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EFPIA Japan to donate personal protection equipment to help support healthcare professionals' efforts against COVID-19

TOKYO—5 June 2020— EFPIA Japan is supporting healthcare professionals in the country to help fight COVID-19 with a donation of personal protection equipment to prefectures. Through the Government Taskforce Team for Medical Gown and Protective Suit Procurement, EFPIA Japan provided total 4,000 disposable face shields and 900 protective suits to four prefectures, namely Kanagawa, Kyoto, Fukuoka and Nagasaki. This personal protection equipment will be delivered to medical institutions in the prefectures. In addition, EFPIA Japan donated 1,000 KN95 masks, which will be provided to prefectures with greater needs and ultimately to medical institutions through the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare's Joint Mask Team.

“On top of our commitment as the pharmaceutical industry to maintaining the supply of our medicines to respond to the needs of healthcare professionals and their patients, the donation is intended to help support healthcare professionals' efforts against COVID-19 as we need to live with the virus going forward. We sincerely salute healthcare professionals for their dedication in sustaining healthcare provision in these difficult times,” says Thorsten Poehl, Chairman of EFPIA Japan.

In collaboration with governments, health authorities, industry partners and other stakeholders worldwide, EFPIA Japan member companies are supporting the global community in fighting against the public health emergency by providing relief, including financial and product donations, and developing therapeutics and vaccines for COVID-19.

About EFPIA Japan (<http://efpia.jp/>)

Established in April 2002, EFPIA Japan represents 22 R&D-based European pharmaceutical companies operating in Japan. In 2018, combined sales from the member companies accounted for roughly 23% of the pharmaceutical market in Japan. The mission of EFPIA Japan is to “Contribute to healthcare and patients in Japan through the early introduction of

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innovative medicines and vaccines”. EFPIA Japan aims to strengthen dialogue with decision-makers in order to improve Japanese healthcare for all.

About EFPIA (European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations)

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EFPIA, EFPIA Japan’s partner organisation, is headquartered in Brussels and represents the pharmaceutical industry operating in Europe. Through its direct membership of 36 national associations and 39 leading pharmaceutical companies, EFPIA provides the voice of companies committed to researching, developing and bringing new medicines to improve health and quality of life around the world.

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