

The collaborative research agreement with Astellas Pharma Inc. (Astellas)

Nimura Genetic Solutions Co. Ltd. (also known as NGS; Tokyo, Japan) has signed a contractual agreement with Astellas Pharma Inc. (Astellas) for the collaboration research of the screening candidate compound for drug discovery in East Malaysia (Sarawak state)

This is the first time a big pharmaceutical company participates in the collaboration of searching useful natural products from microorganism of which to be jointly conducted by Nimura Genetic Solutions (M) Sdn.Bhd (NGS-M) and Sarawak Biodiversity Centre (SBC) which is the only authorized organization about the use of biological resources in Sarawak.

NGS-M and SBC will be responsible for isolation, fermentation and extraction of the microorganism, while Astellas will be managing the screening of extracts. Intellectual property rights are shared among Astellas, NGS-M and SBC as stipulated in the contractual agreement.

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