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Japanese CROs collaborate to attract more business

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Two contract research organizations (CROs) in Japan have signed a multi-year consulting service agreement that should enhance their attractiveness to international animal health business clients in the Japanese market.

The agreement is between AHRMS, the Tokyo-based regulatory and marketing consultancy led by president and chief executive Yuki Ujimasa and the Research Institute for Animal Science in Biochemistry and Toxicology (RIAS), which is located in Sagami City, Kanagawa, under president Dr Tomiharu Manda.

RIAS has a long track record in providing many kinds of studies for animal health products in Japan, and is the only laboratory in the country authorized to conduct rabies antibody tests according to the national import and export quarantine regulation protocols for dogs and other animals.

The new agreement, concluded in June 2013, will see RIAS extend its regulatory consulting services to animal health companies outside Japan as well as the domestic market, with the regulatory advice, technical support, and experience in product registration provided by AHRMS.

The two CROs said the collaboration will enable the combined operation to better contribute to animal health industry clients worldwide in registering animal health medicinal products and medical devices.