

# Press Release

## **Indo-Japan efforts on novel approach to Dengue and Zika Infections**

*International Meet in LICET (Loyola) brings together Healthcare and Chemical engineering*

**Chennai, 22Oct16:** With the emerging threat of vector borne diseases such as Zika, Dengue and Chikungunya caused by viruses, though don't have an established vaccine, Prof. Yoshikazu Kurosawa, Fujita Health University, Japan presented on a novel monoclonal antibody based approach which is considered promising in the XI Anniversary of Nichi-In Centre for Regenerative Medicine (NCRM) held in LICET campus inside Loyola college campus. Prof. Yasuo Yoshimi from Shibaura Institute, Japan who has developed a prototype for rapid evaluation of antibiotics for infections like MRSA portrayed how chemical engineering applications can help healthcare diagnosis for optimal treatment in patients who are critically ill.

The NCRM, an Indo-Japan institute which already has a collaboration with LICET brought together several Indo-Japan proposals for research and translational futuristic healthcare applications apart from, the above initiatives had also organized a talk by Mr. Hiroshi Nakamura, Head of Japan Funding Agency AMED, Singapore, who encouraged Inter-Institutional research collaborations which AMED could consider for funding between India and Japan.

The day of events witnessed an internationally participated Fujio Cup Quiz (FCQ) on Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine, established in the name of renowned Japanese Physician, Dr. Fujio Takayama (02 July 1923 ~ 08 October 2016) was won by Ms. Rithika Rajendran and Ms. Preethi Jenifer of Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai, India. The Best Oral presentation award was bagged by Mr. Shoki Saito From Okayama University, Japan. The Hon'ble Consul General of Japan, Chennai, Mr. Seiji Baba awarding the prizes to the winners underlined the importance of inter-institutional collaborations between the two countries similar to what has been undertaken by NCRM and LICET can bring many useful solutions to humankind. Fr. Ignacy Arockyaa (Director, LICET), Mr. Gunasingh Chelladurai (Director, Bell Pins), Mr. H. Vijayakumar (CEO, Trumed) and Prof. Pushkala (HOD, Immunology, TN Dr. MGR Med Univ) presented several novel initiatives in the NCRM NICHE 2016 organized jointly with GNC (Japan), Innov4Sight (Singapore) in academic partnership with Okayama University (Japan) and TPRM (Canada).

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