

# Direction of PMDA Asia Office

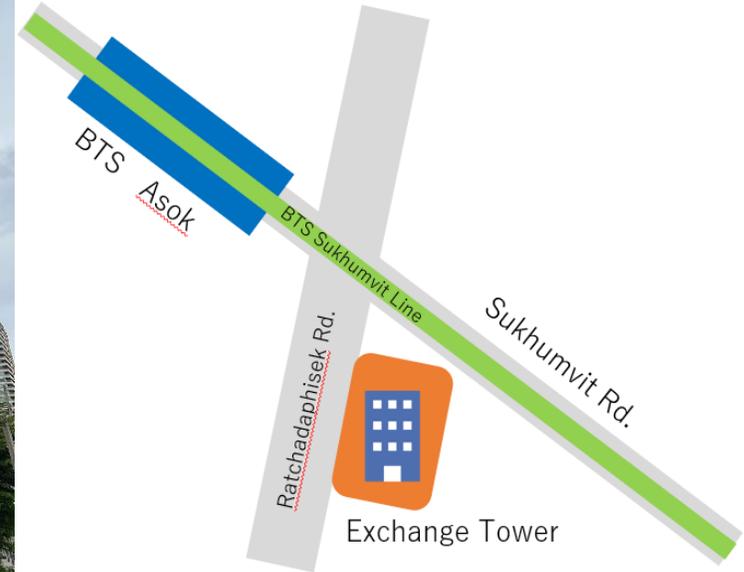
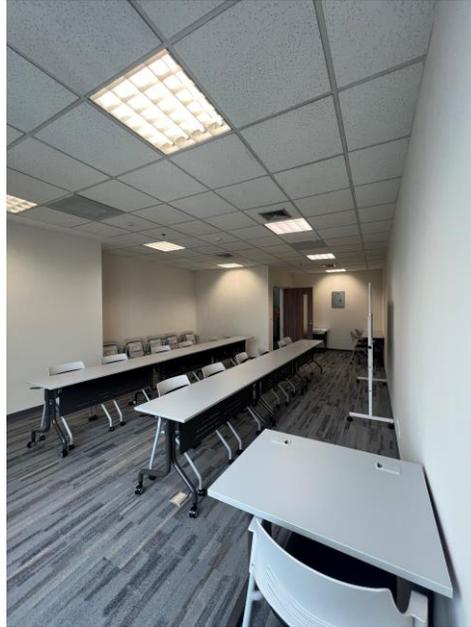
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# Self introduction

- ❑ Pharmacist, received Ph.D. from Kitasato Univ.
- ❑ Post-doc training in NYU Medical Center
- ❑ Joined to PMDA in 2005
  - New Drug Review, Medical Device Review, Safety measures and other areas
- ❑ International affairs experience including
  - ICH, IMDRF, APEC RHSC
  - Liaison between Swissmedic and PMDA
  - A Board member of Uppsala Monitoring Center assigned by WHO

# PMDA Asia Office



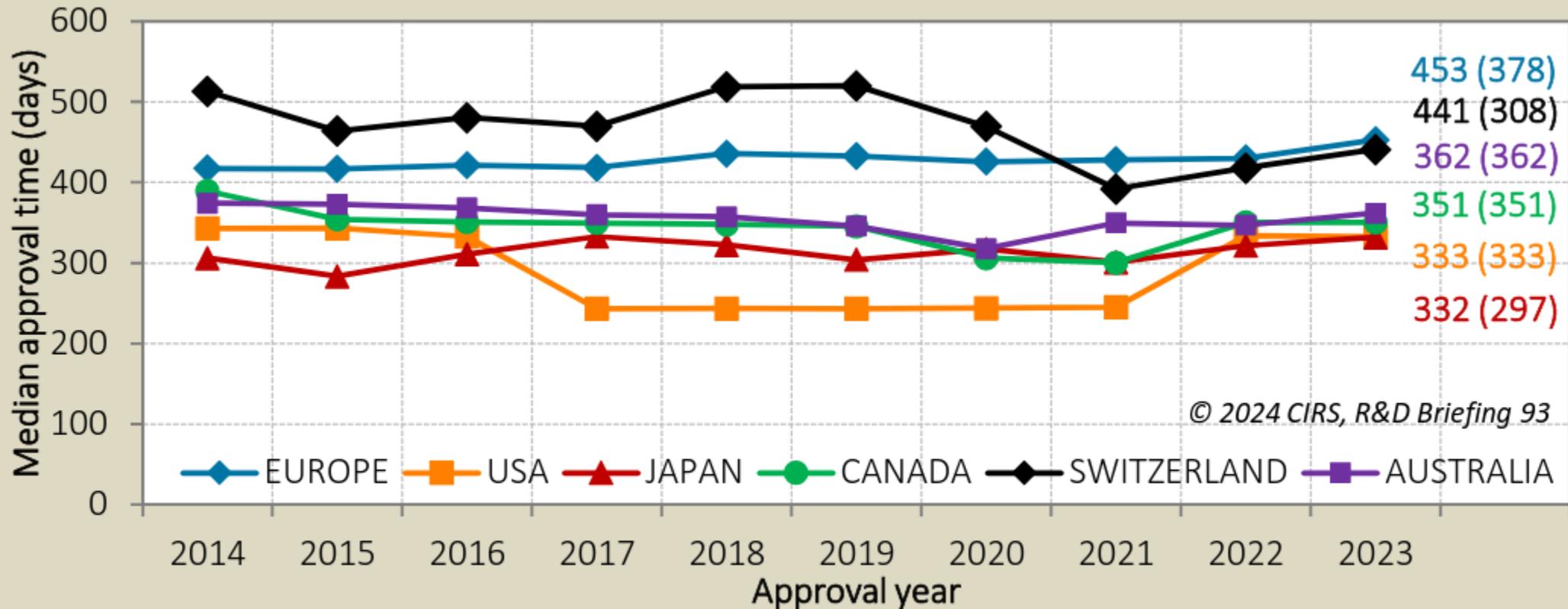
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# What PMDA has been achieved?

