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Evonik Japan Co., Ltd.
RIKEN Innovation Co., Ltd.

Evonik signed a membership with RIKEN to explore co-creating opportunity

Evonik Industries AG and RIKEN Innovation Co., Ltd. have agreed that Evonik will join the membership with RIKEN, which allows Evonik to have more access to their networks and interactions with the scientists and resources of RIKEN, a leading national research and development institute in Japan. The purpose of the agreement is to search for new concepts to create an ideal, healthy environment for the benefit of future society.

Evonik will discuss further and identify innovation opportunities with RIKEN. As a start, Evonik and RIKEN will set targets on RIKEN's incubated start-ups to discuss whether they can identify appropriate innovative seeds with their technical competencies. Discussions on the key themes of "Healthcare" and "Digitalization" have already started. In addition, Evonik also plans to actively scout potential co-innovation activities with RIKEN R&D network.

Yoshihiro Aburatani, CEO of RIKEN Innovation Co., Ltd., commented, "We expect this co-creation agreement with Evonik will bring us chances to work more closely through one of RIKEN's start-ups and hopefully result in a great industry-academia collaboration."

Dr. Florian Kirschner, President of Evonik Group in Japan, commented, "For Evonik, innovation is a key driver to growth. We are very pleased to be working with RIKEN, the Japan's largest research institute, to expand our innovation network in Japan."

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About RIKEN Innovation Co., Ltd. On September 5, 2015, RIKEN Innovation was established as a company wholly owned by RIKEN under a new law to promote science, technology, and innovation. RIKEN Innovation cooperates and collaborates closely with RIKEN, having the mission of rapidly returning research results as value to society and contributing to Japanese innovation. For details, see <https://www.innovation-riken.jp/en>.

Company information

Evonik is one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals. The company is active in more than 100 countries around the world and generated sales of €12.2 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of €1.91 billion in 2020. Evonik goes far beyond chemistry to create innovative, profitable and sustainable solutions for customers. About 33,000 employees work together for a common purpose: We want to improve life today and tomorrow.

Asia Pacific is a strong driving force of the global economy and an important source of innovation. Consequently Evonik endeavors to further grow its business in the region. Sales reached €2.87 billion in 2020 and the company employs over 5,000 people at more than 50 production sites in Asia Pacific.

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