

Denka Published the Video of Raw Material Supply for the Avigan®  
— Documentary to Restart the Production of Diethyl Malonate —

Denka Company Limited (headquarters: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; president: Manabu Yamamoto; hereinafter “Denka”) has published on its website a project video (approx. 8 min) about the supply of diethyl malonate, a raw material for the Avigan® Tablet, an antiviral drug that it is hoped will be a treatment for COVID-19. The video vividly tells the story of employees uniting to restart a facility in six weeks at the request of the government. The facility had been stopped for about three years. Denka invites all interested persons to view it.

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<https://www.denka.co.jp/covid-19/>

Denka, the only manufacturer of diethyl malonate in Japan, was given a letter of appreciation from the METI Minister at the end of last year, because of the company's work to increase the production of medical supplies and significantly contribute to the stabilization of people's lives during the COVID-19 pandemic, by quickly supplying the raw materials necessary to increase the government's Avigan® Tablet stockpile.

Denka recognizes that measures to address the COVID-19 pandemic are a social responsibility it bears. In addition to supplying diethyl malonate, it developed a COVID-19 rapid antigen test kit. Since its release in August last year, Denka has supplied the test kit to medical institutions nationwide, to improve their testing systems. Moving forward, Denka will advance research and development from a variety of angles. In order to meet pressing medical needs, it will also help expand prevention and testing systems to improve people's quality of life, with the goal of being a company truly necessary to society.

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## About Denka

Denka is a chemical manufacturer headquartered in Chuo-ku, Tokyo. The company specializes in developing business activities on a global scale across a wide range of fields, from inorganic and organic chemicals, to electronic materials and pharmaceuticals. Founded in 1915, Denka has steadily continued to develop and manufacture products that contribute to the development of society by fully utilizing its unique concepts and technological capabilities. Upholding its corporate slogan, “Possibility of chemistry,” the company and its president, Manabu Yamamoto, are committed to contributing to the sound development of the society while sincerely tackling the challenges that the society is now confronting.

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