

## Opening Ceremony for Denka Life Innovation Research

Denka Company Limited (headquarters: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; president: Shinsuke Yoshitaka; hereinafter “Denka”) is please to announce that an opening ceremony for Denka Life Innovation Research Private Limited (DLIR) was held in Singapore on February 13.

The Singaporean government has been actively recruiting both domestic and overseas research institutions and business corporations with the aim of promoting biomedical science research. The biomedical research hub Biopolis is home to a large number of biomedical-related businesses, in addition to a laboratory run by Singapore’s Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A\*STAR). The setting is conducive for public-private collaborations with a focus on cutting-edge, vibrant R&D.

Since establishing a manufacturing plant of acetylene black in 1980, the Denka Group has maintained a production base in Singapore in addition to its Southeast Asian headquarters while expanding its business in the area. At present, we are strengthening our businesses in the region related to the health and life sciences field where sustained growth is expected. And, with the opening of the DLIR facility, we have ramped up efforts to promote open innovation. We have been accelerating R&D projects, including proprietary seasonal influenza vaccines prepared with recombinant protein production using plants and molecular diagnostic systems to easily diagnose Zika fever, Dengue fever and other tropical infectious diseases.

The celebratory party that followed the opening ceremony in the DLIR facility was attended by Dr. Beh Swan Gin, Chairman of the Singapore Economic Development Board, Mr. Lim Chuan Poh, Chairman of A\*STAR, other Singaporean government officials and a number of researchers. President Yoshitaka took the opportunity at the event to express the Group’s appreciation to the people of Singapore and Denka’s determination to contribute back to the society by introducing new technologies that will help humanity confront the issues they face, such as cancer and infectious diseases, with the aim of producing lifestyle innovations.

### **Reference:**

News release from July 26, 2016, entitled, “Denka to Establish a Life Science R&D Base in Biopolis in Singapore”:

[http://www.denka.co.jp/eng/news/pdf/20160726\\_DLIR\\_e.pdf](http://www.denka.co.jp/eng/news/pdf/20160726_DLIR_e.pdf)



DLIR opening ceremony (top)



Celebratory party (right) (from left, A\*STAR Chairman Lim Chuan Poh, President Yoshitaka, EDB Chairman Beh Swan Gin)

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