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# Opening the Menicon Future Device Research Laboratory in Industry-Academia Collaborative Research Chair of NITech

Menicon Co., Ltd. hereby announces the opening of the "Menicon Future Device Research Laboratory" with Nagoya Institute of Technology in the Industry-Academia Collaborative Research Chair of Nagoya Institute of Technology on August 3, 2020. The laboratory aims to design new materials for contact lenses by means of structural control and new manufacturing methods.
For details, please refer to the follows.

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Opening ceremony of the Menicon Future Device Research Laboratory

Nagoya Institute of Technology (Address: Gokiso-cho, Showa-ku, Nagoya; President: Takatoshi Kinoshita) and Menicon Co., Ltd. (Head Office: 21-19, Aoi-3-chome, Naka-ku, Nagoya; Representative Director & President: Hidenari Tanaka) are pleased to announce the opening of the “Menicon Future Device Research Laboratory” on August 3, 2020 in the Industry-Academia Collaborative Research Chair of Nagoya Institute of Technology (Note 1).

The laboratory aims to “design new materials for contact lenses by means of structural control and new manufacturing methods” by further developing the results obtained through a collaborative research between Associate Professor Katsuhiro Yamamoto of Nagoya Institute of Technology and Menicon, which started in 2012. Establishment of this laboratory is expected to further promote research and development.

< Outline of Industry-Academia Collaborative Research Chair >

| **Name** | **Menicon Future Device Research Laboratory** |
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| **Location** | Nagoya Institute of Technology, Building No. 4 8F |
| **Research period** | August 1, 2020–March 31, 2024 |
| **Principal Researchers** | Katsuhiro Yamamoto,<br>Associate Professor, Life Science and Applied Chemistry,<br>Graduate School of Engineering, Nagoya Institute of Technology |
| | Eri Ito<br>Director of Menicon Future Device Research Laboratory,<br>Specially Appointed Associate Professor, Nagoya Institute of Technology |

< Background of the establishment >

For 70 years, Menicon, a pioneer of contact lenses, has been developing lenses that are safer and more comfortable with lens materials as its axis. Through these activities, we have conducted several collaborative researches with Nagoya Institute of Technology. To promote these researches in a more expansive and comprehensive manner, we established a research laboratory using Nagoya Institute of Technology's Industry-Academia Collaborative Research Chair Program (Note 1).

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The newly established Industry-Academia Collaborative Research Chair will combine Menicon's expertise in contact lens materials and manufacturing methods, accumulated over the last 70 years, with Nagoya Institute of Technology's academic research in polymer science, and thus merge high value-added materials and innovative manufacturing methods to contribute to providing better vision for everyone.

Note 1: A system that leverages our faculty's elemental technologies to support companies in creating future value and help businesspeople and academics collaborate to solve societal issues.

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