

Denka Supplies COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test Kits to Japanese Government ~The kits will Contribute to Efforts for Preventing the Occurrence of Clusters and Stopping the Spread of Infections.~

Denka Company Limited (headquarters: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; president: Toshio Imai; hereinafter, "Denka") announces that it has decided to provide the QuickNavi™-COVID19 Ag COVID-19 antigen test kits (hereinafter the "Kits") for the distribution program that the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare is promoting to swiftly enhance an antigen test system as part of measures against COVID-19. Denka expects that the distribution program will result in the swift establishment of a test system for screening patients, including asymptomatic patients, at medical institutions and geriatric health services facilities, among other locations, as well as efforts for preventing the occurrence of clusters and bringing infections under control.

Denka has been making every effort to produce and supply the Kits since their release in August 2020. Given the growing need for test system enhancements nationwide to prevent COVID-19, Denka has decided to supply the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare with the Kits that Denka has in stock. If demand for the Kits, which features the quick verification of results (within 15 minutes), rises with the further expansion of the scope of the application of antigen test, Denka will respond to that demand by proactively increasing production. The impact on Denka's consolidated financial results for fiscal 2021 is being examined carefully.

Under its Denka Value-Up management plan, Denka has positioned the healthcare domain as a key area. In addition to producing influenza vaccines, viral antigen test kits and other products in the area of infectious diseases, Denka is now working to develop new businesses in the new field of cancer treatment. Going forward, Denka, while keeping the SDGs in mind as guidance, will continue to contribute to improving quality of life for people around the world through the development and production of products in the areas of prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Through these efforts, it will seek to create a company that is genuinely needed by society.

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, Toshio Imai, 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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