



Asia Pacific Medical Technology Association (APACMed) announces partnership with Japan Federation of Medical Devices Association (JFMDA)

The first and only regional MedTech trade association signs Memorandum of Understanding in Tokyo with Japan's foremost national federation

25 April 2017 Tokyo – The Asia Pacific Medical Technology Association (APACMed), representing manufacturers and suppliers of medical equipment, devices and in vitro diagnostics, as well as national industry associations, strengthens ties with Japan's largest trade body, the Japan Federation of Medical Devices Association (JFMDA).

Founded over three decades ago, JFMDA comprises 21 associations, jointly representing over 4000 companies; it plays a critical liaison role between industry players in Japan and government agencies.

This partnership will cement the central role of the Singapore based regional trade association, as it seeks to support national trade associations in their regional outreach efforts, bringing them closer to key stakeholders across Asia Pacific, from regulators to government officials, and of course industry peers.

Fostering regional cooperation around regulatory harmonisation and convergence will be a significant area of focus. The associations will also collaborate to nurture relationships with the scientific community, holding joint conferences and symposiums.

Koji Nakao, JFMDA Chairman and Corporate Advisor, Terumo Corporation said: *"We are delighted to be entering into a more formal collaboration with APACMed. The associations' region-wide reach and expertise will undoubtedly add value to our own member organisations"*.

"We are truly honoured to be signing this MoU with JFMDA, a federation whose status and influence in Japan is unparalleled. We hope to make a significant collective impact, in further advancing our common mission to improve patient outcomes in Japan and across the region", said Fredrik Nyberg, Chief Executive Officer, APACMed.

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About JFMDA

The [Japan Federation of Medical Devices Associations](#) (JFMDA) was founded in February 1984 by medical device associations consisting of manufacturers and suppliers of medical and health-care devices, equipment, instruments and materials. Since then, JFMDA addressed various national and international issues potentially impacting all its member associations.

By taking appropriate actions on these issues, and through the support of innovation and sustainable supply of medical devices and technologies to the world, JFMDA has contributed to the growth of the industry it represents and to the improvement of welfare and health care in Japan.

About APACMed

Founded in 2014, the [Asia Pacific Medical Technology Association](#) (APACMed) is the first and only regional association to provide a unified voice for the medical technology industry in Asia Pacific. APACMed works proactively with bilateral, regional and local government bodies to shape policies, demonstrate the value of innovation and promote regulatory harmonization. APACMed engages with medical device associations and companies in Asia Pacific to jointly advance regional issues, code of ethics and share best practices.

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