# **Kobe Medical Industry Development Project**



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# Where is KOBE ?

**JAPAN** 

**Fukuo** 

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#### KOBE 🝆

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➢ 6<sup>th</sup> largest city in Japan

GERMANY

- Population: approx. 1.5 million
- Area: 550 km²
- GDP: approx. €43 billion (¥6 trillion)

#### **KANSAI** area

- Japan's Second Largest Economic Zone
- Population: approx. 21 million
- ➢ GDP: approx. €640 billion (¥89 trillion)

#### Berlin

Population: approx. 3.5 million Area: approx. 891 km<sup>2</sup>





**To Kobe Airport** 

# **History**

- 1998.10 : Established the Kobe Medical Industry Development Project Discussion Group Chairman – Dr. Hirô Imura (President of Kobe City General Hospital at that time)
- >1999.12 : Budgeted for IBRI and RIKEN CDB (Millennium Project)
- >2000. 2 : Approved as the Special Earthquake Restoration Project
- >2001. 8 : Approved as the 2<sup>nd</sup> selection of the Urban Renaissance Project
- >2002. 4 : Approved as the Knowledge Cluster Initiative
- >2003. 4 : Approved as the Deregulation Zone for Advanced Medical Industry
- >2005. 4 : Established the Council for Life Science Promotion



# **Core Functions**

> Develop as a focal point for R&D of highly advanced medical technology

Establish a streamlined process from basic research to clinical application and industrialization

## **Target fields**

 $\therefore$  Medical device  $\Rightarrow$  Clinical research and trials  $\Rightarrow$  Regenerative medicine

### **Core functions**



### Goals

- Create new employments and revitalize local economy
- Provide high level medical services and welfares for Kobe citizens
- Contribution on an improvement of medical technologies in Asian countries

# Developing Japan's First Life Science Cluster

#### Data complied by Bechtel/ SRI (2000)

- Primary factors behind the development of industrial clusters
  - **(1)Preparation of core research facilities**
  - **2**Structured cooperation with
  - universities and research institutions
  - **③Effective use of airport facilities**

- Project aims (economic effect)
  - New employment created: 23,000(Kansai region) 18,000(Kobe)
  - Production generated:
    530 billion yen(Kansai region)
    330 billon yen(Kobe)



# Institute of Biomedical Research and Innovation

Administration: Foundation for Biomedical Research and Innovation

### Medical treatments and clinical researches being carried out:

 Hematopoietic stem cell transplants (Bone-marrow transplants, cord blood stem cell transplants)
 Peripheral blood vessels regeneration of the lower extremities and cardiovascular regeneration
 Dental implants and regeneration of alveolar bone
 Diagnosis and medical treatment using PET and CT-Linac
 Cerebrovascular therapy
 Chemotherapy for cancer
 Clinical trials on pharmaceuticals and medical devices



# **Cell Processing Center**

# IBRI

#### **Olympus Corporation** :

Regenerate bone by differentiate stem cell of bone marrow into osteocyte on the  $\beta$  -TCP which has bio-affinity

### **Terumo Corporation**:

Regenerate myocardium by cultivate skeletal myoblast of skeletal muscle

### ArBlast Co., Ltd. :

Regenerate alveolar bone in dental surgery area by cultivate stem cell of bone marrow

### **Stem Cell Science KK:**

Produce therapeutic use cell

# BMA

### Teijin Limited:

Establish new therapy which is to cultivate chondrocyte in vitro, and return to damaged articular cartilage

#### Hitachi Medical Corporation:

Manufacture regenerative medicine materials, and establish safety

**Genemedicine Japan Inc.**: Develop every kind of GMP graded virus vector for gene therapy

## **Research and Development of Medical Devices**



Medical Devices Development Study Group (consists of 70 companies, most of them are members of Kobe Machinery and Metal Firms Association Inc. and 11 medical device companies) participate in.

# **Support for Clinical Trials**

 Operation of Clinical Trial Model Project: Installation of the clinic (October 2000)

- Cooperative clinical trials with local hospitals and clinics:
  - Establish network between IBRI and local medical institutions to handle life-style-related diseases
  - -Community Based Clinical Trial Study Meetings (2000. 12  $\sim$  2001. 7)
  - Basic Agreement (2002. 3)
  - -Co-sponsoring community-based clinical trial seminars with Kobe Doctors Association (2002. 11 $\sim$ )
- Training for Clinical Trial Coordinator:
  Operation of training sessions for nonexperienced and experienced people





# **RIKEN Center for Developmental Biology(CDB)**

 $\sim$  A world-class center in the field of embryology and stem cell research  $\sim$ 

#### **Research Groups**

- > Director: Dr. Masatoshi TAKEICHI Ph.D.
- > 7 core program directors including Director Takeichi
- > 23 creative research promotion programs
- > Number of researchers: 243 (30 research groups)

#### **Major research fields**

- Mechanism of Development
- Mechanism of Regeneration
- > Application to Medicine



#### ES Cell (mouse)



Planarian (length 1cm)



Zebra fish (length 3 cm) 11



# **Other Core Facilities** *I*

### Translational Research Informatics Center (TRI)

- Providing information and supporting for translational research
- Management of clinical trial and supporting data management
- Establishment of management system of disease data and outcome research data
- Providing cancer-related information via internet





### **Business Support Center for Biomedical Research Activities (BMA)**

Support bio-ventures and companies related to regenerative medicine

- Cell Processing Center
- Animal laboratory
- ➢RI facility

# Other Core Facilities **I**

#### Kobe Biotechnology Research and Human Resource Development Center (BT Center) / Kobe University Business Incubation Center

State-of-the-art and cross field research and human resource development





### Kobe Medical Device Development Center (MEDDEC)

- R&D and training of catheter and endoscope
- Operating room
- MRI laboratory
- Device development corner for small-medium companies
- Rental laboratory
- Breeding and observation space

# Other Core Facilities II

### Kobe Healthcare Devices Development Center (tentative name)

Building completion in September 2006

- Development of
- Bio-experiment devices
- Diagnostic and preventive devices
- Healthcare devices





### Molecular Imaging Research and Development Center

#### Building completion in September 2006

- > RIKEN, venture company
- Speeding up the process of identifying candidate materials for the design of new drugs and medications

# **Incentives for businesses**

### Kobe Biomedical Venture Fund

- > Total 6.3 billion yen  $\Rightarrow$  invested in total 69 companies
- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Group
- Venture capital fund specific for biomedical industries
- Technical assessments carried out by <u>Technology Assessment Committee</u> handled by FBRI

### Kobe Life Science IP Fund

- > 0.5 billion yen  $\Rightarrow$  invested in 3 companies
- Nomura Research & Advisories
- > Starting up venture companies based on intellectual properties

### Incentives based on the Kobe Enterprise Zone Ordinance

- Tax reductions, Subsidies
- Establishment of the Pilot Enterprise Zone Land rents for 10 years without charge(Port Island 2nd stage)

### Establishment of the Pro-Cluster Kobe

Industrialization Support, Human Resource Development, Providing Information

# MedCollabo KOBE

~ Business Network in the project ~

**Establishment: November, 2004** 

Mission/Objectives : To enhance relationship among companies in the project To promote and accelerate the formation of "KOBE Biomedical Cluster " Support Organizations: Foundation for Biomedical Research and Innovation,

The Kobe Chamber of Commerce and Industry

central government



**16** 

The Number of Companies





### Support System to promote International Bio-Venture





## **Outline of Kobe Life Science Innovative Program**

