

PRESS RELEASE

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**RIKEN CDB-Otsuka Pharmaceutical Collaboration Center launches
--Aims to create new values by integrating original research--**

RIKEN and Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (Otsuka) announce today the launch of the RIKEN CDB-Otsuka Pharmaceutical Collaboration Center (COCC) at the RIKEN Center for Developmental Biology (CDB) in Kobe, Japan. The COCC aims to elucidate the mechanisms of disease based on a developmental and regenerative biology approach, and to apply this research to drug and new treatment developments.

Although the two organizations, RIKEN and Otsuka, possess different objectives, values, histories and cultures, they have both made important contributions to society.

Through the collaboration of developing and sharing of resources, COCC aspires to create a better quality of life for Japanese people and to nurture the next generation of research leadership.

COCC Profile

1) Center Name

RIKEN CDB-Otsuka Pharmaceutical Collaboration Center (COCC)

Director: Dr. Hiroshi Hamada (RIKEN CDB Director)

2) Location

RIKEN Center for Developmental Biology

2-2-3 Minatojima-minamimachi, Chuo-ku, Kobe, Hyogo 650-0047, Japan

3) Term of Operation

September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2021 *Dates may be subject to change

4) Research Theme

Research specifics on the two areas below will be set through exchanges between the two organizations.

- a) Neurodegenerative disease
- b) Kidney diseases