

Special Symposium Organized by the PSJ Board of Council

The undergraduate pharmaceutical education system including extension of school years and content of curricula is currently undergoing drastic changes in Japan. Accordingly, the Pharmaceutical Society of Japan(PSJ) Board of Council is organizing this half-day symposium to focus on the anticipated new changes in pharmaceutical research and the graduate school system. First, we will present various aspects of current Japan's pharmaceutical research (manpower, money allocated, output, etc.). Then we will consider and discuss our future position in Japanese sciences, our future contributions to pharmaceutical sciences worldwide, the new graduate school system, and the more influential output of our research achievements. We hope to make a greater commitment and contributions to society and play a more important role in the academic world.

The keynote speakers include Profs. E. Kimura (President of the PSJ), T. Kawasaki (PSJ Committee member for the Japan Science Council), Y. Sugiyama (International Pharmaceutical Federation, Chairman of the Board of Pharmaceutical Sciences), T. Horiuchi (PSJ Chairman of Medicinal Pharmaceutical Sciences), Mr. K. Kitayama (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology), Profs. Y. Kirino (Dean, Tokyo University Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences), and Y. Nomura (Editor-in-Chief, Biological and Pharmaceutical Bulletin).