- ❑ One of the significant regulatory agencies in the World
- ❑ Abundant experience in International regulatory cooperation
- ❑ Provision of regulatory training

# One of significant regulatory agencies in the World

New active substance (NAS) median approval time for six regulatory authorities in 2014-2023



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Approval time is calculated from the date of submission to the date of approval by the agency. This time includes agency and company time. EMA approval time includes the EU Commission time. N1 = median approval time for products approved in 2023; (N2) = median time from submission to the end of scientific assessment (see [p.20](#)) for products approved in 2023.

# International collaboration



# International collaboration



- Established in April, 2016.
- 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 harmonization in the Asian region.

## FY2016 – FY2023

Participated from **69** countries/regions

All Participants **3,155**

Participants from Asia **2,736**

## Examples

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

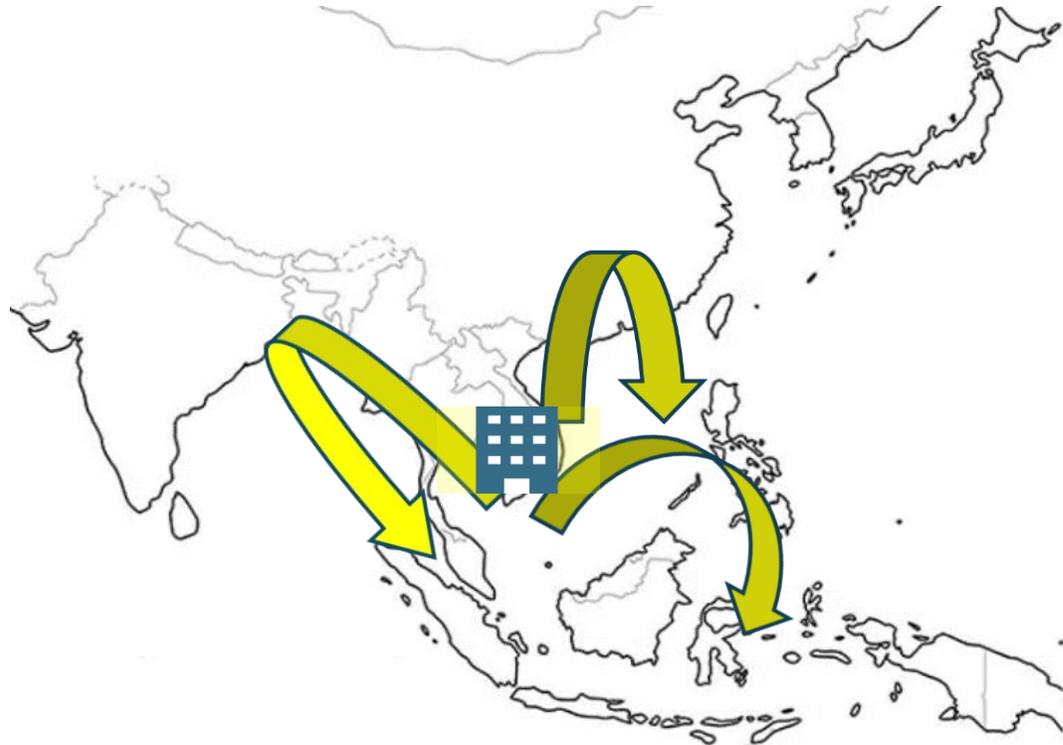
# Activities in PMDA Asia Office

1. Enhance collaboration between ASEAN regulators in person
2. Contribute regulatory cooperation
3. Collaboration with academia in clinical study in Asia
4. Close communication with industry representatives in each Asia country

