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Kureha Corporation

**Establishment of Kureha-AIST Agri Frontier Cooperative Research Laboratory
- Accelerate R&D to Contribute to Stable and Sustainable Food Production -**

Kureha Corporation (Tokyo: 4023, President & CEO: Katsuhiro Natake; the “Company”) announced today that, effective August 1, 2026, it has established the “Kureha-AIST Agri Frontier Cooperative Research Laboratory (the “Laboratory”) within the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (“AIST”), in collaboration with the AIST Group (AIST and AIST Solutions Co).

The Company has established the Kureha Group “FY2035 Long-Term Management Plan - Technology to Value -” and the “Mid-Term Management Plan (FY2026–FY2028) - Technology to Value 2028 -”, with FY2026 as the first year. Under these plans, the Company’s basic policy is to establish a three-business portfolio structure by developing and strengthening the Life Sciences field within the Chemicals business, in addition to its two core businesses: Advanced Materials and Specialty Plastics.

Within the Life Science field, agriculture is a key area directly linked to addressing social challenges such as stable and sustainable food production and supply. The Company is promoting the advancement of its R&D capabilities and technological competitiveness in this field to achieve sustainable growth as a technology-driven company capable of competing in the global market.

At the Laboratory, the Company aims to create innovations that enable sustainable agriculture and contribute to solving the social challenge of stable food production and supply by combining its accumulated agricultural know-how and technical foundations with the advanced research facilities, technologies and knowledge of AIST. As an initial step, we will accelerate the creation of new agricultural materials, including but not limited to crop protection products and biostimulants, to ensure that our proprietary technologies are translated into business value and sustainable growth.

About Kureha-AIST Agri Frontier Cooperative Research Laboratory

Establishment: August 1, 2026

Locations: AIST Tsukuba, AIST Chugoku and AIST Hokkaido

Scope: R&D of agricultural materials and technologies contributing to stable food production.

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