
Hokkaido University and Oji Holdings Establish Research Department of Life Science Field in Institute for the Promotion of Business–Regional Collaboration in Hokkaido University

Oji Holdings Corporation (“Oji,” Director of the Board/President: Masatoshi Kaku, Head office: Tokyo) and National University Corporation Hokkaido University (President: Toyoharu Nawa, Head office: Hokkaido) announce that, on April 1, 2019, they jointly established “Wood Resources Life Science Utilization Department” within the Institute for the Promotion of Business–Regional Collaboration of Hokkaido University, using the industry creation department system of Hokkaido University.

The industry creation department system aims at creating industry that has high social value while promoting social innovation, with Hokkaido University and external organizations including private companies conducting “organization–to–organization style” joint research that continues for a certain period to study common issues.

For this project, using the system, we aim at identifying the physiological functions of the compounds that are extracted and refined from wood resources as well as semi–synthetic compounds that are acquired by chemically modifying them, to commercialize them for drugs including those for animals.

[Profile of the industry creation department]

Established department name: Wood Resources Life Science Utilization Department

Established department location: Global Research Center for Food & Medical Innovation, Hokkaido University

Professor of established department: Masahiro Okumura (Laboratory of Veterinary Surgery, School/Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Hokkaido University)

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