

## JAPAN

December began energetically on the 4<sup>th</sup> of the month with the 8<sup>th</sup> Japan Affiliate Winter Meeting in Shin-Osaka. The program included an excellent pharmaceutical industry-oriented address in the Japanese language by an invited speaker from the Embassy of Singapore in front of a full house of approximately 150 industry specialists and event organizers.

The Meeting program proceeded with a variety of speakers and reports, as well as an interesting overview provided by Messrs. Osamu Matsumoto and Shigeru Nakamura of the recent 2009 US Plant Tour by Affiliate members. As always, the day concluded with the very popular Networking Reception.

On December 10<sup>th</sup>, the 22<sup>nd</sup> SAM & GMP Meeting at ASUKA Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. was held comprising presentation, plant tour and reception, with a full complement of 50 registrants in attendance.

On January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> the Chubu Regional Meeting was held consisting of:

- Mie Prefecture Industrial Research Institute facility tour
- Dainippon Sumitomo Pharma Co., Ltd.'s Suzuka Plant tour, lecture and networking reception.

On January 30<sup>th</sup> the Kick-off Seminar for prospective CIP applicants from Japan took place at the Japan Affiliate Office, Yushima, Tokyo, with eight persons from diverse pharmaceutical organizations registered.

Throughout the months of December and January, volunteers from the Affiliate's COPs proceeded enthusiastically with translating into the Japanese language the ISPE Baseline Guide: Volume 2 - Oral Dosage Forms, the original document having been launched at the San Diego November 2009 Annual Meeting. Meanwhile, further volunteers were actively sought to translate the ISPE Good Practice Guide: Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC).

From now, the efforts of Affiliate Officers and staff will be directed at the development of the schedule and execution of the 2010 Annual Meeting, the Affiliate's very international meeting to be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in Tokyo.

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