## NIPPN R&D Center to be Established R&D base Moved to Tsuzuki-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa

## To Create New Space for Co-creation of Food That Will Continue into the Future -Scheduled to Start Operations in October 2026-

NIPPN CORPORATION (President and CEO: Toshiya Maezuru; Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; hereinafter "NIPPN") has decided to move its R&D base from the current premises in Atsugi, Kanagawa to Tsuzuki-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa and establish the "NIPPN R&D Center" in order to strengthen R&D functions, improve convenience, and make effective use of land. Operations at the new base are scheduled to begin in October 2026.

NIPPN aims to create a "laboratory" where various "collaborations" are born through researchers' open-mindedness and active interactions with people inside and outside NIPPN. NIPPN will work to create a base based on the concept of "Open Collaboratory - a new space for co-creation of food that will continue into the future." In addition to expanding the R&D space, the office environment will be improved to strengthen collaboration among researchers so that it will be a place to develop attractive products and continue to explore delicious taste and new food possibilities.



Exterior view of the new R&D Center building

In addition, NIPPN will activate communication not only with customers, but also with people from different technical fields inside and outside NIPPN and promote open innovation to create new value by incorporating diverse ideas and opinions.

In renovating the existing building, the NIPPN R&D Center will make maximum use of the pillars, floors, and other major structural elements, and will actively use environmentally friendly interior materials to significantly reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and minimize environmental impact. In addition, a green atrium will be installed in the center of the building to bring natural light into each floor, thereby reducing the lighting energy load.

Based on the management philosophy of "contributing to the realization of a sustainable society by pursuing the well-being (happiness, health, and smiles) of people," NIPPN Group will continue to innovate and fulfill its responsibilities as a company that contributes to society.

## [Overview of NIPPN R&D Center]

1.	Location	:	3-9-2 Ushikubo, Tsuzuki-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa
2.	Scale	:	Land area: approx. 9,800 m <sup>2</sup> ; Floor area: approx. 18,000 m <sup>2</sup>
			5 stories above ground, 1 story below ground
3.	Investment amount	:	JPY 11 billion
4.	Start of operation	:	October 2026