ASIA ARO Network Workshop
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Abstract
This ASIA ARO Network Workshop was held as part of 4th Annual Japan ARO Council Meeting. The Japan ARO Council was established in 2013. It arose from the national TR (translational research) promotion program started in 2004, which is currently consolidated as the “Project of Translational and Clinical Research Core Centers” by the Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED). 14 AROs have already been established, and are facilitating medical innovation within Japan.

The aim of this Workshop is to share each country’s situation, discuss the roadmap and milestone needed to conduct clinical studies in global standardization and harmonization, and create an image of the network we are going to establish. Our ultimate goal is to contribute to the formation of the system to apply for and to obtain concurrent pharmaceutical approvals worldwide. As a first step, we have discussed the possibility of applying for the ECRIN (European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network) Data Center Certification, and to share the protocol template provided from ECRIN among Asian AROs. We will continue to focus on building up the ARO network not only in Asian countries, but also to Europe and the United States (U.S.) in the near future.

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