

## Japan boosts native life science biz via virtual access for global audience

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**First-of-its-kind virtual membership options enhance access to iPark's scientific and business expertise to life science pioneers in Japan, Asia, and across the world**



Japan's pioneering life science organizations seeking to navigate Japanese market entry gained a new pathway. Shonan Health Innovation Park (Shonan iPark) has announced new membership offerings for innovation and expansion-focused life science organizations.

This is the first time a Japan-based life science park has offered a virtual membership to a global audience, creating an innovation hub to advance new scientific discoveries and business milestones.

Shonan iPark is the first state-of-the-art mixed-model science park in Japan. It enables advances in areas such as rare disease, regenerative medicine, and neuroscience. It convenes private and public sector organizations and academic institutions that range in business type and size, aiming to be a space where health innovation can be accelerated.

Shonan iPark houses over 110 companies and 2,000 pre-clinical researchers across pharma, next-generation technologies, AI, venture capital, and government-related organizations. New virtual membership plans have now been launched with two converging forces in mind—ongoing travel restrictions due to COVID, and the industry-wide desire by life science leaders to continue innovation, growth, and market expansion during this difficult time.

The new membership plans offer life science companies a range of onsite and virtual membership options—from a free membership to premium onsite campus and laboratory access, consulting services, and online collaboration. The new virtual membership is for overseas entities seeking to tap into Japanese expansion and business partnerships faster—offering tailored business partnership matchmaking, access to regulatory support, mentoring consulting services, and a host of other benefits.

New membership and pricing details can be found here: [Shonan iPark Virtual Membership](#)

Dr. Toshio Fujimoto, General Manager of Shonan iPark says, "iPark has become both a premier virtual and physical collaborative innovation space, serving life science pioneers in Japan, Asia, and the world. We are driving key innovation initiatives and strategic partnerships to accelerate the building of life science ecosystems - all right here in Shonan, Japan. For life science pioneers, "speed to the market" is a critical success factor. With this new membership, we hope to offer a new

pathway so that biotech companies can leverage local and regional dynamics to realize cross-border success".