

Chugai Selected for the Fourth Time for Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index

TOKYO, September 14, 2018 -- Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (TOKYO: 4519) announced today that it has been selected for the fourth time as an index component of the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index (DJSI Asia Pacific). This index is the Asia Pacific version of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI), which is one of the world's premier indices for Socially Responsible Investment (SRI).

The DJSI is a leading SRI index, jointly complied by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC of the United States and RobecoSAM AG of Switzerland, which serves as one of the most important indices for investors who take into consideration the corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives of each company. The DJSI Asia Pacific is specifically designed for companies in the Asia Pacific markets. This year, 150 companies were selected, including 75 Japanese companies, which are leading the way in terms of sustainability, among the 600 companies in the region.

For selection of the companies as the index component of DJSI Asia Pacific, RobecoSAM AG assesses companies based on questionnaire responses and information from public sources such as Annual Reports and websites. Leading sustainability-driven companies are selected as the index components every year based on the assessment in terms of long-term economic, environmental, and social criteria. Chugai participated in the assessment from 2014, and won the inclusion in the DJSI Asia Pacific four times in the last five years as a result of its proactive activities based on the three criteria above.

The sustainability of Chugai has been highly regarded in terms of environmental, social and governance practices, as Chugai has been continuously selected as a constituent in the FTSE4Good Index since 2003, which is also a global SRI index. In addition, Chugai is included in all three ESG indices, the FTSE Blossom Japan Index, MSCI Japan ESG Select Leaders Index and MSCI Japan Empowering Women Index (WIN), selected by the Government Pension Investment Fund of Japan.

Based on the business philosophy of "Innovation all for the patients," Chugai is committed to actively fulfill our social responsibilities as a healthcare company, by adding exceptional value through the creation of innovative medical products and services for the benefit of the medical community and human health around the world.