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**Nature Publishing Group and A-IMBN launch *A-IMBN Research*
Highlighting some of the best molecular biology and biotechnology research
in the Asia-Pacific region**

A-IMBN Research was launched today at www.natureasia.com/A-IMBN. The new website highlights some of the best research in molecular biology and biotechnology research in the Asia-Pacific region. *A-IMBN Research* is produced jointly by the Asia-Pacific International Molecular Biology Network (A-IMBN) and NPG Nature Asia-Pacific, the Asia-Pacific wing of Nature Publishing Group (NPG).

A-IMBN Research will provide short 'Research Highlights' of interesting, recently-published articles authored by members of A-IMBN, or by researchers who are based at one of the 18 A-IMBN supporting institutions. A-IMBN currently includes supporting institutes in Australia, China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, New Zealand, Singapore, and Thailand.

The website, which is hosted on NPG Nature Asia-Pacific's powerful multilingual website at www.natureasia.com, will cover all of the leading journals in molecular biology and biotechnology, some lesser known titles, and leading interdisciplinary journals. Featured Articles will be recommended by an international A-IMBN Advisory Committee and by NPG, and selected by an A-IMBN editorial board. Research Highlights will be written and edited by a team of professional NPG-selected science writers and editors. Initially *A-IMBN Research* will publish new Highlights monthly, but is expected to move to a more frequent publication schedule as the service develops.

A-IMBN Research is one of the first examples of NPG Nature Asia-Pacific's custom publishing service, which helps institutions in the Asia-Pacific region raise their profile and awareness of their best research. The launch of *A-IMBN Research* continues NPG Nature Asia-Pacific's strategy of building a hub of scientific, technical and medical publishing in the Asia-Pacific region. Earlier in 2007, NPG launched *Nature China* (www.nature.com/nchina), which uses a similar editorial system to highlight the best research coming out of China.

"We are delighted to be working together with A-IMBN on this project to highlight some of the best research in molecular biology and biotechnology in the Asia-Pacific region," says NPG Publishing Director David Swinbanks, CEO of NPG Nature Asia-Pacific. *"The output of research from the region is expanding rapidly and, along with other NPG initiatives such as Nature China and a soon-to-be launched Nature India website, we are confident that A-IMBN Research will do much to build greater*

awareness of some of the region's best research while at the same time raising the profile of A-IMBN."

"We are very happy to see this joint website project with NPG realized," comments A-IMBN President Jeongbin Yim, Professor of Microbiology at Seoul National University. "We at A-IMBN have been striving to encourage greater networking and interaction of scientists in the Asia-Pacific region since the establishment of A-IMBN in 1997 and we are confident this website will be a major step forward in achieving our goals by providing greater visibility for some of the best research activities of A-IMBN members and member institutes."

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About A-IMBN

A-IMBN, set up in 1997, is comprised of nearly [300 select members](#) and [18 member institutions](#) spanning the Asia-Pacific region. The network aims to promote the development of research in molecular biology and biotechnology in the region and beyond through greater networking and interaction of scientists in the Asia-Pacific for the benefit of mankind (www.a-imbn.org).

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