

**Joint Statement on Cooperation between Japan and the Republic of Korea
on Medical Products Regulations**

- Celebration of the tenth year for concluding the Memorandum of Cooperation –

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The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) and the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA), Japan, and the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS), the Republic of Korea, confirm their continued commitment for regulatory cooperation in the medical products field. This is upon celebrating the tenth year for concluding the Memorandum of Cooperation on regulations cooperation between the two countries.

Over the past decade, both regulators have been playing an important role to embed harmonization in the regulatory requirements, aligning international regulatory harmonization frameworks for pharmaceuticals and medical devices. Along with these collaborative activities, both regulators have been promoting regulatory harmonization, building a strong, trusting relationship.

At the symposium and bilateral meetings held on 17 and 18 July 2025 where the full decade was celebrated, both regulators confirmed their dedication to enhancing cooperation on incorporating new technologies and aligning with global trends. Looking ahead, it was concluded that cooperating in GMP inspections of pharmaceuticals, aligning each other's capacity building initiatives in a complementary manner will be the direction to take. And both regulators reconfirmed their commitment to further strengthen their stable and future-oriented regulatory cooperation as leading regulators of medical products in the world.