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**Provision of Ebola Virus Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Kits
to the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

— Confirmed the kit's reactivity to Bundibugyo ebolavirus in the current outbreak —

Denka Company Limited (Head Office: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; President and CEO: Ikuo Ishida) will provide 30,000 tests of the Ebola virus antigen rapid diagnostic kit, “QuickNavi™-Ebola” (hereinafter “this kit”), which it jointly developed with Professor Ayato Takada, Director of the International Research Institute for Zoonosis Control at Hokkaido University, to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

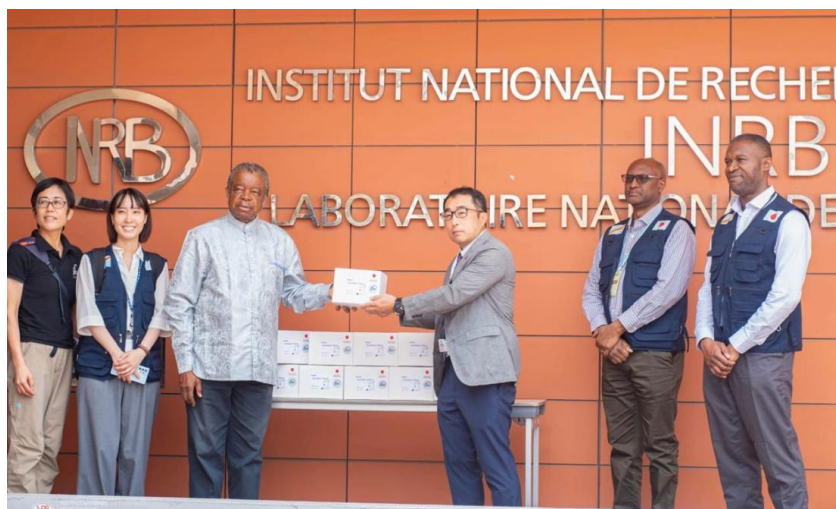
These kits are being provided at the request of the National Institute of Biomedical Research (INRB) of the DRC as part of the “Project for Strengthening One Health Surveillance for Early Detection, Alert and Response System of Viral Hemorrhagic Fever” that JICA is implementing in DRC and Zambia. An initial batch of 2,000 tests was recently provided as part of the total 30,000 tests. 550 of those 2,000 tests were handed over to INRB as an emergency response on September 22.

With the cooperation of Professor Takada, we have been providing a prototype of this kit to the DRC through JICA for research use since before 2018. It was used for initial testing during the emergence of the Ebola outbreak in Equateur Province of the country in May 2018. Later, it was also used concurrently with PCR testing during the outbreak in North Kivu Province and elsewhere in the country from 2018 to 2020, giving it a proven track record of use in the field. Based on this track record and evaluation, this kit obtained marketing approval in Japan by the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA), and it was approved for use in the DRC by that nation’s Ministry of Public Health, Hygiene and Social Welfare in June 2024.

Further, following confirmation of the current outbreak of Bundibugyo ebolavirus in the DRC, we promptly sent this kit to INRB, and it was confirmed that it reacts to the virus.

This kit can demonstrate diagnostic results in approximately 10 minutes, can be stored at room temperature, and requires no special equipment or devices. For these reasons, it can be used in remote areas that are far from cities and do not have adequate medical facilities. The use of this kit is expected to contribute to the prevention of the spread of infection by enabling an early response based on rapid diagnosis of cases of Ebola virus disease.

Under the “Mission 2030” management plan, we have positioned the healthcare business as one of our priority areas. We will continue to work on solving global healthcare issues through prevention and early diagnosis of infectious diseases and contribute to the improvement of people’s QOL.



At the handover ceremony



Ebola Virus Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Kit, “QuickNavi™-Ebola”

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