

Press Release

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Life Science Innovation Network Japan, Inc. (LINK-J)
Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd

Tokyo Metropolitan Government launched “Tokyo Medical-Industrial Cooperation Innovation Center” in Nihonbashi Life Science Building

Tokyo, Japan, November 17, 2016-Life Science Innovation Network Japan Inc. (LINK-J), an incorporated association founded by Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd. (Mitsui Fudosan) and a group of volunteers from academia, are pleased to announce the opening of Tokyo Medical-Industrial Cooperation Innovation Center in Nihonbashi Life Science Building, one of the bases of the Nihonbashi Life Science Innovation Promotion Project, and on November 15, held a symposium and grand opening event to commemorate the launch.



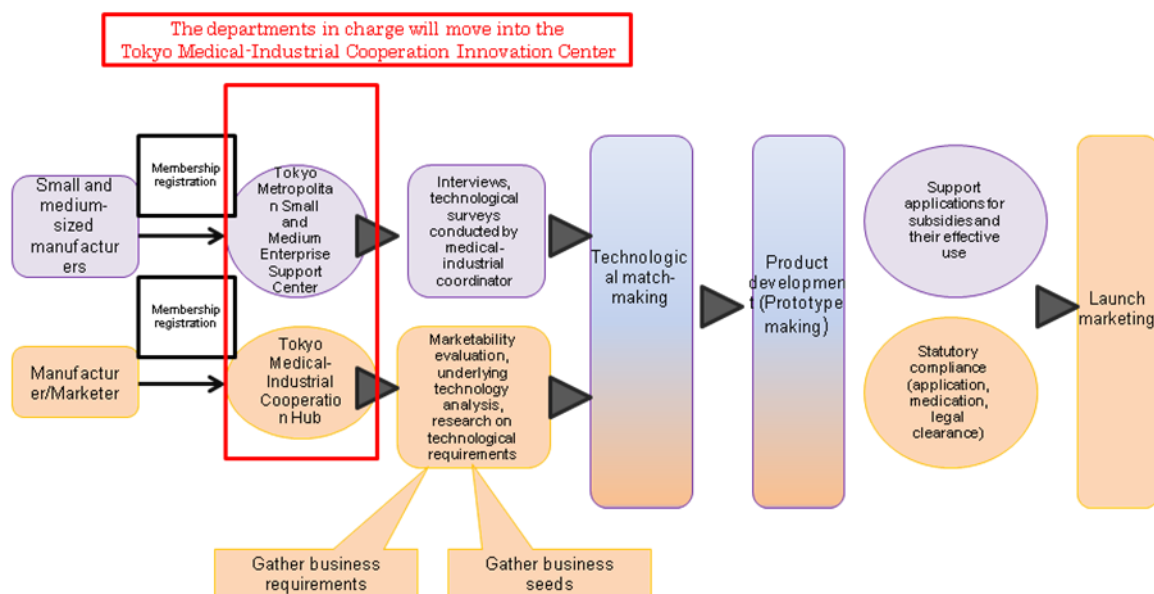
Opening ceremony of the “Tokyo Medical-Industrial Cooperation Innovation Center”

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government has been undertaking initiatives since FY2015 aimed at supporting the collaborative development of medical equipment involving local small and medium-sized manufacturers with superior technologies as well as a cluster of clinical organizations and medical equipment makers operating in Tokyo through the cooperation between Tokyo Medical-Industrial Cooperation HUB System and Tokyo Metropolitan Small and Medium Enterprise Support Center. Part of the collaborative initiatives involved the launch of the Tokyo Medical-Industrial Cooperation Innovation Center, a support hub in Nihonbashi, where there is a cluster of life science companies in operation. The Tokyo Medical-Industrial Cooperation Innovation Center is designed to encourage new entries into the medical equipment business and the development of medical devices by small and medium-sized enterprises in Tokyo in cooperation between Tokyo Medical-Industrial Cooperation HUB System and Tokyo Metropolitan Small and Medium Enterprise Support Center. Further medical-industrial cooperation will also be achieved through collaboration with LINK-J.

The Nihonbashi Life Science Innovation Promotion Project as advocated by Mitsui Fudosan is in progress in three locations: Nihonbashi Life Science Building, Nihonbashi Life Science Building 2, and Nihonbashi Life Science Hub. In Nihonbashi Life Science Building, where the Tokyo Medical-Industrial Cooperation Innovation Center has been established, industry-government-academia cooperation is underway, leveraging a cluster of business companies and industry organizations as well as universities both in Japan and abroad in the field of life science.

Outline

Name	Tokyo Medical-Industrial Cooperation Innovation Center
Location	Nihonbashi Life Science Building Rm #603, 2-3-11 Nihonbashi Honcho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
Tenant organizations	Tokyo Medical-Industrial Cooperation HUB System, Tokyo Metropolitan Small and Medium Enterprise Support Center (departments in charge)
Support services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consulting service regarding medical-industrial cooperation 2. Provision of an exchange platform involving seminars, workshops, etc. 3. Provision of matching support (e.g. individual match-making, match-making events) 4. Support for three-dimensional modeling (supporting prototype development with 3D printers)



Opening ceremony and reception

At the ribbon-cutting ceremony held as part of the event commemorating the grand opening of the Nihonbashi Life Science Hub on Tuesday, November 15, nine executives were present, including Takashi Ueda, Executive Managing Officer of Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd. and Director of LINK-J.