# Enhance collaboration between ASEAN regulators in person

## Boost mutual understanding and relations of trust

- through frequent direct communication
- tailored training by PMDA-ATC (reflect results of direct communication)



### □ Periodical Visit (one country/month)

- Regulatory authority
- Relevant ARO with NCC



Grasp training needs,  
regulatory needs etc.

# Contribute Regulatory Cooperation

## Boost regulatory cooperation with Asian countries



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Grasp technical issues for regulatory cooperation

# Collaboration with academia in clinical study in Asia

Improve clinical development environment in Asia  
(collaboration with NCC/NCGM)



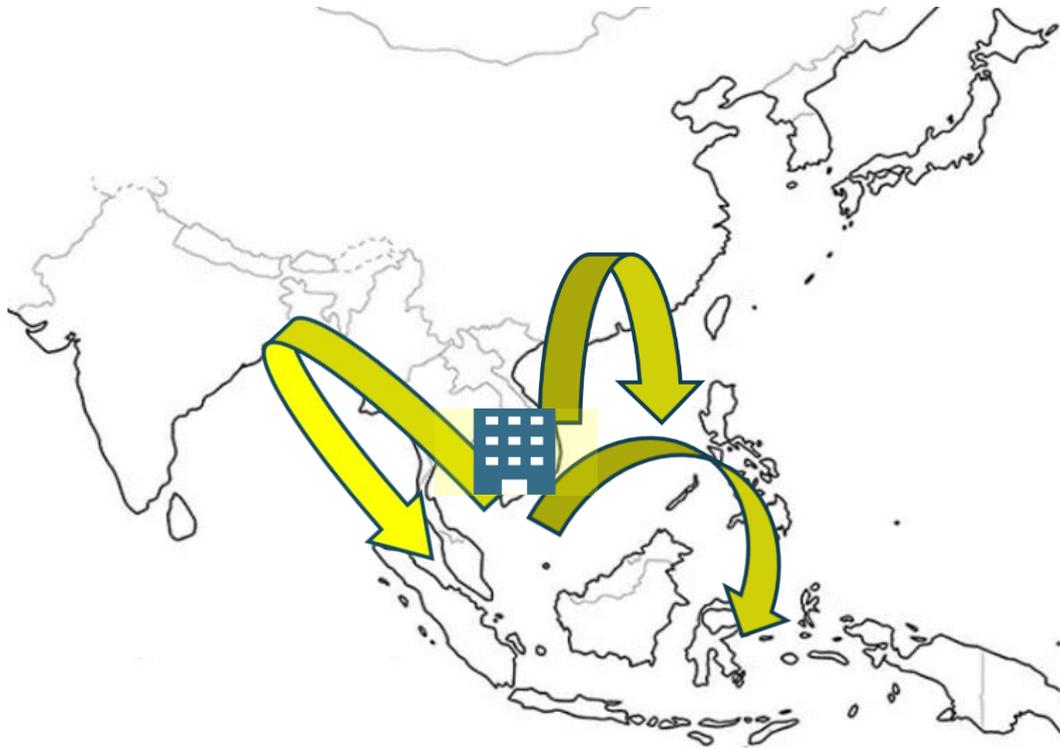
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Communicate with regulators  
and AROD on efficient clinical  
trials

# Close communication with industry representatives in each Asian country



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- Regulatory authority
- Relevant ARO with NCC
- communication with Industries



Grasp common technical  
issues

# Grand Design for Asian Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Regulatory Harmonization

## Action 1

### Establishing a system and framework

- Creating Platform
- Promotion and cooperation of industrial activities
- Identification of needs and establishment of utilization schemes
- Strengthening the system

## Action 2

### Enhancement of clinical trial system

- Support for maintenance of clinical trial sites

## Action 3

### Promotion of harmonization including capacity building

- International standardization, Promotion of reliance
- Human resource development

## Action 4

### Specific actions for

- Drugs
- MD/IVD
- Regenerative Medicines

# PMDA Asia Office strives towards Healthy society in Asian regions

See you at your country and PMDA Asia Office!

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Terima kasih

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