

# Seminar and Workshop on Multinational Clinical Trials for Vaccine Development Targeting Priority Infectious Diseases

Free of charge

Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc.(MRI) will hold seminars and training sessions for individuals involved in vaccine development as part of the MHLW's "Survey and Development Project on Vaccine Development Systems for Priority Infectious Diseases." This project aims to establish a framework enabling rapid multinational clinical trials in emergencies by identifying clinical trial environments in Southeast Asian countries during peacetime and supporting the development of relationships with research and development institutions. The upcoming seminars and workshops will feature presentations by government officials and Key Opinion Leaders (KOLs) from Japan and the relevant countries, introducing the clinical trial environment for infectious disease vaccines in Indonesia and Thailand\*. Participants will also engage in discussions with Japanese vaccine development stakeholders.

\*Similar seminars and workshops targeting Thailand and the Indonesia were held in November 2025.

Seminar (Simultaneous English interpretation available)			Workshop (Simultaneous English interpretation available)		
Day	For	Participants	Day	For	Participants
February 24, 2026 (JST) 14:00-17:00	Face-to-Face / Online (Zoom Webinar)	Face-to-Face:100 people / Online:300 people	February 25, 2026 (JST) 14:00-17:00	Face-to-Face	Around 40 people
• Pharmaceutical companies, CROs, venture companies, academia, and other existing stakeholders in Japan, as well as those considering future entry into vaccine development			• Japan Pharmaceutical company personnel with prior vaccine development experience and a willingness to engage in vaccine development during emergencies		
• Researchers at universities and research institutions in Japan with vaccine research experience			• CRO personnel based in Japan who are currently operating in Thailand and Philippines or considering future business expansion there		
14:00 Message from MHLW*	MHLW		14:00	"Response and support for promoting clinical trials in Asia of ARISE (Tentative)"	Japan Institute for Health Security (JIHS)
14:05 Efforts and support policies for global Clinical Trials in Japan	MHLW		14:00	Survey report: Global clinical trial environment in Indonesia, Thailand, and the Philippines	Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc.
14:30 <b>[Philippines]</b> "Clinical trials system and international joint clinical trial initiatives in the Philippines"	The Food and Drug Administration National Institutes of Health University of the Philippines Manila		14:40	Group work Resolution of Issues Concerning Multinational Vaccine Clinical Trials (See website for details)	
15:30 <b>[Thailand]</b> "Clinical trial environment in Thailand: Challenges and expectations for participating in international joint clinical trials from the perspective of medical institutions"	National Vaccine Institute (NVI), Thailand Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University		16:30	Closing (Networking)	
16:20 Closing Message from MHLW	MHLW				
16:30 Closing (Networking)					

\*MHLW: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Face-to-face  
venue

TKP Garden City Premium (Shinagawa,Takanawa)

Keikyu Daiichi Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floors, 4-10-18 Takanawa, Minato-ku, Tokyo. 2 min from Shinagawa station



scan here to apply (URL:<https://pubpj.mri.co.jp/seminar/20260224.html>)

Deadline : February 18, 2026 (Wed) 16:00

\*If you wish to attend both the seminar and workshop, please register separately for each using the respective application forms.

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## Speakers

### Seminar: February 24, 2026 (Tue) 14:00-17:00

14:00	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Policy Planning and Evaluation Division chief of research and development	Mr. Manabu Hasegawa
14:05	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare	Director, Office of Clinical Trial Promotion Research and Development Policy Division, Health Policy Bureau Mr. Yasuhiro Araki
14:30	The Food and Drug Administration	Center for Drug Regulation and Research(CDRR) Dr. Iris Conela Agravante Tagaro
14:50	National Institutes of Health University of the Phillipines Manila/ Philippines General Hospital	Director, National Clinical Trials and Translation Center(NCTTC) Dr. Lia M. Palileo-Villanueva
15:30	National Vaccine Institute (NVI)	Director of National Vaccine Institute(NVI) Dr. Nakorn Premksi
15:50	Mahidol University	Project Chair, Vaccine Trial Center Dr. Punnee Pitisuttithum
16:20	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Director, Research and Development Policy Division, Health Policy Bureau	Ms. Kanako Katsuyama

### Workshop: February 25, 2026 (Wed) 14:00-17:00

14:00	Japan Institute for Health Security(JIHS)	Head, Office of Project Planning Dept.of International Trials, Center for Clinical Sciences Mr. Naoki Tomotsugu
14:20	Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc.	Medicine and Health Ecosystem Division, Healthcare and Welfare Unit, Sachiko Hirakawa, Ph.D.
14:40	Group Work	

### Group Work: Resolution of Issues Concerning Multinational Vaccine Clinical Trials

The group work aims to facilitate the implementation of international joint vaccine clinical trials in Asia by Japanese companies. It seeks to create a forum for sharing challenges identified by pharmaceutical companies and others, thereby promoting active engagement.

Participants will be divided into groups of 5-6 people to discuss topics such as those listed below. Each group will then present their findings at the end.

Nov.28  
14:40-  
16:30

(Proposed Topics)

- Clinical trial preparation: Expanding clinical trial target facilities and promoting collaboration (tentative)
- Clinical trial implementation: Consideration of improving the quality of clinical trials in target countries (tentative)

※Networking among participants is also a goal.