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## **Shionogi Announces the 2008 Results of Drug Discovery Competition**

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**Osaka, October 31, 2008** – Shionogi & Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Osaka; President: Isao Teshirogi) announces the final selection results of its drug discovery competition, FINDS (Pharma-Innovation Discovery competition Shionogi).

From a total of 153 submissions of original ideas from researchers, Shionogi selected 6 research themes, as noted below. Selected research themes will start upon execution of the research contracts.

The FINDS drug discovery competition which started in fiscal 2007 is a newly collaborative industry-academic initiative in which researchers in Japan with innovative drug seeds can submit ideas that meet Shionogi's specified needs and work with the company to develop them into commercially viable drugs.

Through FINDS, Shionogi will work to enhance its source of new drug seeds and basic discovery technologies and strengthen its search capabilities in order to continue to develop and manufacture new drugs for use around the world.

### **Competition Results**

Number of submissions: 153

Number of research themes selected: 6

- Discovery of seeds for drugs to treat metabolic syndrome 1
- Discovery of seeds for drugs to treat allergies 1
- Novel assay technologies adaptable to high-throughput screening 1
- Technology for the generation of new chemical scaffold 1
- Novel technologies for transdermal drug delivery to realize systemic exposure 1
- Potential alternative to injection for peptide/protein delivery 1

### **Competition Overview**

1. Application period: June 2 to June 30, 2008
2. Number of research fields: 14

3. Selection method: Two-stage process, with the first-stage screening completed at the July and the second-stage screening completed at the August to September
4. Selection criteria: Submissions were assessed and selected on the basis of factors including degree of correspondence with Shionogi's needs, originality, practicality, potential for industrialization and conflict with existing company projects
5. Research budget: ¥2 million to ¥5 million per project (scheduled)\*  
\* It is not awarded for a scholarship or a prize

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