

Japan's Regenerative Medicine Market: Expedited Approval System Creates New Opportunities for Canadian Cell Therapy Companies and Researchers

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In 2014, Japan introduced an expedited approval system for regenerative medicine products as well as other reforms related to the supply of stem cells. Foreign companies and researchers are now looking at Japan as a potential location for clinical trials. There are also new business opportunities emerging for foreign companies as Japan develops its regenerative medicine related infrastructure.

The Forum for Innovative Regenerative Medicine (FIRM) is Japan's main association in the field of regenerative medicine. Speakers at this event will explain about the new expedited approval system in Japan and give examples of on-going collaborations between Canada and Japan in the field of regenerative medicine. The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) is a Japanese government trade and investment promotion agency and looks forward to supporting Canadian companies and researchers to enter the Japanese market.

Agenda

8:00 – 9:00 am: **Registration / Networking (with light breakfast)**

9:00 – 9:05 am:

Welcome Remarks

Kazuo Nakamura, Executive Director, JETRO Toronto

9:05 – 9:20 am:

Canada and Japan: Opportunities for Increased Linkages and Cooperation in Regenerative Medicine

Dr. Michael May, President & CEO, Centre for Commercialization of Regenerative Medicine

9:20 – 10:00 am: **Keynote Presentation - Japan's Regenerative Medicine Market**

Dr. Fusako Nishigaki, Vice Chair, Steering Committee, Forum for Innovative Regenerative Medicine (FIRM)
(Research Fellow, Research Management, Regenerative Medicine Labs, Drug Discovery Research, Astellas Pharma Inc.)

10:00 – 10:20 am: **Break**

10:20 – 10:40 am:

Overview of Canada-Japan Stem Cell Research Collaborations

Dr. Janet Rossant, Executive Director, Ontario Institute for Regenerative Medicine (OIRM)

10:40 – 11:00 am:

Case-study: RepliCel and Shiseido

Mr. Lee Buckler, CEO, President & Director, Replifelife Sciences Inc.

11:00 – 11:10 am: **JETRO Programmes and Services**

11:10 – 11:20 am: **Closing Remarks**

11:20 – noon: **Networking**

This event is free but pre-registration by January 26 is required.
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