

Preface



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It is my great pleasure to announce that the 9th Japan-Taiwan Joint Symposium for Pharmaceutical Sciences will be held on September 6, 2024, in Nagasaki, Japan. This is the first memorial symposium, hosted by School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Nagasaki University.

The origin of this symposium is the first HU-TMU-KU (Hokkaido-Taipei Medical-Kyushu Universities) Joint Symposium for Pharmaceutical Sciences in Sapporo, Japan, hosted by Hokkaido University in 2015. Based on the success of this first symposium, the second symposium was held in Taipei, Taiwan, hosted by Taipei Medical University in 2016, followed by the third symposium in Fukuoka, Japan, hosted by Kyushu University in 2017. Fruitful exchanges during this period have been further developed in 2018 by joining three universities, Tohoku University and Nagasaki University from Japan and National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University from Taiwan. The current six-university Joint Symposium (the 4th symposium) was first held in Sapporo, Japan in 2018. Then, the 5th symposium was held in Taipei in 2019. Unexpectedly, the joint symposium in 2020 was canceled because of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, due to the rapid spread of online technology and the great efforts by Kyushu University and Tohoku University, the 6th and 7th symposium was held in 2021 and 2022, respectively, in an online format. Last year the 8th Japan-Taiwan Joint Symposium was held hosted by National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University in Taipei face-to-face by combination of hybrid manner.

We are very glad that this symposium will be held face-to-face by combination of hybrid manner. As usual, speakers will be invited from 2 universities from Taiwan, Taipei Medical University and National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University as well as 4 universities from Japan, including Hokkaido University, Tohoku University, Kyushu University and Nagasaki University. In addition, students from each university will be invited to participate face-to-face in the Student Sessions. We hope that you will obtain new knowledges and exchange opinions in Pharmaceutical Sciences. Let's renew old friendships and develop mutual relationship together.

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