

## ORIX to Invest in Kyoto Biken Laboratories, Japan's Leading Manufacturer of Veterinary Vaccines

TOKYO, Japan – February 25, 2016 – ORIX Corporation ("ORIX"), a leading integrated financial services group, today announced that it intends to make equity investment in Kyoto Biken Laboratories, Inc. ("Kyoto Biken"), Japan's leading manufacturer of veterinary vaccines. ORIX plans to acquire 100% of total outstanding shares of Kyoto Biken by around the end of April, 2016.

Kyoto Biken is an independent pharmaceutical company that develops, manufactures and markets prophylactic vaccines against infectious diseases in cows, pigs, chickens, and other livestock as well as pet dogs and cats. The company was founded as Japan's first private-sector veterinary drug manufacturer in 1948. Since then, it has leveraged its R&D capabilities cultivated over many years and its know-how in vaccine manufacturing, which is regarded as a highly difficult area, to acquire the highest net sales for veterinary vaccines in Japan. In particular, Kyoto Biken boasts a market share in Japan exceeding 60% for bovine vaccines<sup>\*</sup>. Additionally, the company established a local subsidiary in Vietnam in 2011, putting in place a production and marketing base targeting China and Southeast Asia, where demand is expected to grow in the future.

In recent years, the veterinary drug industry has been going through reorganization, including spinoffs of veterinary drug divisions from general pharmaceutical companies in Japan into separate companies as well as business transfers. Cross-border business alliances have gradually started to increase, including non-Japanese manufacturers entering the Japanese market and Japanese manufacturers attempting to venture into overseas markets through mergers with foreign manufacturers and other means. Furthermore, prompted by changes in the international business environment after the TPP agreement comes into effect, Japanese livestock farmers are anticipated to accelerate the expansion to large operations, in order to increase production efficiency. It is thought that this in turn will boost demand for vaccines against infectious diseases.

While maintaining Kyoto Biken's management independence, ORIX will help increase its corporate value through measures to strengthen its financial base and support its overseas expansion, especially in Asia. Acknowledging the likelihood of further reorganization within the industry, ORIX will strive to strengthen its investee's position in the industry by seeking opportunities to invest in other prominent players for business alliance among its investees.

Going forward, ORIX will draw on the expertise it has developed thus far to support the growth of companies with stable business platforms, high-quality technologies and services, and further growth potential.

Overview of Kyoto Biken	
Company name:	Kyoto Biken Laboratories, Inc.
Representative:	Chiyo Naoe
Established:	June 1948
Address:	24-16 Makishima-cho, Uji City, Kyoto
Business locations: Five domestic locations; One overseas location (Vietnam)	
Number of employees: 258 (as of October 31, 2015)	
Business Scope:	Research and development, manufacturing, marketing, import and export of veterinary and

<sup>\*</sup> Source: "2014 Veterinary Drugs and Diseases of Concern Market Analysis and Outline of Market Trends," Fuji Keizai Co., Ltd.

# plant vaccines and drugsRevenues:c. 6.0 billion yen (year ended December 2015)Website:http://www.kyotobiken.co.jp/english/index.html

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