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Expansion of HAL Robot Suit Mobility Improvement Program

Opportunity for children and students with lower limb spinal cord injury to improve walking ability

TOKYO, April 27, 2018 - AIG Japan Holdings KK (AIG Japan) and CYBERDYNE, INC.(CYBERDYNE) today announced their decision to expand the scope of their program for elementary, junior high and high school students with spinal cord injuries in Kanagawa Prefecture. The program uses CYBERDYNE's Robot Suit HAL ® to reinforce program participants' walking ability.

The decision to expand the program was made in response to significant demand from people who, because of height, age, nature of disability or place of residence, were not originally eligible to participate. As outlined below, the program has been significantly expanded in order to enable more children and students to take part.

- **Change in eligibility based on physical criteria (body size, etc)**

Eligibility now includes children and students with lower limb disability (in principle, between 6 and 22 years old, including those not yet at elementary school) who are at least 100cm tall and weigh a minimum of 15kg (compared to the previous minimum height of 145cm).

- **Change in eligibility based on location**

The program is now available to people from any part of Japan, as long as they can arrange their own transportation to the Shonan Robocare Center in Kanagawa Prefecture. This removes the previous limitation requiring participating children and students to be either living in or commuting to Kanagawa Prefecture.

- **Change in eligibility period**

As a result of the changes expanding the scope of participants, the program application period has been extended to September 2018.

The HAL Robot Suit Mobility Improvement Program is based on a business alliance formed between AIG Japan and Cyberdyne in November 2016 to help children who, due to accident or illness, have difficulty walking. The aim of the program is to provide new opportunities to motivate participants to increase their walking functionality. AIG Japan is helping fund the initiative, providing the program free to participants since October 2017.

The program for children and students brings together AIG Japan's ACTIVE CARE concept and initiatives being promoted by Kanagawa Prefecture under two core themes of 'Returning to pre-illness ability' and 'Pursuing cutting edge medical treatment and innovative technology'. It is being implemented by Cyberdyne subsidiary Shonan Robocare Center Co., which is located in Tsujido, Fujisawa, in Kanagawa Prefecture.



The HAL (Hybrid Assistive Limb) robot suit uses sensors to detect faint bio-electrical signals transmitted by the wearer's brain, allowing the wearer to stimulate movement via neurological commands. Repetition of voluntary movement and walking activities using HAL's unique motion principle can help improve physical function.

Please see detailed submission information in attached document. (Japanese only)

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