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Nature Publishing Group to partner with the Japan Society for Human Genetics

Nature Publishing Group (NPG) and the Japan Society for Human Genetics (JSHG) today announce their new partnership in publishing *Journal of Human Genetics* from January 2009.

Tokyo-based NPG Publishing Director David Swinbanks said, "We are excited to be working with the Japan Society for Human Genetics. This is an excellent addition to the program of partnerships between NPG Nature Asia-Pacific and key scientific and clinical organizations across the Asia-Pacific region."

"The JSHG is very enthusiastic about the potential of this new partnership with one of the world's premier scientific publishers," the President of the JSHG Professor Yusuke Nakamura said in Tokyo.

The JSHG has a proud history of promoting human genetics and representing human geneticists in Japan since 1956. The Japanese human genetics community is one of the strongest in the world and this new partnership with NPG is a natural one. NPG has published much ground-breaking human genetics research including the original description of the structure of DNA, the first initial description and the finished version of the human genome sequence, the HapMap of the human genome and countless other key papers in the field. In addition to its flagship journal *Nature*, NPG publishes a number of highly respected journals that cover human genetics, which include *Nature Genetics*, *Nature Reviews Genetics*, *European Journal of Human Genetics*, *Oncogene* and *Genes and Immunity*.

This partnership is the latest in a series of partnerships that NPG Nature Asia-Pacific, a wing of NPG with offices in Tokyo, Hong Kong, Delhi and Melbourne, is undertaking with scientific and clinical societies in this region (see link below for more information).

The JSHG will be able to take advantage of NPG's strengths: editorial expertise, pioneering technologies, innovative formats and world-class production to provide premium information for scientific researchers in the public and private sectors, government agencies and educators.

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About JSHG

The Japan Society for Human Genetics (JSHG) was established and held its first annual meeting in 1956. The aim of the Society is to encourage research in, and spread knowledge of, human genetics. It is a broad-based Society that welcomes a wide-diversity of members including clinical and research human geneticists, cytogeneticists and genetic counselors. Among its many activities the JSHG holds an annual meeting, is heavily involved in education and provides authoritative guidelines on key issues in human genetics in Japan. Further information is available at <http://jshg.jp/>.

About NPG and NPG Nature Asia-Pacific

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NPG Nature Asia-Pacific is the Asia-Pacific wing of NPG, set up to serve the growing needs of the scientific and medical communities in the region, and has offices in Tokyo, Hong Kong, Delhi and Melbourne. For more information, please visit www.natureasia.com.

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