

S24-6 **Future prospect of the Pharmaceutical Society of Japan and education in graduate school**

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The Pharmaceutical Society of Japan informs proper knowledge of pharmaceuticals, provides occasions for making relationship between scientists for the development of novel medicines, and educates future talented persons who would carry new drug development. Although the major participants of the annual meeting are the scientists from companies and universities, university students especially graduate students have attended about quarter of participants and presented their studies at the meeting. By the way, the 6-year education program of pharmaceutical department started in 2006 has caused drastic changes in education systems not only under graduate but also graduate schools. Universities providing both 4-year and 6-year programs are preparing Pharmaceutical Science course of graduate school starting on 2010 and doctoral course for the bachelors finished 6-year program on 2012. And a number of universities providing only 6-year program will also prepare the 4-year doctoral program. Therefore, the number of student participants of the annual meeting will be decreased in near future. For the undergraduate students in 6-year program, the presentation occasions will be practical in their 5th year, although it is ambiguous for them to spend enough time for preparing their graduation thesis works. To activate the annual meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society of Japan, we have to concern seriously about the system of student membership, presentation way, and taking advantages of activities in the Society Branches.