

## Announcement Regarding to put the Domestic Cultivated Licorice by Oji to Practical use for Premium Cosmetic Material

Oji Holdings Corporation (Oji) is studying about the technique for cultivation of medicinal plant. We, Oji, could announce that ALBION Co., LTD. (herein after ALBION, which Headquarter is in Tokyo; President: Shoichi Kobayashi), made a prospect using for their cosmetic material as our cultivated licorice in this time.

— About Practical Use for Premium Cosmetic Material as Oji's cultivated Licorice —

Oji is studying about cosmetic material, which is a “dipotassium glychrrhizate\*” extracted from our cultivated licorice in Japan, with ALBION. As the result, we see the prospect of practical use for ALBION's cosmetic material.

ALBION would proceed investigation for this extract as one of materials for new products, as a link in the chain of activity, which build up the traceability of cosmetic material, much more.

**\* Dipotassium glychrrhizate**

One of active ingredient, which is extracted from licorice roots. It uses widely as traditional medicine, furthermore for cosmetics, foods and toiletries.



Licorice farm (Left: In Hokkaido), Licorice roots cultivated by Oji (Centre),  
Dipotassium glychrrhizate extracted from Oji's licorice (Right)

Oji makes a target to sell the domestic cultivated licorice as raw material for not only cosmetics, but also traditional medicines. Further, we would spread a new business with the customers who think a great deal of safety and traceability.

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