

## Press Release

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### Launch of Nittobo NI-Tech Laboratory

We are pleased to announce that we have opened a new laboratory called Nittobo NI-Tech with a view to conducting collaborative research with academic institutions both at home and abroad to create unique diagnostic technologies and solutions in the King Skyfront district in Kawasaki City. It has been launched as an external laboratory to further enhance the function of the Medical Newtech Strategy Office at the Research and Development Headquarters, which was established in June last year with the aim of bolstering research capacity and capability of the Medical Division.

Nittobo NI-Tech was newly set up on the third floor of the Innovation Center of NanoMedicine (commonly known as iCONM, a four-story structure with a total floor space of 9,444 m<sup>2</sup> located in 3-25-14, Tono-machi, Kawasaki-ku, Kawasaki City), which is fitted with cutting-edge equipment for experiments as facilities to be shared. It is made up of a laboratory with a total floor space of 96 m<sup>2</sup>, offices, and meeting rooms. iCONM is headed by Dr. Kazunori Kataoka, Professor Emeritus of the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Engineering, who is highly reputed in the area of high polymer chemistry, and it has about 110 university researchers, including students from abroad, who conduct research night and day. The initial number of full-time staff members at Nittobo NI-Tech is nine (including six doctoral degree recipients). By securing this preferred research environment for open innovation, the company will obtain medical information, which is changing rapidly, in no time in a bid to accelerate efforts to create medical diagnostic technology that can be deployed on a global scale. Furthermore, by leveraging this excellent location in the King Skyfront district opposite to Haneda Airport with the Tama River in between, we will promote our initiative to build an international collaborative research system as well.

(External appearance of iCONM)

