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SCP/38 JPAA Statement

Agenda 9. Transfer of technology

− Study on best practices and challenges in technology transfer in the health and green technology sectors focusing on industry-academia collaboration, considering national and international regulatory frameworks (Document **SCP/38/9**)

JPAA Statement on SCP/38/9

(1) JPAA expresses its appreciation to the Secretariat for preparing this document. JPAA welcomes the establishment of systems and mechanisms that promote technology transfer.

(2) In Japan, on June 12, 2026, the Intellectual Property Strategy Headquarters, headed by the Prime Minister, published the Intellectual Property Strategic Program 2026 – Promoting IP Strategies that Support Growth Strategies. Among the important items for Japan's industrial development, the promotion of social implementation through industry–academia collaboration is highlighted. To maximize opportunities for social implementation of university intellectual property and create a virtuous cycle of funding, the program states that efforts will be made to disseminate the University IP Governance Guidelines, understand the realities of industry–academia collaboration, and collect, analyze, and publish best practices.

(3) JPAA believes that licensing terms, including exclusivity and remuneration, should be tailored to the nature and development stage of each technology and the investment required for commercialization. In Japan, in addition to the University IP Governance Guidelines mentioned above, the JPO has published model agreements covering licensing arrangements between universities and university startups. JPAA also supports the commercialization of academic research through collaboration with universities and the publication of practical guidance on licensing and other intellectual property matters, including its recent Intellectual Property Guidebook for Biotechnology and Life Sciences.

(4) JPAA engages in activities related to technology transfer both domestically and internationally, including providing free consultation services on foreign patent systems and intellectual property rights. These activities aim to support companies and individuals considering overseas rights acquisition or contract negotiation and contribute to economic and industrial development.

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