



**News Release** 

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## The "Galderma Award" Transfers to Maruho

Osaka and Tokyo (Japan), December 9, 2016 – Maruho Co., Ltd. ("Maruho", Head Office: Osaka, Japan, President and CEO: Koichi Takagi) and Galderma KK (Head Office: Tokyo, Japan, President and CEO: Leslaw Rudy) announce today that as a part of the strategic alliance with Galderma Pharma S.A. ("Galderma", Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland, CEO: Stuart Raetzman) announced in January, the "Galderma Award", presided over by Galderma, will be transferred to Maruho as detailed below.

Following this transfer, the 17th "Galderma Award" celebrated this year will continue next year with the same purpose and objective made at its establishment, with the new name "Galderma-Maruho Research Award". The next application period will open in March 2017 for the 18th "Galderma-Maruho Research Award" (presided over by Maruho and supported by Galderma KK). Details about applications will be announced on Maruho's corporate website.

The "Galderma Award" was established in 1999 to support upcoming researchers. Each year applications are open to fundamental and clinical research papers related to dermatology. Excellent researchers and their papers are selected in a strict screening process by a selection committee consisting of university professors. The presentation ceremony and announcement of winners is conducted at the Japanese Society for Investigative Dermatology.

In addition to the "Galderma-Maruho Research Award", Maruho presides over the Maruho Prize, which was established in 2010 to recognize dermatologists who have made outstanding achievements in clinical dermatology and contributed to the development of the field of clinical dermatology in Japan. In 2016, Maruho and Maruho's Founders, the Takagi Family, jointly established the "Public Interest Incorporated Foundation, Maruho Takagi Dermatology Foundation". The Maruho Takagi Dermatology Foundation presides over the "Takagi Prize", which supports clinical research that clarifies the pathology and leads to the prevention and treatment of skin care diseases.





## About Galderma

Dating back to 1981, Galderma is now present in 100 countries with an extensive product portfolio to treat a range of dermatological conditions. The company partners with health care professionals around the world to meet the skin health needs of people throughout their lifetime. Galderma is a leader in research and development of scientifically-defined and medically-proven solutions for the skin, hair and nails. For more information, please visit <u>www.galderma.com</u>

## About Maruho

Maruho Co., Ltd. has its headquarters in Osaka and leads Japan in research and development, manufacturing and commercialization of dermatological products. Founded in 1915, Maruho has 1,335 employees (as of the end of September 2015), and net sales were approximately 67.0 billion yen in its 2015 fiscal year. Pursuing its long-term corporate vision of "Excellence in Dermatology," Maruho is striving to improve the health and quality of life of people all over the world.

For more information, please visit www.maruho.co.jp/english

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