

Shionogi Establishes Joint Research Facility, ‘Shionogi Innovation Center for Drug Discovery’ with Hokkaido University

May 30, 2008 -- Shionogi & Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Osaka; President: Isao Teshirogi) today announced that it has established joint research facility, ‘Shionogi Innovation Center for Drug Discovery’ with Hokkaido University (President: Hiroshi Saeki).

On October 2006, in order to promote research exchange in accordance with the philosophy of industrial-academic collaboration, Shionogi and Hokkaido University executed a basic agreement and constructed a Shionogi-owned research facility for joint research use on land owned by Hokkaido University.

Shionogi has positioned the second medium-term business plan (April, 2005-March, 2010) as a period for aggressively preparing for long-term growth as a pharmaceutical company under the banner of “preparing for a significant leap forward”. In research and development, it aims to steadily build a base for full-scale overseas development and is working to continuously discover internationally competitive compounds along with building an organizational framework and educating personnel.

Active joint research at Shionogi Innovation Center for Drug Discovery will improve the drug discovery technology platform, including Hokkaido University’s glyco-engineering technology platform and protein

conformation analysis technologies. Shionogi expects to discover more drug discovery seeds from joint research and the company will work to strengthen the drug discovery technology platform as well as streamline the R&D and enhance success probability.

【Overview of the Facility】

Building: Building area of 600m²; five stories; floor space of approximately 2,790m² (including tower)

Date of Establishment: May 30, 2008

Location: Hokkaido University North Campus

(Address) Kita 21, Nishi 11 Kita-ku Sapporo

Representative: Hiroshi Takemoto (Chief of Innovation Center for Drug Discovery)

The Number of Staffs: about 20

The Total Construction Cost: about 1.5 billion yen

Construction Schedule: (Start) June 2007

(Completion) March 2008

(Operation to start) May 2008

Design and Construction: Takenaka Corporation

【Land* Lease and Other Matters】

The land is subject to a 20-year leasehold contract for business use. Hokkaido University is to acquire title to the building free of charge upon expiration of the leasehold contract.

*2,170m² (including parking lots and other ancillary facilities) on the Hokkaido University North Campus



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