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PMDA Updates and Recent Cooperation with USP

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1. PMDA updates



- Incorporated administrative agency
- Established in April 2004
- Under the Law for the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency
- Chief Executive: Dr. FUJIWARA Yasuhiro, MD, PhD (from April 2019)
- Staffs: 1044 (as of April 2023)
- Located in Kasumigaseki, Tokyo (15 min walking distance from MHLW)



PMDA Enters a New Stage on its 20th Anniversary

- Initiative to eliminate drug lag or device lag
- Strengthening safety measures
- Prompt relief services for adverse health effects

April, 2024

2014

April, 2004

- Started with 3 main services, Relief Services for Adverse Health Effects, Product Reviews and Post-marketing Safety Measures
- Organization with **about 250 people**

20th Anniversary

While connecting with all around the world, realizing a world where everyone lives vividly and healthily

New start of PMDA

- Organization with **more than 1000 people**
- Every staff faces **PMDA's Purpose** in their work

PMDA's Purpose

健やかに生きる世界を、ともに、明日へつなぐ

私たち PMDA は、科学と情報を駆使する「知」の技術と、
世界と未来を見据え、寄り添い、調和させる「人」の力、
審査・安全・救済の「セーフティ・トライアングル」で、
誰もが安心でき、一人ひとりが健やかに生き生きと輝く、
そんな日常を支える“ライフ・プラットフォーム”として、
ともに、「明日のあたりまえ」をつくり続けていきます。

Making everyone's lives brighter together

We, PMDA, continue to create “Tomorrow's Normal” together,
as a “life platform” that supports everyday life,
where everyone can feel peaceful and can lead vibrant and healthy lives
by PMDA's “Safety Triangle” of review, safety and relief,
with “intelligence” weaved through science and information, and
with “human resourcefulness” accompanying
and bringing the world and the future into harmony.

Direction for 5th Mid-term plan [FY2024-2028]

● For further “Quality” through Regulatory Science

- Consultation/review for pharmaceuticals etc. for *the innovative products*
- Proper follow-up of safety measures
- Emergent response system e.g. Pandemic

● For strategic international activities

- Regulatory support/Disseminate regulatory information to overseas companies *to develop innovative products in Japan*

● Governance and professional personnel



PMDA Safety Triangle



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2. PMDA's international cooperation

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PMDA Safety Triangle

International Collaboration and Reliance

Significantly important than ever before

- ✓ Globalisation of supply chain
- ✓ Emergence of new technologies
- ✓ Limited human resources
- ✓ Response and Preparedness for pandemic (COVID-19 and the Next), etc...

➡ Fast and Stable access to Innovative medical products



**To ensure fast and stable access to products
that are quality-assured, effective and safe**



- ICH (International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human use)



- ICMRA (International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities)



- PIC/S (Pharmaceutical Inspection Convention and Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme)
- PDG (Pharmacopoeia Discussion Group)

Objective: Contribute to innovative medicines access in close collaboration with PMDA Tokyo Headquarters through enhanced on-site communication

Asia Office, Bangkok, Thailand

- Strengthening cooperation with ASEAN regulators
- Supporting promotion of regulatory harmonisation among Asian countries
- Supporting the development of clinical research network to facilitate smooth clinical development

Washington D.C. Office, USA

- Close collaboration with FDA
- Facilitate PMDA consultation which Industry in US wants to develop innovative products in Japan and disseminate regulatory information

PMDA's International Hubs



**Asia Office,
Bangkok**



**PMDA Central
Office, Tokyo**



**To be established
FY2024**

**Washington
D.C Office**

Establishment of PMDA's international hubs
to enhance international contribution/capability for regulatory proposal

