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Ken Shinomiya becomes leader of Japan-based Asahi Kasei's healthcare sector

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Asahi Kasei has appointed Ken Shinomiya, President of Asahi Kasei Life Science, as the Leader of its Healthcare Sector succeeding Richard Packer. Under Shinomiya, Asahi Kasei's Healthcare Sector will further advance its portfolio and global presence of pharmaceuticals, life science, and critical care products and services.

Having served as Vice President of Strategy at ZOLL Medical Corporation from fiscal 2016 to fiscal 2017, Shinomiya became Head of the Bioprocess Division of Asahi Kasei Medical in April 2019 and President of Asahi Kasei Medical in April 2023.

In April 2025, he was named President of Asahi Kasei Life Science, the successor company to the bioprocess business of Asahi Kasei Medical. With operations focused on products and services that support the manufacture of pharmaceuticals, the life science business has grown globally by ascertaining market needs and business opportunities within the pharmaceutical industry.

Under Shinomiya's leadership, the life science business has successfully expanded from its foundational Planova™ virus removal filters through the addition of contract research organization (CRO) testing services as well as the biologics contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO) business of Bionova Scientific in the U.S.

Under the new leadership, the Healthcare Sector will continue to execute a long-term strategy to grow its pharmaceutical, life science, and critical care businesses. Guided by its mission to "Improve and save patients' lives," the sector is committed to delivering innovative therapeutics and medical devices that address unmet medical needs and contribute to better patient outcomes worldwide. It will serve as the main growth driver of the Asahi Kasei Group, targeting operating income of ¥150 billion in 2030.