News Release

Santen Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (Osaka, hereinafter "Santen") has received the "IT General Award" at the 2015 (33rd) Information Technology Award from the Japan Institute of Information Technology (hereinafter, "IT Institute").

The Information Technology Award is aimed at promoting productivity in operations and enhancing the establishment of businesses and effective business models in industries and administrative agencies in Japan, and is presented by the IT Institute to companies, groups, institutions and individuals for their outstanding efforts and achievements in enabling "management innovations utilizing information technology."

The "IT General Award" Santen has been awarded is positioned as the highest honor of all the IT Awards, and is given in recognition of corporate activities that have been strategically developed through the effective combination of management and information technology and will serve as a model for corporate activities today and in the future.

Since 2012, Santen has been establishing the "Global Consolidated Management System" as well as setting up the "Standard Processes for Accounting and the Templates for the ERP System Based on SAP," anticipating rapid globalization of its businesses. In 2014, when Santen established several overseas bases following acquisition of ophthalmology assets from U.S.-based Merck & Co., Inc., the above standard processes and templates were utilized for enabling smooth business expansion in a short period of time.

This honor has been awarded in appreciation of Santen's efforts to expand its businesses throughout the world through the standardization of business processes and information infrastructure, as a practical example of the successful synthesis of corporate management and information technology.

The award ceremony and lecture commemorating the award will be held on Thursday, February 4 and Friday, February 5, 2016 at the Information Technology & Management Conference 2016 (ITMC 2016)" to be held in Tokyo.

[Reference]
IT Institute (Japanese language): http://www.jiit.or.jp/information/detail/info3716.html