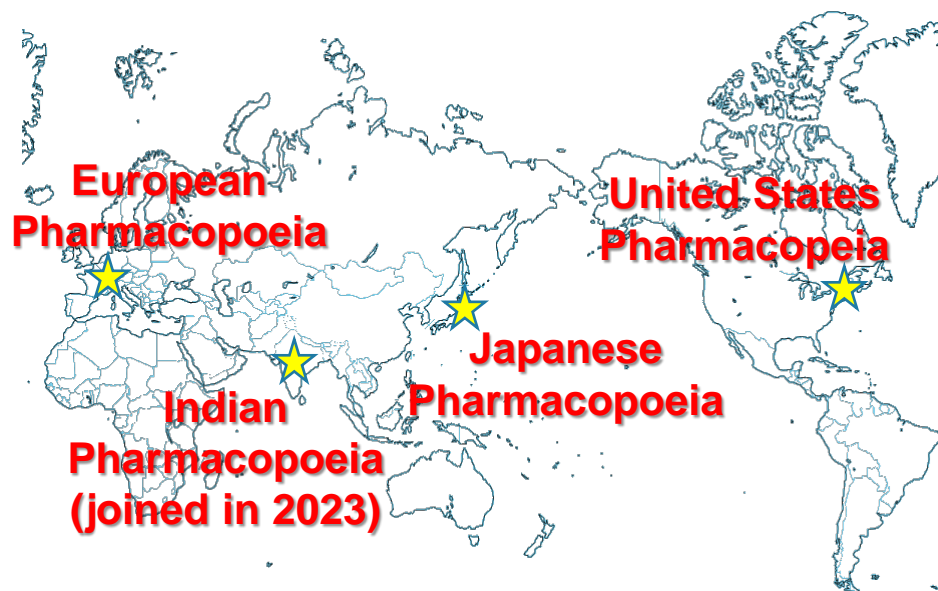


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3. Cooperation with USP

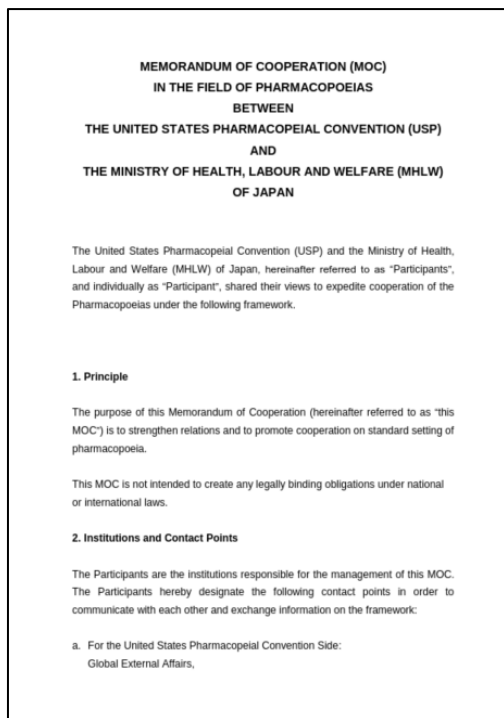
The Pharmacopeial Discussion Group (PDG)

Mission: To harmonize pharmacopeial standards while maintaining a constant level of science with the shared goal of protecting public health.

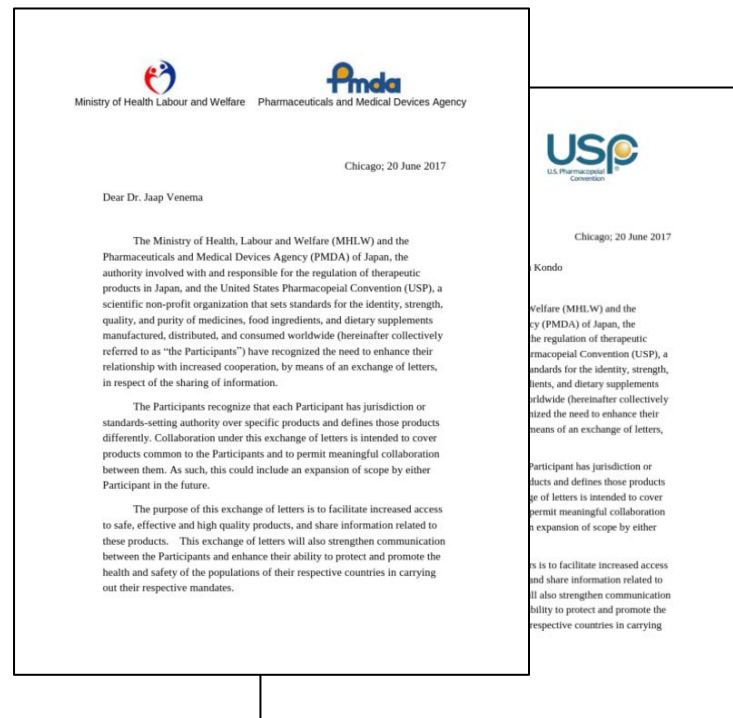


- Began in 1989; participants include USP, EP, JP, IPC (joined in 2023) and WHO (joined as an observer in 2001).
- Focuses on selected official, broad-impact general chapters and excipient monographs.

USP and MHLW/PMDA signed the MOC and CA with the aim of further strengthening relations and promoting cooperation



Memorandums of Cooperation (MOC)
(September 2016)



Confidentiality Arrangement (CA)
(June 2017)

■ Harmonization Pilot of Pharmacopoeial Standards for Drug Substances and Drug Products

- JP and USP are working on the prospective harmonization of pharmacopoeial standards for drug substances and drug products.
- Dapagliflozin Propylene Glycol Hydrate and Dapagliflozin Propylene Glycol Tablets are selected as pilot monographs.
- The draft monographs have been published for public consultation in September, 2024.

■ USP-PMDA joint workshop

- USP-MHLW/PMDA joint workshop (June 2021, September 2024)
- USP-PMDA Workshop - nitrosamines impurities (September 2023)
- USP-PMDA Workshop - managing your bio risk (March 2024)

Thank you for your attention!