Building Ecosystem to Create Innovation in Life Science

LINK-J (Life Science Innovation Network Japan) builds platforms centered in Nihonbashi for networking and exchanging information with people around the world. We serve people involved in life science research and its industry in the broad sense including preventative, presymptomatic and health and longevity medicine such as regenerative medicine, precision medicine, drug development, medical devices and healthcare IT.

By encouraging the activation and creation of an innovative life science industry in Japan and the world, we contribute to the larger vision of a society where we can live healthily and happily.

Meet with key operators. Attend events & programs to aid product development of your concepts.

**Guideline for LINK-J**

**STEP 1**

Come Together

Promoting collaboration between members and various international organizations

**STEP 2**

Connect

Networking events for various subfields within the life science field

**STEP 3**

Grow

Acceleration programs for entrepreneurs and startups

**STEP 4**

Take off

Matching and pitching events for funding procurement and alliance building

Tokyo Nihonbashi and Osaka Doshomachi have been pharmaceutical districts for 400 years.

**Tokyo Nihonbashi**

LINK-J is headquartered in Nihonbashi, Tokyo, the historic area of Tokyo where Japan’s leading pharmaceutical companies have had headquarters for the past 400 years and where expertise in the life science field comes together.

Nihonbashi is located in central Tokyo, where information, people and investors meet from all over the world. Visitors enjoy the urban environment which gives them access to many commercial and lodging facilities. We create and distribute information from Nihonbashi, this historically and geographically unique place.

Many Japanese representative pharmaceutical companies have their roots in Osaka Doshomachi. There are also many excellent life sciences related to universities and research organizations in this area.

LINK-J further accelerates the real exchange between people across fields in this area where a variety of life sciences related businesses, such as pharmaceutical, medical equipment, regenerative medicine, and health related service, are being developed through the mutual cooperation between industry, academia, and government.
**EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

LINK-J creates networking and collaboration opportunities (Steps 1 & 2) and guiding and supporting (Steps 3 & 4) activities to build an ecosystem that fosters innovation. We help commercialize or develop ideas and concepts into products by organically connecting key players in the life science field such as startups, large corporations, academia and venture capital through organizing events and programs.

510+ Events/year

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**Large Symposiums**

We organize symposiums with 300-500 attendees throughout the year. We invite leaders in the field to discuss wide-ranging issues related to regenerative medicine, AI, medical devices, genomes, cancer, etc.

- Possibilities of Genome: The Challenge to Create a New Industry (2018)
- Innovation in Cancer Medicine (2019)
- Cell Therapy and Gene Therapy—Beyond Gene Analysis (2020)

**Networkings**

We host evening networking events with our LINK-J Supporters, who are entrepreneurs and experienced professionals in the fields of research and development, management, law and finance. We also host and co-host many global-scale events and receptions with international universities and corporations such as UC San Diego and many European and North American organizations.

Networking Events
- UCSD
- UCLA
- Princeton University

Seminars with Embassies and Governments
- San Diego
- Queensland, Australia
- Sweden
- Israel

**Business Tours**

We regularly host tours to visit the world’s life science clusters. You can experience each region’s cutting-edge research and network.

- Singapore Life Science Business Tour
- Eurobiomed Southern France Business Tour
- San Diego Tour

**Acceleration Programs**

We organize programs such as “Out of Box Consulting Room” to discuss research concepts for free and “SAND BOX” which creates results through collaboration of a collective of students and young people from diverse backgrounds. We also organize our own pitch contest as well as co-sponsor entrepreneurial support programs hosted by venture capitals and accelerators with complementary agendas such as ZENTECH DOJO NIHONBASHI” (Sponsor: INDEE Japan) and “BRAVE” (Sponsor: Beyond Next Ventures).
A wide range of key players from industry, government, and academia have joined us. Fields represented include pharmaceuticals, regenerative medicine, medical devices, education and research, healthcare services, consulting, venture capital, intellectual property and law (as of Mar 2021).

Membership A 57
Membership B 292
Membership C 144

There are 3 types of LINK-J memberships: A, B, C. Membership A is for corporations with 100+ employees. Membership B is for corporations with up to 100 employees including startups and non-profit organizations (Universities, Research institute). Membership C is for individuals.

