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**EFPIA Japan Patient Organization Support Program “PASE”
The 6th PASE AWARD Starts to Call for Applications,
Expanding the Eligibility to Unincorporated Organizations**

TOKYO – 11 May 2023- The European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations Japan (EFPIA Japan, Chair: Takahiko Iwaya) is pleased to announce that it has started to call for entry to the 6th PASE AWARD (Patient Advocacy Support by EFPIA Japan) today. The PASE AWARD was created by EFPIA Japan in 2017 as a means to further improve the medical environment for patients by encouraging patient advocacy activities in Japan and having their voices appropriately reflected in the healthcare system.

In the past, the PASE AWARD was intended for officially registered non-profit patient organizations such as incorporated associations, foundations, and non-profit organizations. This year, EFPIA Japan has expanded the scope of applications to unincorporated patient organizations and welcomes activity plans that meet the objectives of the AWARD. After the primary review of documents submitted and the final review based on presentations by the applicants, EFPIA Japan will select activities that contribute to improving patient health and Quality of Life. It will provide a grant of 500,000 yen to Grand Prize winners (up to two organizations) and 150,000 yen to Honour Award winners.

In the past five years, a total of 86 organizations submitted a wide range of activity plans through the PASE AWARD, and EFPIA Japan provided a total of 6.6 million yen in grants to nine organizations for the Grand Prize and 16 organizations for the Honour Award. Last year, under the theme of "Activities led by patient organizations for realization of patients' better medical treatment and lives under the New Normal", EFPIA Japan presented the Grand Prize to the Specified Non-profit Corporation 'Kibounokai (Hope)' for its program to create an educational brochure on gastric cancer.

Through the grant provided by the PASE AWARD, 'Kibounokai' plans to create a booklet to assist employment for people with diseases. This booklet will be based on the series of video contents "Understanding Gastric Cancer through Patient Journey" which provides an accurate understanding of gastric cancer and the basis for treatment choices. The organization plans to disseminate the information in both video and booklet formats.

The 6th PASE AWARD - Overview of Application Guidelines

■ Theme: improving patient health and Quality of Life

1. Qualification Requirements

- ① Patient organization working for patients in Japan
- ② Have a specific plan for activities utilizing the grant (including how the grant will be used)
- ③ Able to submit "information required for application" described in the application guidelines
- ④ Have a willingness to disseminate the results of the activity utilizing the grant (permission to post on EFPIA Japan's website, notification and reporting on the patient advocacy group's own and other websites)

2. Period of conducting activities

- ① Conduct activities using the grant from the day of receiving the award to October 15, 2024
- ② Submit an activity report (two A4 pages) to the EFPIA Japan Secretariat by the end of October 2024

3. Requirements of the award-winning organizations

Attend the award ceremony on EFPIA Day (a media seminar scheduled to be held in early October 2023. (There may be media interviews.)

4. Use of grants

- ① Organizations that win the Grand Prize must use the grant in their activity plan at the time of application.
- ② Organizations receiving the Honour Award are not limited to the activity plan at the time of application but must use the grant for activities with clear objectives and submit a report on the implementation of their activities.

5. Application method

Please refer to the URL below for the application method and send the necessary documents to the EFPIA Japan PASE AWARD Secretariat (paseaward@cocoknots.co.jp) by email as PDF files by July 7, 2023.

The PASE AWARD application requirements can be found on the PASE AWARD page of the EFPIA website. <http://www.efpia.jp/pase/index.html>

About the EFPIA Japan Patient Organization Support Program “PASE”

EFPIA Japan works with patients to support opportunities and activities that address patient needs and policy proposals. The PASE (Patient Advocacy Support by EFPIA Japan) AWARD was created by EFPIA Japan in 2017 as a means to more directly carry out its patient-centric mission to support patient organizations and promote the development of patient advocacy in Japan.

In the 5th PASE AWARD held last year, we provided a total of 1.1 million yen to 1 organization for the Grand Prize and 4 organizations for the Honour Award, which were selected from the 11 organizations that applied.

Please see the link for more information. [http://efpia.jp/link/\(JPN\)5thPASE%20AWARD_Final.pdf](http://efpia.jp/link/(JPN)5thPASE%20AWARD_Final.pdf)

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

Established in April 2002, EFPIA Japan represents 23 R&D-based European pharmaceutical companies operating in Japan. In 2021, combined sales from the member companies accounted for roughly 26% 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 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) (<http://www.efpia.eu>)

The European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) represents the biopharmaceutical industry operating in Europe. Through its direct membership of 37 national associations, 38 leading pharmaceutical companies, and a growing number of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), EFPIA’s mission is to create a collaborative environment that enables our members to innovate, discover, develop, and deliver new therapies and vaccines for people across Europe, as well as contribute to the European economy.

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