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### **Japanese Health Officials Meet with FDA to Discuss Future Collaborations**

Today, FDA Commissioner Robert M. Califf, M.D., and other FDA officials met with a delegation of Japanese health officials, led by Dr. Yasuhiro Fujiwara, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Executive of the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA). The meeting, which took place at FDA Headquarters in White Oak, Maryland, focused on how the two regulatory counterparts can collaborate moving forward.

Other FDA attendees at the meeting with the commissioner included Andi Fristedt, Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Legislation, and International Affairs; Mark Abdo, Associate Commissioner for Global Policy and Strategy; and Sema Hashemi, Senior International Policy Advisor in the Office of Global Policy and Strategy.

Earlier in the day, the Japanese delegation participated in a series of meetings with officials from the Oncology Center of Excellence, the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research and the Center for Devices and Radiological Health.

Accompanying Dr. Fujiwara were Junko Sato, Director, Office of International Programs (OIP); Shinichi Okudaira, Division Director, Division of International Cooperation, OIP; and Hayato Kume, First Secretary, Embassy of Japan.

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