

## S43-5 Progress of Accreditation of Japanese Pharmacy Degrees in 2008

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In response to the social needs of the society towards pharmacists as professionals, the six-year pharmacy education system, which needs for a mandatory registration examination to become a licensed pharmacist, was established by the “Pharmacists Law” and the “Fundamentals of Education Act” in the academic year 2006. In accordance with the amendment of the “Fundamentals of Education Act”, it is obligatory us to construct an accreditation system for the six-year pharmacy education in Japan. Then the committee for accreditation system for pharmacy education in Japan was set up to investigate the accreditation system and to draw up a draft of the evaluation standards. The draft was distributed in the end of January 2007 to ask feedback from each pharmaceutical university and had been brushed up, then established as “Standards 2007 for Pharmaceutical Education” in December 6, 2007. The Japan Accreditation Board for Pharmaceutical Education (JAPHE) was set up in December 2008. JAPHE has been preparing guides for self-study in 2009.