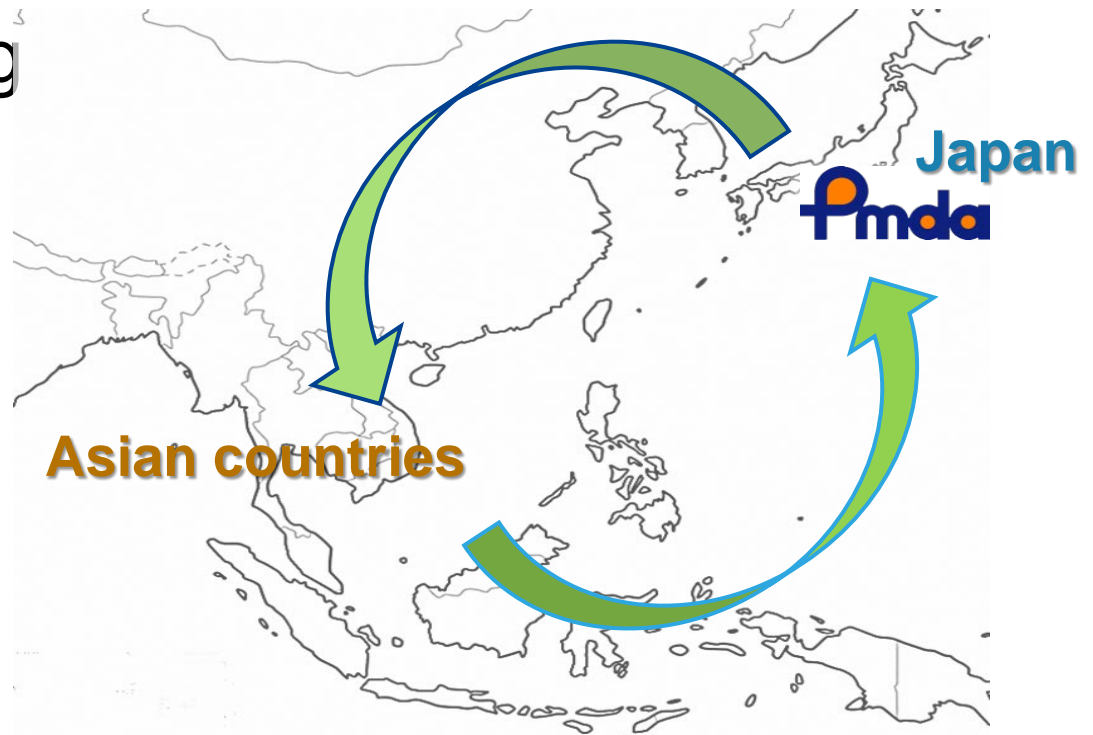
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INTRINSIC		EXTRINSIC
Genetic	Physiological and pathological condition	Environmental
Gender		
	Height	Climate
	Body weight	Sunlight
		Pollution
	Liver	Culture
	Kidney	Socioeconomic status
	Cardiovascular functions	Educational status
		Language
	ADME	Medical practice
	Receptor sensitivity	Disease definition/Diagnostic
		Therapeutic approach
Race		Drug compliance
		Smoking
		Alcohol
Genetic polymorphism of the drug metabolism		Food habit
		Stress
Genetic diseases	Diseases	Regulatory practice/GCP
		Methodology/Endpoints

- Asian Network Meeting (ANM)
- Symposium
- Bilateral Meeting
- Seminar



➤ Objectives

- Aims to establish **a voluntary high-level network** involving Heads of Agencies to address strategic issues pertaining to the regulation of medical products in the Asia region.
- Is enabled through **the sharing of emerging trends / issues** from horizon scanning, sharing of information and best practices.
- Seeks **to synergise with other international initiatives** while avoiding duplication.

❖ This framework will

- contribute to convergence and harmonisation** of medical products regulation,
- promote regulatory efficiency and reliance**, and
- enable faster and seamless access** of safe, quality and efficacious medical products in Asia.

- Date and venue: 19 April 2023 in Tokyo (Hybrid meeting)
- Co-hosts: NMPA China, CDSCO India, MHLW/PMDA Japan and HSA Singapore
- Topics:
 1. Future pandemic -How to collaborate ?
 2. Efficient regulatory systems in Asia
- How to support ?



