

Abstract of Presentation

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Presentation Title(Should be no more than 20 words):

Japan’s new program to establish an international research network for infectious diseases

Abstract (Should be no more than 150 words):

The program was commenced in 2005 with an outline for Japanese universities and research institutions to establish bilateral collaboration research bases in countries where emerging and reemerging infections are breaking out or will likely break out. So far, six universities and two institutions are participating in the program and ten collaboration bases have been established in six countries (five in Asia and one in Africa). Each research base aims to contribute to the security and safety of the partner and own countries by facilitating better understanding of infectious diseases, technology innovation in diagnosis, therapy and prevention, and human resources development. A center was set up to network the research bases and execute the program efficiently. The program should be implemented over the long run but not be based on a short-time perspective. The network should be expanded by establishing some more overseas research bases. Thus, secure funding is a major issue.