Message from Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research to the Member of Pharmaceutical Society

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The distribution system for the research expenses by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science has a very long history and has supported the activities based on the free way of thinking and research volition of researchers for all the learning fields. In order to carry out a fairer examination and evolution of this research expense support, the system research center of the Society was established in 2002 based on a proposal by the Council for Science and Technology Policy.

This center aimed at various reforms such as improvement of the examination system and selection method of judging the committee's members themselves as well as performing an examination and evolution of all the issues to which Japan Society for the Promotion of Science is related regarding proposal and advice to enterprises at large and surveillance studies about the Society and scientific research trends.

In this lecture, I will talk about the importance of the supporting system for the members of the Japan Pharmaceutical Society, especially young researchers, who are eager to do research work and development, even if it is a fundamental academic one, present conditions, and development in the field of pharmaceutical sciences.