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Zeon and University of Hyogo Conclude Agreement for Collaboration and Cooperation

Zeon Corporation

University of Hyogo, Hyogo Public University Corporation

Zeon Corporation (Zeon; head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President and CEO: Tetsuya Toyoshima) and the University of Hyogo, Hyogo Public University Corporation (University of Hyogo; Nishi-ku, Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture; Chancellor: Soichiro Kokui) have concluded a collaboration and cooperation agreement to promote the development and exchange of human resources, joint research, and social implementation, as well as other activities, across a wide range of fields. We will accelerate our efforts to address social issues through industry-academia collaboration.

Since August 2022, Zeon has been working with the University of Hyogo at the Innovation Salon, set up within the University’s Advanced Medical Engineering Research Institute, to explore new businesses in Healthcare and Life Science, one of the Four Key Areas of Zeon’s Medium-Term Business Plan STAGE 30. The abovementioned agreement was concluded to further advance these activities by promoting and accelerating diverse collaborations across organizations and areas.

Zeon and the University of Hyogo will endeavor to address social issues through industry-academia collaboration on the development and exchange of human resources, promotion of joint research, and social implementation.



University of Hyogo President Makoto Kosaka (right), and Zeon Corporation President and CEO Tetsuya Toyoshima (left)

1. Date of Agreement

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2. Items of Collaboration and Cooperation

- (1) Establishment of a joint research chair and other activities for conducting joint research and developing and exchanging researchers and managers.
- (2) Development of intellectual property strategies for commercialization, and the development and exchange of human resources to support startup ventures and other activities.
- (3) Promotion of diverse collaborations across organizations and areas for the commercialization and social implementation of research results, as well as research on new regulations and legal systems required for that purpose, and implementation of demonstration projects.

Overview of the University of Hyogo

Established in 2004 through the merger of the Kobe University of Commerce, Himeji Institute of Technology, and College of Nursing Art and Science Hyogo, the University of Hyogo is focused on creating new knowledge by promoting the fusion of different fields of study as well as developing diverse and distinctive cutting-edge education and research in collaboration with world-leading national and prefectural research facilities, such as the SPring-8 large synchrotron radiation facility and the Fugaku supercomputer.

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