Established in April, 2016 to promote capacity building and human resource development through training seminars for Asian regulators.

Action Policy of PMDA-ATC

Contribute to universal health coverage in Asia through developing a foundation for regulatory harmonisation in the Asian region.



Visits sites and conducts lectures, case studies and practical trainings.

Asian countries



Invites Asian regulatory representatives and offers training seminars.

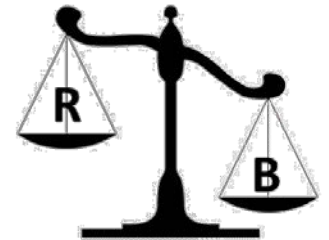
Shares Japanese knowledge and experiences in the regulation of pharmaceuticals and medical devices with Asian countries.

Provides trainings tailored to local needs for more people.



Example

- Pediatric Review
- Quality Control (Herbal Medicine)
- Pharmaceuticals Review
- Medical Devices Review
- Multi-Regional Clinical Trial (MRCT)
- Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP)
- Pharmacovigilance



In fiscal year 2022, nine (9) Seminars open to all regulators and eleven (11) Seminars for specific countries were held.

PMDA-ATC provides learning videos on

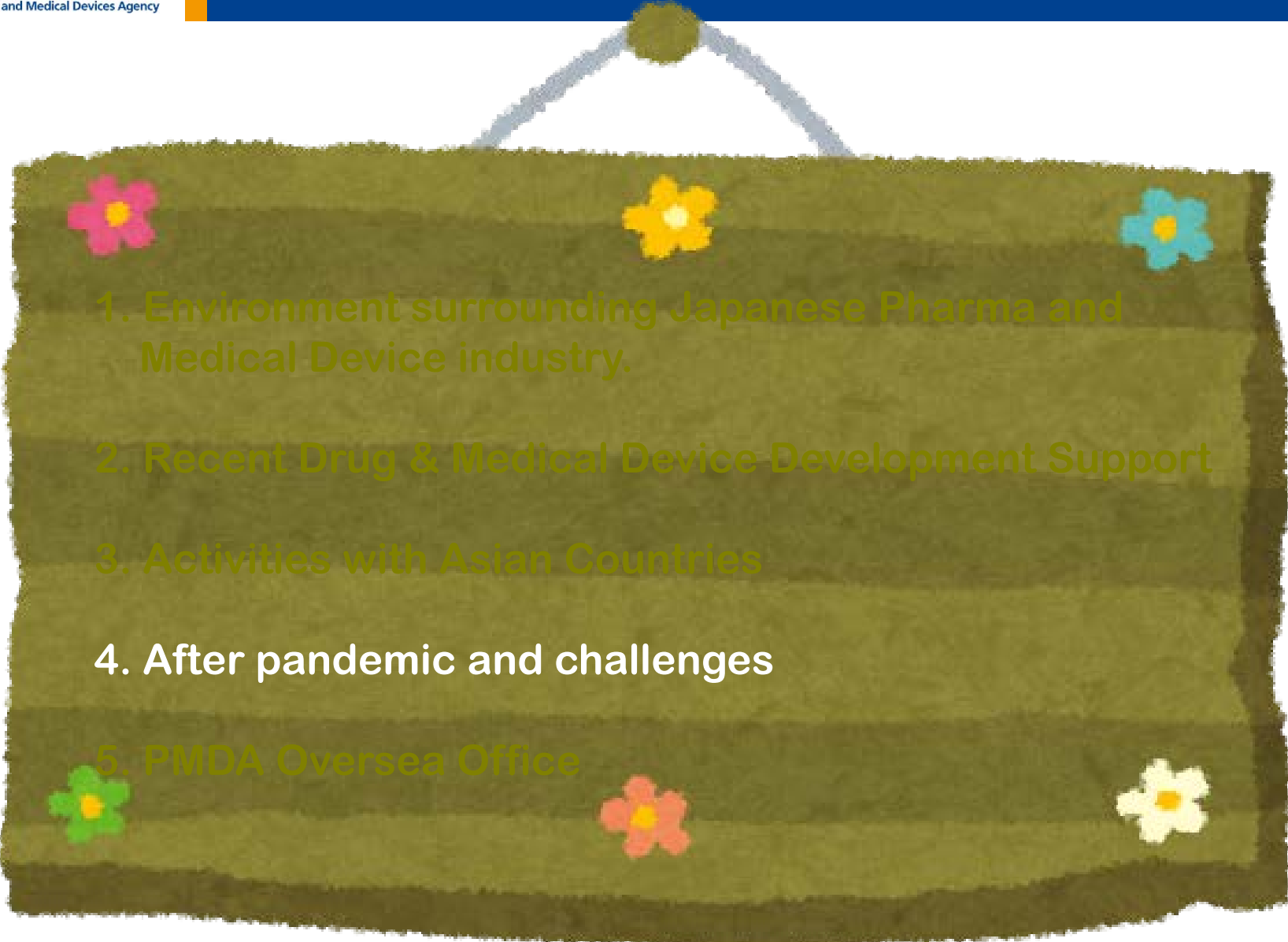
- Current topics such as “Measures against COVID-19”
- Overview of PMDA and its services including review, safety and relief
- Our activities to promote international regulatory harmonisation



