Developing Linkages

Company to Company with Japan

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Channels to Develop Linkages

- > Trade Fairs
- > International Conferences
- Academic Linkages
- Government Schemes and Meetings
- Trading Companies
- Investment Companies
- Company Matching/Individuals

Why Should They Be Interested?

- Company Presentation
 - brochures, website, promoters, image, 3rd party perspective
- Market Interest or Demand
 - National or Market Need
 - Profile in market of another country (US)
- > Availability of Independent Information in Japanese
- Complementarity
- Maverick Element (top down vs bottom up)
- Economic Status
- Personal Link

Your Perspective

- > Product eg equipment Mitsui
- Regulated product BioProperties (Aust)
- > Technology licensing Optiscan
- Research and Development
- > Joint Venture Stem Cell Sciences
- Investment V2V

Product/Equipment Examples

- > Equipment
 - Cryologic
 - IATIA
 - Vision Systems
 - Vita Medical
 - Axon
 - Corbett Research
 - Riancorp

- > Biologicals
 - CSL/JRH
 - Moregate
 - SC Botanicals
 - Herbworx
 - Thermo Trace
 - Bovogen
- > Other
 - Mimotopes
 - Ozgene
 - Genetic Solutions

Product/Equipment

- Study the Market What is the Opportunity?
- What is the Route to Market
 - General
 - Specialised
- Target Specific Companies
 - Direct
 - Via Intermediaries
- Matching Product to Market
 - Close communication with counterpart
 - Preparedness to modify product
 - Reciprocal commitment

Regulated Product Examples

- Diagnostics
 - Biota
 - Gradipore
 - Panbio
 - Cellestis
 - Cellabs
- > Other
 - BioProperties
 - Atcor Medical

Regulated Product (Biological or Diagnostic)

- Review Market create opportunity
- > Options for Market Access 1°, 2° and 3° levels
- Care required in targeting potential partners
- Requires Someone with Good Linkage to Japan
- Product development and approval process requires close collaboration with partner

Technology Licensing Examples

- > AGT Biosciences
- Byron Australia
- Mayne Pharma
- > Food Science Australia
- > Optiscan
- > Virotec
- > Nucleics

Technology Licensing

- > Focus on Presentation
- > Target companies
 - Technology need
 - Cultural fit
 - Market strength
 - International perspective
- Be Aware of Issues in Adopting Technology
- > Need for Close Collaboration

R&D Examples

- > AMRAD
- > RMIT
- > St Vincents Institute Medical Research
- > Neurosciences Victoria
- > Animal Reproduction Co.
- Centre for Animal Biotechnology

Research & Development

- > The Most Difficult Area
- Requires Strong Intermediaries to Initiate and Maintain Links
- Targeting of Client Companies Requires Care
- Constant Contact with Japan Essential
- Developing Information Channels Essential

Joint Venture Examples

- Stem Cell Sciences
- Proteome Systems
- BioProperties Australia
- Waste Technologies Aust.
- > ResMed

Joint Venture

- Requires Strong Drive by Both Partners
- Requires Complementarity and usually Similar Size
- Requires Mutual Commitment

Investment Examples

- > Florigene (Mitsui, Suntory)
- Bioclone (Hitachi)
- Biocontrol (ShinEtsu Chemical)
- Cerylid (JAFCO/Starfish)
- > Shimadzu
- Burbank Biotechnology (Koa Oil)
- > Terumo

Venture Investment

- > Australia: low profile for Japanese investors
- Historical perspective
- Japanese investment attitudes strongly influenced by domestic issues and perceptions of opportunities in US market
- As US market becomes more expensive, Japanese interest in Australia may increase in niche areas related to Japanese strengths

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