TÜV Rheinland Japan begins working with Fukushima Prefecture in the field of medical equipment
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TÜV International and Fukushima Prefecture concluded Memorandum of Understanding last year

In October 2015, TÜV International GmbH concluded a memorandum of understanding with Fukushima Prefecture regarding cooperation and collaboration in the field of medical equipment. On 7 January 2016, Mr Holger Kunz, President of TÜV Rheinland Japan, paid a courtesy visit to Toshiyuki Hata, Deputy Governor of Fukushima Prefecture to talk about specific plans for their future work together.

TÜV Rheinland Japan is helping with the development and establishment of the "Fukushima Medical Device Development Support Center", which is scheduled to be completed in the autumn of 2016. Both parties also plan to participate in the mutual exchange and development of human resources. TÜV Rheinland Japan and the Center’s laboratories will cooperate between the two parties' testing facilities, and provide mutual support for the users of these facilities. TÜV Rheinland Japan is also committed to supporting Fukushima medical equipment-related companies in both domestic and overseas development by leveraging on TÜV Rheinland's global network.

During the courtesy visit, Mr. Kunz and Mr. Hata exchanged ideas about how TÜV Rheinland Group and the Prefecture
may cooperate on future planned activities. Mr. Hata said
"We are pleased to strengthen our collaboration with TÜV
Rheinland Group, one of the world's largest independent
certification bodies, in the field of medical equipment. This
collaboration aims to foster the development of medical
device industry in Japan and Germany."

Mr. Kunz added, "We are pleased to support the medical
equipment-related companies in Fukushima Prefecture in
their development for the Japanese and global markets.
Moving forward, we are eager to strengthen our
cooperation with Fukushima Prefecture in the field of
renewable energy, such as solar and wind power."

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