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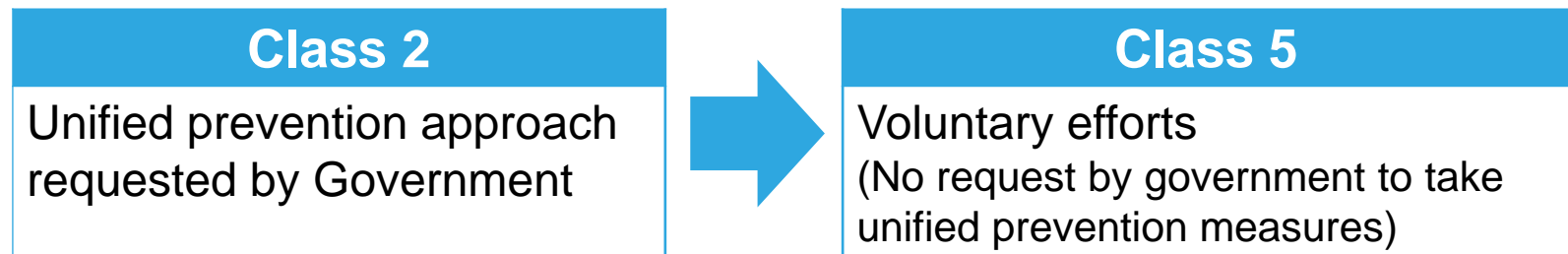
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➤ Infectious Disease Category Change for COVID-19

- The Infectious Diseases Control Law classifies infectious diseases into Class 1 to 5 based on their infectiousness and severity
- Measures to prevent the spread of infections differ among classes
- COVID-19 was recategorised from Class 2 to 5 on 8 May 2023.



- ❖ **Terminated as of 8 May 2023:** prioritised review that was applied to COVID-19 therapeutics and vaccines
- ❖ **Application of “Emergency Approval” will be reviewed** for future pandemic preparation.

➤ Cannabis Control Act

- Prohibit use and import of drugs made from Cannabis
- ❑ **Medical needs for drugs manufactured from Cannabis**
 - **Epidiolex** (CBD oral solution for treatment of Lennox-Gastaut syndrome or Dravet syndrome) is not permitted to be used in Japan

