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ICH: GCG Activities in the Life Sciences Innovation Forum

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Background

- Life Sciences Innovation Forum
 - A tripartite mechanism
 - Working to address key health challenges in the APEC region
 - Striving for a more holistic approach to life sciences development

Timeline

- October 2002: Ministers & Leaders launched LSIF in Los Cabos, Mexico
- November 2004: Ministers & Leaders approve Strategic Plan in Santiago, Chile
- November 2005-present: Strategic Plan implementation phase
- Annual LSIF meeting

LSIF V Review

- LSIF V: “Developing an Integrated and Innovative Approach to Emerging Health Challenges”
- Adelaide, Australia, April 19-20, 2007
- Developed the five key themes for dialogue between LSIF experts and finance and health Senior Officials
- Recommended the creation of a multidisciplinary study on investment in health and innovation

LSIF V Review

Five Themes for Dialogue with Senior Officials

- With the continuing challenges in chronic and communicable diseases and rapid ageing, health issues are becoming central to economic and social viability
- There is a need for an integrated approach across many disciplines to address these central health, economic and financial challenges
- Increased, and/or more cost effective, investment in health innovation is likely to be necessary in all economies
- Prevention, early detection and early intervention will require higher priority in all economies
- Building and making effective use of public-private partnerships can contribute to addressing these challenges

LSIF VI Goals and Priorities

- Hold meetings between LSIF experts and the health and finance senior officials
- Develop the multidisciplinary study on investment in health innovations
- Continue the strong progress of the ongoing implementation projects and LSIF associated projects
 - Anti-counterfeiting Health Products Seminars
 - ICH Quality Guidelines Training Workshop
 - Drug Development in Clinical Trials Workshop
 - Convergence of Certificate of Pharmaceutical Products Seminar
 - Seminar on the Harmonization of Medical Device Regulation
- Encourage the establishment of pilot projects aligned with the LSIF strategic plan implementation report
- Development of a framework for implementation of the strategic plan with a checklist of actions/measures

LSIF VI Goals and Priorities

- Thailand is proposing two items for discussion at LSIF VI:
 - quality control and quality assurance (QCQA) for products from adult stems cells. The goal is to anticipate the technological advances that may make these products more widely available. In 2009, Thailand may propose a workshop or conference on QCQA for these products with APEC funding.
 - Proposed workshop in Thailand on the “Bangkok Model” of community health service systems for the elderly.

Looking Ahead

- LSIF VI – August 14-15 2008, Lima, Peru
- Points for discussion and input:
 - Meeting with Health Senior Officials
 - Multidisciplinary study
 - Tripartite pilot project with an interested economy to examine the enabling conditions for investment in the life sciences sector
 - A framework for implementation of the strategic plan with a checklist of enablers of investment checklist

Request

- A senior level QCQA expert on stem cell products to participate on a panel on this subject at LSIF VI
- Experts for the China funded ICH quality guidelines training meeting in Beijing in November 2008.
- Invitation to join LSIF VI, Lima, Peru
August 14-15, 2008

Thank you for your attentions

