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## **Daiichi Sankyo Participates in Establishment of Global Health Innovative Technology Fund**

**Tokyo, Japan (April 8, 2013)** – Daiichi Sankyo Company, Limited (hereafter, Daiichi Sankyo) today announced that it has participated in the establishment as well as contributed to the Global Health Innovative Technology Fund (hereafter, GHIT Fund), which aims to promote the research and development of new medicines, vaccines, and diagnostics in Japan to fight infectious diseases in the developing world.

It is estimated that over 1 billion of the world's poorest of the poor suffer from HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, and neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). To eliminate these diseases, highly effective/low-cost medicines, vaccines, and diagnostics are much needed. The GHIT Fund is the first public-private partnership of its kind in Japan to aim to contribute to global health. The establishment of the GHIT Fund is supported by a consortium of Japanese pharmaceutical companies (Astellas Pharma Inc.; Eisai Co., Ltd.; Shionogi & Co., Ltd.; and Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Ltd.) including Daiichi Sankyo, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Government of Japan.

As a company with a global operational presence, Daiichi Sankyo is extending its social contribution activities, such as the establishment of mobile healthcare field clinics service in India, Cameroon, and Tanzania, to developing countries with the aim of contributing to the realization of the United Nation's global Millennium Development Goals. Daiichi Sankyo's participation in the GHIT Fund is part of its initiative to improve access to medicine in developing countries and contribute to the healthy and fulfilling lives of people throughout the world.

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### **About the Global Health Innovative Technology Fund (GHIT Fund)**

The Global Health Innovative Technology Fund (GHIT Fund) is an international non-profit organization aimed to advance the research and development (R&D) of new health technologies from Japan to fight infectious diseases prevalent specifically in the developing world, including HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, and neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). Established as a public-private partnership between the Government of Japan, a consortium of pharmaceutical companies and the Bill & Melinda

Gates Foundation, the GHIT Fund facilitates and funds the R&D of new health technologies through partnership creation and grant-making activities. To learn more about GHIT Fund, please see [www.ghitfund.org](http://www.ghitfund.org).

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