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## The Denka Group Donates Ebola Virus Rapid Diagnostic Test Kits to the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Denka Company Limited (hereinafter “Denka”) hereby announces that Denka Seiken Co., Ltd. (hereinafter “Denka Seiken”), a core Group subsidiary, donated prototype Ebola virus rapid diagnostic test kits (QuickNavi™ series) to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This donation was also announced by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) via a press release dated May 30, 2017 and posted on JICA’s website.

The aforementioned prototype was developed through joint research undertaken by Denka Seiken and Dr. Ayato Takada, a professor at Hokkaido University’s Division of Global Epidemiology, Research Center for Zoonosis Control. Diagnosis using this prototype requires no special equipment or electric device and is capable of confirming Ebola infection within approximately 15 minutes. Therefore, it is expected to allow healthcare specialists in areas with scarce resources, such as Congo, to effectively counter this critical disease.

Denka Seiken decided to donate these diagnostic test kits in response to its research partner Dr. Takada receiving a request from Dr. Noriaki Ikeda, a JICA specialist who has been seconded from the National Center for Global Health and Medicine to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Dr. Ikeda had learned of the Ebola virus outbreak on May 11, 2017, due to his position as an advisor for Congo’s Ministry of Public Health. The donated test kits will enable local medical practitioners to perform 400 rounds of testing.

In tandem with Hokkaido University, the Denka Group will push forward with its efforts to help resolve medical issues around the world by delivering solutions to ensure the prevention and early diagnosis of infectious diseases.

### Related links:

- JICA’s press release dated May 30, 2017  
“Japan’s technologies contribute to countermeasures against Ebola virus in Democratic Republic of the Congo”  
[https://www.jica.go.jp/press/2017/20170530\\_01.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/press/2017/20170530_01.html)
- Denka’s press release dated March 31, 2015  
“DENKA SEIKEN and Hokkaido University Develop a Rapid Antigen Detection Test Kit for Ebola Virus”  
[http://www.denka.co.jp/eng/news/pdf/20150331\\_ebolakit\\_eng.pdf](http://www.denka.co.jp/eng/news/pdf/20150331_ebolakit_eng.pdf)

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