The A and B memberships allow for the member organizations to use conference rooms and temporary working rooms for hosting meetings, events and receptions.

**Membership A** (Corporations)
- Corporations with 100+ employees
- Enrollment fee: 100,000 yen
- Annual fee: 500,000 yen

**Membership B** (Corporations and NPOs)
- Corporations with up to 100 employees
- Non-profit organizations (Universities, Research institute)
- Enrollment fee: 30,000 yen
- Annual fee: 120,000 yen

**Membership C** (Individuals)
- Individuals such as doctors
- Employees and providers of corporations and organizations
- Employees and providers of non-profit organizations
- College and graduate students
- Enrollment fee: 2,000 yen
- Annual fee: 3,000-30,000 yen

**Benefits**
- Events and Programs (Members’ special price)
- Networking
- Consulting by LINK-J Supporters
- Use of the LINK-J Exclusive Communication Lounge (Complimentary)
- Use of the Service Office (Separate contracts required)
- Events and programs notification service on the LINK-J website and via e-mail
- Publication on the homepage, brochure, etc.
- Private use of the LINK-J Exclusive Communication Lounge (Members’ special price)
- Use of the conference room or temporary working room (Members’ special price)
LINKJ will continue to provide valuable information and increased chances for networking in collaboration with renowned institutions, organizations and universities across the world.

16 Collaborations

Domestic and International Collaborations

We have agreed on partnering with 16 organizations including universities around the world. We collaborate through hosting programs and events, exchanging publications, materials and information, providing services to each member, visiting, joint hosting and/or sponsorship of activities and collaborating on advertisements.

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Our activities are supported by management advisory committee members and supporters who possess specialized expertise and experience. The management advisory committee is composed of industry leaders who strongly support us with their broad-based knowledge and experience. They also offer strategic advice to the Board of Directors.

LINK-J has recruited a number of supporters, people with knowledge spanning diverse fields and whose skill sets range from research and development to management, law and finance. Our supporters, who include entrepreneurs and experts, participate in many of the events that we organize together and offer one-on-one advice to LINK-J special members.

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We operate conference rooms and communication lounges for the exclusive use of LINK-J members located in the middle of Nihonbashi, an easily accessible center of business. We help you build a new network and create your new business in a bright and open atmosphere.

**Conference Rooms**

There are various sized rooms that can be used for meetings, lectures, seminars, happy hours, special events, etc. These spaces are also equipped with sound and audio-visual facilities necessary for presentations. (Some incur extra charges)
- Nihonbashi Life Science Hub
- Nihonbashi Life Science Building
- Nihonbashi Life Science Building2
- Lifescience Hub West
- GLOBAL LIFESCIENCE HUB

**Communication Lounges**

The LINK-J Communication Lounge is exclusively for members. There are books, complementary drinks and snacks. The 10th floor lounge in Nihonbashi Life Science Building and foyer area of the Nihonbashi Life Science Hub is available for meets-and-greets, receptions, etc.
- Nihonbashi Life Science Hub
- Nihonbashi Life Science Building (1st and 10th floors)
- Ueno Building
- Tsuho Building
- Lifescience Hub West
- GLOBAL LIFESCIENCE HUB

**Temporary Working Rooms**

On the 3rd floor of the Nihonbashi Life Science Building, there is a space that can be reserved on a per-day basis. (Up to 7 days)

**Serviced Offices**

We offer a wide-range of possibilities from secured individual booths to open desks and are pleased to accommodate your needs. You can also register this location as your office. This space is also furnished and does not require a deposit allowing you to keep your startup fee low.
- 5th floor, Nihonbashi Life Science Building
- Ueno Building
- Tsuho Building
- Lifescience Hub West
- GLOBAL LIFESCIENCE HUB

**Offices and Laboratories**

We rent out small to large sized offices to adjust to the size of your business. The wet lab facilities are necessary for practical application of research results and creation of innovation.
Nihonbashi Life Science Facilities are located in a convenient location that is about a 10-minute walk from Tokyo station and is accessible with many subway lines. Nihonbashi is also a place with a high concentration of commercial facilities with many historic buildings while being a robust hub of business activities.

We invite you to creatively innovate with us!