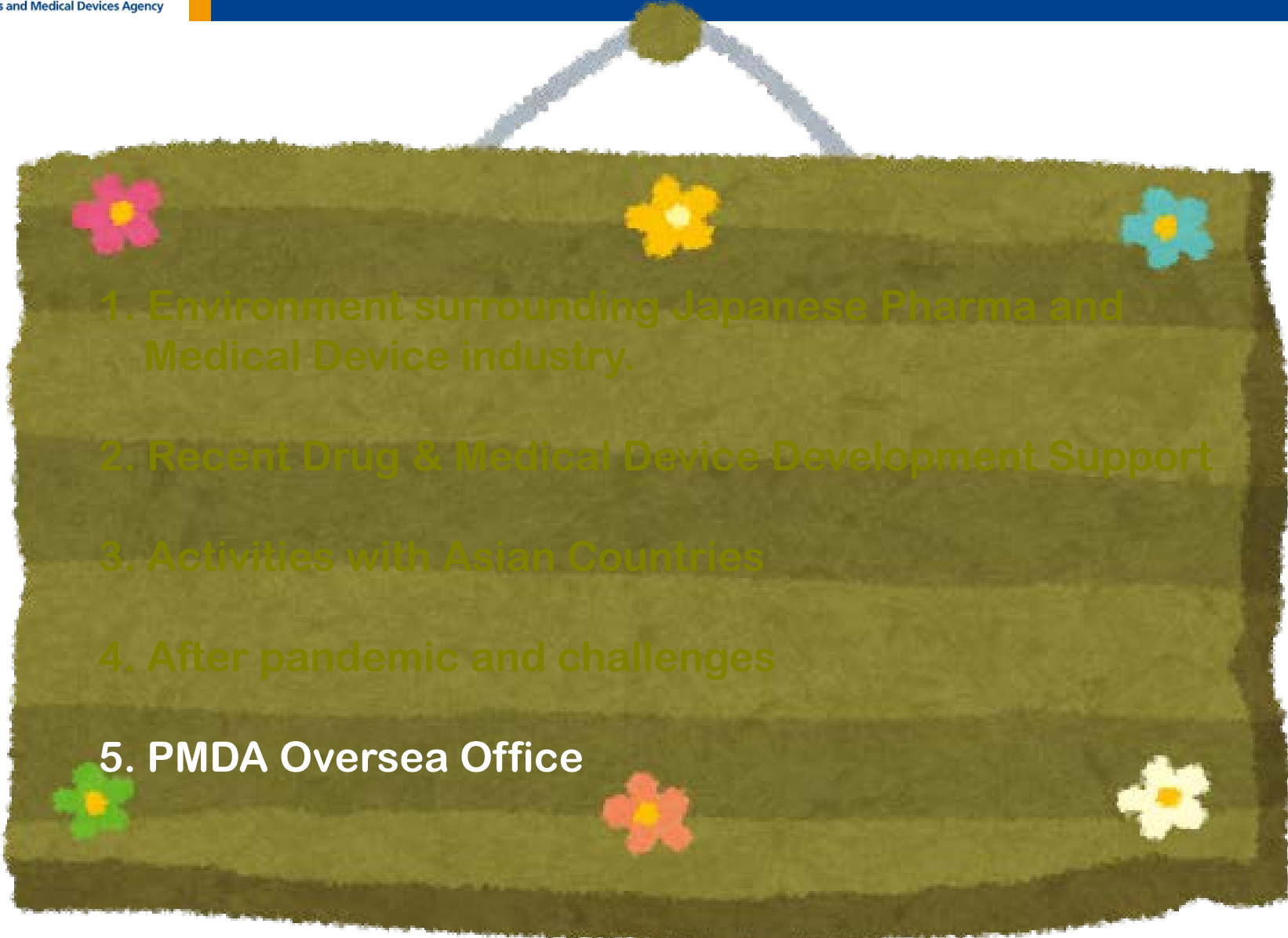


➤ Proposed amendment to the act

- To permit import, manufacture, and use of drugs made from cannabis under Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Act approval

- Accelerate Paediatric Drug Development
 - Provide PMDA's support for paediatric drug development plan
- Review Conditional Approval Implementation
 - Confirmation of accelerated part
- Promote Digital Transformation in the area of Clinical Trials
 - Develop Guidance to ensure data quality and reliability collected through DCTs and digital devices
- Develop Guidance for the use of RWD
 - Expand the use of RWD from pharmacovigilance to new drug review
 - Intensify the use of MID-NET (Medical Information Database NETwork)

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Initiatives to strengthen cooperation with Asian countries and the United States

- To support **innovative medicines & medical devices** access in Japan and Asian countries,
 - To strengthen cooperation with ASEAN countries
 - To support the promotion of regulatory harmonisation with Asian countries
 - To develop an environment for smooth clinical development
- Close collaboration between Japan, US and European regulatory authorities is essential in supporting;
 - Development of **innovative medicines and medical devices**
 - Regulatory review
 - Post-marketing measures.



Cooperation with Asian countries and the US, **including the establishment of overseas offices in the ASEAN region and the US**, in order to promote the development of and access to **innovative medicines & medical devices**.

Establishment of Asia Office and US Office

Facilitating information exchange;

- (1) between **PMDA - Asian regulators**
- (2) between **PMDA - U.S. industries** as portal to Japanese regulation and market





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Thank you for listening !

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