CALL FOR PARTICIPATION The 27th Annual Meeting of The Japanese Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments

We are pleased to announce that the 27th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments will be held from December 5th (Fri) to 7th (Sun), 2014 at Yokohama National University (79-5, Tokiwadai, Hodogaya-ku, Yokohama).

The Japanese Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments is the only scientific organization in Japan that aims at promoting and spreading the 3Rs as international principles for the proper use of animals in scientific testing: Replacement (replacement to the methods which do not use animals), Reduction (reduction of the number of animals used in experiments) and Refinement, (refinement of the methods which minimize suffering of animals). Pursuing the 3Rs has now become a global trend in the field of life science.

Since this year marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of the society in 1989, we are working together with the organizing committees for some new approaches under the theme "departure from past practice and kickoff towards to the future". ①We planned more than 10 symposia in addition to the special lectures and the educational lectures which will attract the interest of a wide range of people not only from cosmetic industry but also from chemical and medical industries. ② By waiving the registration fees for pre-registered high school and university students, we are aiming to enhance their interest in science and promote the keyword "Alternatives to Animal Experiments".

We expect that the meeting will be a place to develop a network as well as a place to present research results. We will have a mixer at Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse, one of the well-known sightseeing spots in Yokohama. We believe it will be a memorable time for every participant to broaden conversations with many colleagues enjoying beer direct-from-the-brewery and the Christmas lights.

There is still a lot to be done to bring Alternatives to Animal Experiments to the public's attention although they will contribute to the development of the academic disciplines and the industries related to life science in our country. We would like to spread the keyword "Alternatives to Animal Experiments" to become widely known to the public by making some new attempts in this meeting.

We look forward to your active participation!

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