

Nomura SPARX Invests in Orizuru Therapeutics

Tokyo, February 29, 2024—Nomura SPARX Investment, Inc. (NSPI), a subsidiary of Nomura Holdings, Inc., today announced that an investment corporation managed by NSPI has acquired shares in Orizuru Therapeutics Inc. (Orizuru).

Orizuru is an R&D driven company focusing on the development of iPS cell-based regenerative medicine and the application of iPS cell technologies. The company was established in 2021 to translate the outcomes of T-CiRA, a joint research program established by Kyoto University's Center for iPS Cell Research and Application (CiRA) and Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited, into clinical practice for a sustainable business.

Orizuru plans to accelerate the clinical development and manufacturing of innovative regenerative medicine products using iPS cell-derived cardiomyocytes (iCMs) for severe chronic heart failure patients and iPS cell-derived pancreatic islet cells (iPICs) for brittle type 1 diabetes patients.

NSPI expects Orizuru to achieve medium-term growth as it allocates capital efficiently and implements new therapies using iPS cell technologies.

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