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## **Launch of Nippon Shokubai Group Open Innovation Center**

### **Accelerating Innovation through Collaboration with Nippon Nyukazai and Nippoh Chemicals**

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NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD. (Head Office: Chuo-ku, Osaka; President&CEO: Kazuhiro Noda; hereinafter “Nippon Shokubai”) has launched the activities of the Nippon Shokubai Group Open Innovation Center (hereinafter “the Center”) on August 1, 2025, in collaboration with NIPPON NYUKAZAI CO., LTD. (hereinafter “Nippon Nyukazai”) and NIPPOH CHEMICALS CO., LTD. (hereinafter “Nippoh Chemicals”), to strengthen inter-group cooperation and accelerate the creation of new products and businesses.

The Center is designed to maximize group-wide synergies by integrating the technologies, expertise, and human resources of each Nippon Shokubai Group, with a strong focus on “open innovation.”

As the first initiative, the Center will begin developing new products for the growing electronics market, driving the creation of innovative solutions that meet next-generation needs.

Looking ahead, the Center plans to expand its open innovation activities to include other group companies, further accelerating value creation across the entire Nippon Shokubai Group.

#### **【Purpose and Expected Outcomes】**

- Creation of new products and businesses through the integration of diverse technologies and expertise across group companies
- Development of human resources through enhanced inter-company collaboration

#### **【Main Activities】**

- Planning of new R&D themes and business concepts through collaboration between R&D members of each group company
- Technical verification and business feasibility evaluation through demonstration experiments

#### **【Center Overview】**

Name: Nippon Shokubai Group Open Innovation Center

Location: R&D Center, Kawasaki Office, Nippon Nyukazai

Start of Operations: August 1, 2025

#### **【Company Overview: Nippon Nyukazai】**

Name: NIPPON NYUKAZAI CO., LTD.

Head Office: Ibasen Bldg., 4-1 Nihonbashi Kobuna-cho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo

Established: May 1953

Representative: President, Hisakazu Fujita

Business Description: Manufacture and sale of surfactants and chemical products

Shareholder: Nippon Shokubai (100%)

Website: <https://www.nipponnyukazai.co.jp/english/>

#### 【Company Overview: Nippoh Chemicals】

Name: NIPPOH CHEMICALS CO., LTD.

Head Office: Neo Kawai Bldg., 4-8-15, Nihonbashi-Honchou, Chuo-ku, Tokyo

Established: October 1948

Representative: President, Takashi Tomita

Business Description: Manufacture and sale of iodine, cyano compounds, pharmaceutical and agrochemical raw materials, flame retardants, and optical/electronic information materials

Shareholder: Nippon Shokubai (84.7%)

Website: <https://www.npckk.co.jp/english/>

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