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Korea's IVI inks MoU with Moderna for vaccine R&D

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To pursue joint research and development and accelerate vaccines for infectious diseases



South Korea-based International Vaccine Institute (IVI) and US-based Moderna have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a partnership for collaborative vaccine research and development (R&D).

“IVI welcomes this partnership agreement with Moderna to pursue joint research and development and accelerate vaccines for infectious diseases with high disease burden. With IVI’s aim to drive innovative vaccine technology from need to global health impact, we look forward to working closely with a biotech company on the leading edge like Moderna,” said Dr Jerome Kim, Director General of IVI.

Dr Paul Burton, Chief Medical Officer, Moderna said, “In March 2022, we announced our commitment to expand our global public health portfolio to 15 vaccine programs targeting priority pathogens that threaten global health, advancing these vaccines into clinical studies by 2025. Collaboration is a vital part in helping to achieve this vision.”

Dr Kim and Dr Burton signed the MoU at IVI headquarters in Seoul, Republic of Korea following discussions on possible areas of future collaboration. IVI’s commitment to prioritizing poverty-associated infectious diseases led to the world’s first affordable oral cholera vaccine and a new-generation typhoid conjugate vaccine. Priority disease areas also include chikungunya, shigella, salmonella, schistosomiasis, Group A Strep, Hepatitis E, HPV, and COVID-19 in addition to global health issues such as antimicrobial resistance.