# **Press Release**



## Notice of Personnel Change

Santen Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Osaka, President and CEO: Takeshi Ito) today announced that its Board of Directors has approved the following management changes as described below.

#### 1. Management changes effective September 12th, 2022

Name	New Position	Previous Position
Takeshi Ito		Representative Director of the
	Representative Director of the	Board, Executive Vice President,
	Board, President and Chief	Head of Japan Business,
	Executive Officer	Head of Japan Sales and
		Marketing Division
Ippei Kurihara	Corporate Officer,	Corporate Officer, Head of Marketing Department, Japan Sales and Marketing Division
	Head of Japan Business,	
	Head of Japan Sales and	
	Marketing Division,	
	Head of Marketing Department	

#### 2. Reason for change

Shigeo Taniuchi, Santen's Representative Director of the Board, President and CEO, offered to resign from his position for personal reasons. The Board of Directors thereby appointed Representative Director of the Board, Executive Vice President, Takeshi Ito, as President and CEO on September 12, 2022.

#### 3. Profile of the newly appointed Representative Director of the Board, President and CEO

Name: Takeshi Ito

Number of shares held: 37,370 (As of September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022)

Date of Birth: July 16th, 1959

### **Profile**

Apr 1982	Joined the Company
Dec 2002	Head of R&D Integration Department, R&D Division
Apr 2007	Head of Surgical Division
Apr 2012	Corporate Officer, Head of Prescription Pharmaceuticals Sales Department, Sales &
	Marketing Division, Prescription Pharmaceuticals
Apr 2014	Senior Corporate Officer, Head of Japan Sales & Marketing Division, Prescription
	Pharmaceuticals
Apr 2016	Executive Corporate Officer, Japan Business, Head of Japan Sales & Marketing Division,

Prescription Pharmaceuticals

Jun 2017 Director of the Board, Executive Corporate Officer, Japan Business,
Head of Japan Sales & Marketing Division, Prescription Pharmaceuticals

Apr 2019 Director of the Board, Executive Corporate Officer, Head of Japan Business,
Head of Japan Sales & Marketing Division

Apr 2022 Representative Director and Executive Vice President, Head of Japan Business, Head
of Japan Sales & Marketing Division

#### 4. Reason for appointment of new President and CEO

Takeshi Ito, the new Representative Director of the Board, President and CEO, has been involved in management of the entire company including overseas business as a Representative Director of the Board and Executive Vice President. In addition, he has been overseeing Japan Business and Japan Sales and Marketing Division.

Since 2012, he had led Japan Business, which is a core area of business for Santen as Head of Prescription Pharmaceuticals Sales Department, and since 2016, he has been overseeing Japan Business and contributed to increasing sales from 90 billion yen to 160 billion yen.

Also, he has experience in pipeline development and sales & marketing system development, which are the important value chains in pharmaceutical companies.

In order to promote the transformation that enables sustainable growth and further value creation as well as enhancing our corporate value, capabilities of seeing the big picture of the healthcare market and identifying key opportunities and seizing them by thoroughly implementing action plans are essential. We believe Mr. Ito is the right person for the position of Representative Director of the Board, President and CEO, as he possesses these capabilities and has a proven track record.

#### **About Santen**

As a specialized company dedicated to eye health, Santen carries out research, development, marketing, and sales of pharmaceuticals, over-the-counter products, and medical devices, and its products now reach patients in over 60 countries and regions. Toward realizing "WORLD VISION" (Happiness with Vision), the world Santen ultimately aspires to achieve, as a "Social Innovator", we aim to reduce the social and economic opportunity loss of people around the world caused by eye diseases and defects by orchestrating and mobilizing key technologies and players around the world. With scientific knowledge and organizational capabilities nurtured over a 130-year history, Santen provides products and services to contribute to the well-being of patients, their loved ones and consequently to society. For more information, please visit Santen's website (https://www.santen.com/en/).

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