A series of keynote speeches were made after the grand opening ceremony. Following an opening address delivered by Yuji Fujita, Director General, Bureau of Industrial and Labor Affairs, Tokyo Metropolitan Government, leaders from related organizations made speeches featuring their initiatives for supporting the project, including Masaki Kitajima, Vice President and Honorary President, International University of Health and Welfare and President, Nippon Medical-Industrial Monozukuri Commons, Makoto Onishi, President, Center Hospital of the National Center for Global Health and Medicine, Koji Nakao, Chairman of The Japan Federation of Medical Devices Association, Kunihiro Ouchi, Principal Researcher, Medical Equipment Research Division, Department of Industrial-Academic Collaboration, Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development, and Toshihiko Kashino, Project Manager, Tokyo Medical-Industrial Cooperation HUB System.

A networking event was held later in the program. The grand opening event was a great success with a total of over 150 participants.

Comments from the Tokyo Metropolitan Government

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government undertakes initiatives aimed at supporting the collaborative development of medical equipment involving local small and medium-sized manufacturers with superior technologies as well as a cluster of clinical organizations and medical equipment makers operating in Tokyo through the cooperation between Tokyo Medical-Industrial Cooperation HUB System and Tokyo Metropolitan Small and Medium Enterprise Support Center. Part of the collaborative initiatives involved the launch of the Tokyo Medical-Industrial Cooperation Innovation Center, a support hub in Nihonbashi, where there is a cluster of life science companies in operation.

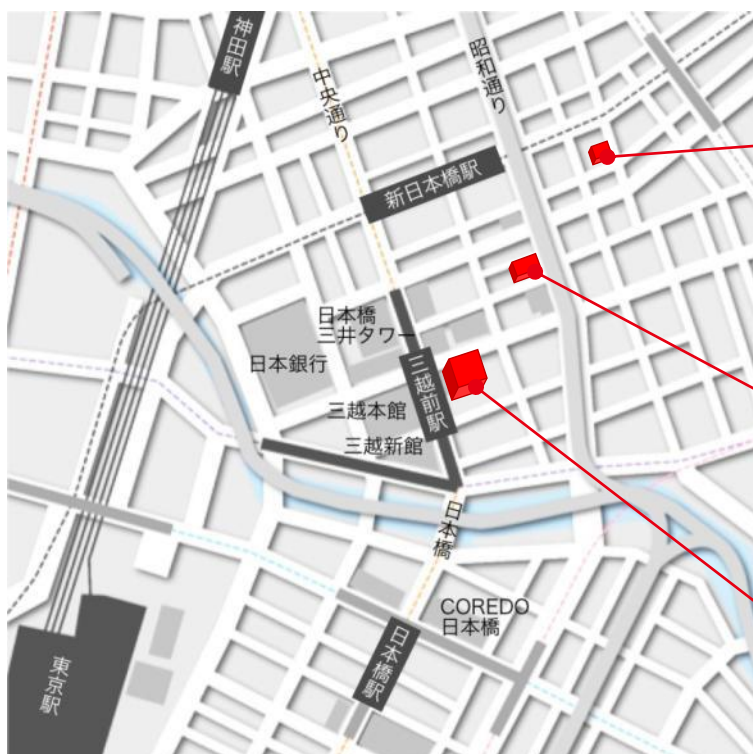
Nihonbashi is not only the center of Tokyo, but also the hub of the life science business area in Japan. With LINK-J, a general incorporated association established in the Nihonbashi district where a number of pharmaceutical companies, medical equipment makers, and start-ups are clustered, we have become able to promote open innovation in the life science realm. Tokyo Medical-Industrial Cooperation HUB System will remain focused on further promoting medical-industrial cooperation in the Nihonbashi area in collaboration with LINK-J.

■ About Life Science Innovation Network Japan, Inc. (LINK-J)

LINK-J is a general incorporated association established by Mitsui Fudosan and volunteers from academic circles. With its base in the Nihonbashi area, where a number of pharmaceutical companies are clustered,, LINK-J aims to promote open innovation in the life science realm through industry-government-academia cooperation and extend support to the creation of new industries. Across the entire life science area, i.e., the area where all sciences are combined, ranging from medicine to science and further to engineering or new technologies, such as information and communication technology (ICT) or artificial intelligence (AI), it will accelerate interdisciplinary human and technological exchanges.

■ Nihonbashi Life Science Hub

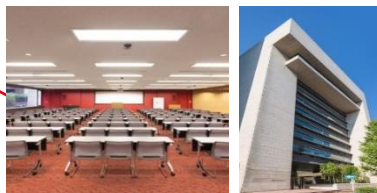
Mitsui Fudosan has created the following life science bases in Nihonbashi.



Nihonbashi Life Science Building 2



Nihonbashi Life Science Building
(Tokyo Medical-Industrial Cooperation Innovation Center)



Nihonbashi Life Science Hub

