The Naito Museum of Pharmaceutical Science and Industry Listed as "Registered Museum"

The Naito Museum of Pharmaceutical Science and Industry (Kakamigahara City, Gifu Prefecture, "the Naito Museum"), operated by Eisai Co., Ltd., ("Eisai") has been listed as a "Registered Museum" in Gifu Prefecture as of May 31, 2024. The first time in 15 years (since November 2008) that a museum has been newly registered in Gifu Prefecture, the Naito Museum is the first corporate museum to be registered in the prefecture.

Established in 1971 by Eisai's founder Toyoji Naito as a museum dedicated to collecting, preserving and showcasing a wealth of materials on the history of pharmacy and the pharmaceutical industry in Japan, the museum has been an important source of knowledge for researchers, students, and the public. Utilizing this opportunity of becoming a registered museum, the Naito Museum aims to make even greater contributions to society and the local community.

Activities of the Naito Museum:

- Collection and Preservation: The museum houses over 65,000 historical items related to pharmaceuticals, including rare manuscripts, medicinal artifacts, and pharmaceutical advertisements from the Meiji period.
- Research and Exhibition: The permanent exhibition space features materials about the
 history of medicine, while the special exhibition space highlights different themes each
 year that have been researched by the curators.
- Medicinal Herbal Garden: The museum maintains a garden with approximately 700 types of medicinal plants and trees, providing visitors with a living connection to the world of pharmaceuticals.
- **Library:** The museum's library boasts around 62,000 books, including historical medical and pharmaceutical literature, some dating back to the Edo period.

For more information on the Naito Museum of Pharmaceutical Science and Industry, please visit the <u>website</u> or <u>Instagram</u>.

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