

## Nomura SPARX Invests in LinqMed

**Tokyo, April 9, 2025**—Nomura SPARX Investment, Inc. (NSPI), a subsidiary of Nomura Holdings, Inc., today announced that an investment corporation managed by NSPI has acquired shares in LinqMed Inc. (LinqMed).

Launched in 2022 as a certified venture company of the National Institutes for Quantum Sciences and Technology (QST) in Japan, LinqMed is an R&D startup that develops radiopharmaceuticals to provide innovative “visible” anti-cancer treatments to patients. The company’s mission is “Link for Life - Linking Innovative Science and Medicine for Your Health and Happiness.”

LinqMed is advancing multiple clinical trial pipelines using QST’s patented technology for the exclusive rights to mass produce and stabilize the radioactive isotope copper-64 ( $^{64}\text{Cu}$ ), which could previously only be manufactured in small quantities for diagnostic purposes. Notably,  $^{64}\text{Cu}$ -ATSM, a radiopharmaceutical developed by LinqMed to target glioblastoma—for which no effective treatments have yet been established—has progressed to phase III clinical trials.

In preparation for the development and commercialization of  $^{64}\text{Cu}$ -ATSM, LinqMed has agreed to a strategic partnership with PDRadiopharma Inc., a leader in the manufacture, development, and distribution of radioactive pharmaceuticals in Japan. In the future, the company is also considering overseas expansion through licensing agreements with global pharmaceutical companies and U.S. firms involved in the manufacture, development, and distribution of radioactive pharmaceuticals.

NSPI expects LinqMed to effectively allocate capital and achieve medium-term growth as a pioneer in the development of copper-64 ( $^{64}\text{Cu}$ ), realizing theragnostics that integrate diagnostics and therapeutics in the development of radioactive pharmaceuticals expected to be the next generation of anti-cancer treatments.

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