

## Denka Signs a Comprehensive Industry-Academia Partnership Agreement with Niigata University

Denka Company Limited (headquarters: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; president: Shinsuke Yoshitaka; hereinafter “Denka”) hereby announces that it and the national university corporation Niigata University (main office: Niigata City, Niigata; president: Sugata Takahashi; hereinafter “Niigata University”) have signed a comprehensive industry-academia partnership agreement with regard to collaborative research centered on the life science field. The signing ceremony was performed on July 20, 2016 at the university’s “TOKIMATE” satellite campus situated south of the Niigata station.

Based on the traditions of simplicity and modesty long fostered in the region that is its home—known as the land of *Koshi* (lofty ambition) by locals—Niigata University adheres to a far-reaching philosophy that emphasizes facilitating its students’ autonomy and creativity. The university also aims to bolster the enterprising spirit this international port city has developed. Accordingly, Niigata University engages in educational, research and social contribution activities with an eye to influencing academia worldwide, especially in the Pacific East Asian region. In doing so, the university is striving to help realize the peace and sound development of communities around the globe.

Denka has taken a similar tack in pursuit of its mission of “Taking on the challenge of expanding the possibilities of chemistry to create new value and contribute to sound social development” in line with its corporate philosophy, The Denka Value. To fulfill this mission, Denka is focusing its management resources on such growth fields as the environment, energy, infrastructure and healthcare while accelerating its business expansion strategies worldwide. Niigata Prefecture is home base for Denka’s Omi Plant, a key production facility based in Itoigawa City, and Denka Seiken Co., Ltd., a core subsidiary that manufactures influenza vaccines, diagnostic reagents and other pharmaceuticals in Gosen City, as well as a number of other Group companies. Moreover, in 2014, Denka acquired the naming rights to the Niigata Stadium and renamed it DENKA BIG SWAN STADIUM.

Niigata University and the Denka Group have a long history of collaboration on research projects led by the former’s Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Dentistry. With a solid track record of collaboration behind them, the two parties are now moving forward to accelerate next-generation technological development initiatives by stepping up comprehensive joint research. Simultaneously, the university and Denka will utilize this partnership as they aim to together contribute to the sound development of the local and international communities.



The signing ceremony (from left: Mr. Shinsuke Yoshitaka, President of Denka; Mr. Sugata Takahashi, President of Niigata University)