

Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Institut Pasteur and MURC

- Cooperation against Infectious Diseases in West Africa and ASEAN Region -

We are pleased to announce that Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting Co. Ltd. (Headquartered in Tokyo, President: Satoshi Murabayashi, also “MURC”) and the Institut Pasteur (Headquartered in Paris, General Director: Stewart Cole) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 1st October 2019 in order to collaborate in the fight against infectious diseases by allowing innovative projects using advanced technologies such as AI and drone in West Africa and ASEAN region. Through these collaborative activities, both parties will contribute to the promotion of global health.



【 Signing Ceremony 】 From left: Mr. Stewart Cole, General Director (Institut Pasteur) ,
Mr. Satoshi Murabayashi, President (MURC)

1. Background

In the society of expanding globalization, there is a risk that infectious diseases occurring locally may spread around the world. This issue is one of the global challenges and new models of collaboration through innovative solutions are required to reduce burden of infectious disease and promote health equity in the world.

MURC established a Center on Global Health Architecture to tackle issues in global health, and as one of its initiatives has signed the MoU with the Institut Pasteur. The Institut Pasteur is an internationally renowned center for biomedical research with a mission to prevent and control diseases in France and throughout the world.

This MoU aims to joint their efforts to promote innovative solutions, such as for instance cold chain delivery by using drone or Artificial Intelligence driven surveillance system, in the field of infection diseases in West Africa and ASEAN region. Such efforts can consist in the implementation of innovative projects by using capabilities, strengths, resources and networks of both parties.

Through these advanced solutions, both parties will contribute to the creation of a better society and the promotion of global health.

2. Outlines of the two organization

■ About the Institut Pasteur and the Institut Pasteur International Network

The Institut Pasteur, a non-profit foundation with recognized charitable status set up by Louis Pasteur in 1887, is today an internationally renowned center for biomedical research with a network of 32 institutes worldwide. In the pursuit of its mission to prevent and control diseases in France and throughout the world, the Institut Pasteur operates in four main areas: research, public health, education and training, and development of research applications. The Institut Pasteur is a globally recognized leader in infectious diseases, microbiology, and immunology. Other avenues of investigation include cancer, genetic and neurodegenerative diseases, genomics and developmental biology. This research aims to expand our knowledge of the living world in a bid to lay the foundations for new prevention strategies and novel therapeutics. Since its inception, 10 Institut Pasteur scientists have been awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, including two in 2008 for the 1983 discovery of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes AIDS.

Website : <https://www.pasteur.fr/en>

■ Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting Co. Ltd.

MURC is a think tank and consulting firm within Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG). It has offices in Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka, and drives a variety of projects including consultancy services for firms, policy research for national and local governments, management information services, human resource development, and economic research.

The Secretariat of this MoU is MURC's Center on Global Health Architecture, an organization striving to solve global health issues.

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