



JapanBioinformatics and DNAFORM Announce Release of New DNAFORM Clone Search Engine to the Life Science Community

Tokyo (Japan) and Yokohama (Japan), February 23th, 2009 K.K. JapanBioinformatics (President Boris Umylny) and K. K. DNAFORM (President and CEO Masahide Habu) announce today the release of the New DNAFORM Clone Search Engine. This new internet resource provides to the life science community comprehensive information on cDNA resources that can be obtained from DNAFORM. The tool had been designed to serve in particular the Japanese market and to strengthen DNAFORM's position as a leading clone distributor in Japan.

DNAFORM is a Japan-based biotechnology company with a focus on services for transcriptome and genome analysis. Our main business activities include the preparation of full length cDNA libraries, Cap Analysis Gene Expression (CAGE) next-generation sequencing services for expression profiling and genome annotation, and the distribution genomic resources. Clone distribution is a unique business marked by over 100,000 different products that requires continuous updates on reference information and powerful search tools. The lack of integrated on-line facilities to search for clone related information was thus far limiting DNAFORM's services to our clone customers. Therefore JapanBioinformatics and DNAFORM developed together an integrated, fully annotated and searchable database for cDNA clones from the RIKEN FANTOM, NIH MGC, and international Orfeum Collaboration Project, and integrated the latest annotation information. This database not only offers DNAFORM customers clone related information but further allows direct ordering of cDNA resources on DNAFORM's secure online ordering system.

The DNAFORM Clone Search Engine will be made available to the public from February 23, 2009 and offer the first Japanese and English reference database for clone distribution services in the Japanese market.

Visit to homepage of DNAFORM under http://www.dnaform.jp/index_e.html to access the New DNAFORM Clone Search Engine.

About Japan Bioinformatics

Bioinformatics KK specializes in providing data and information management, computational and consulting services to life sciences industries, including pharmaceutical, diagnostics, biotechnology, research and healthcare.

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About DNAFORM:

K.K. DNAFORM was established as the first venture company under a new initiative of the Institute of Physical and Chemical Research (RIKEN) for the utilization of the patented technologies developed by RIKEN scientists. With our commitment to innovative Precision Gene Technologies, developed together with the RIKEN Omics Center, we want to provide superior products and services for human diagnostics, food safety, and life science research. DNAFORM has provided the research community with RIKEN FANTOM Clones, established full-length cDNA cloning services, contributed to drug discovery by creating one of the world's most comprehensive human full-length cDNA collection, and developed the new CAGE Methodology for next generation expression profiling along with genome annotation. With our innovative SmartAmp™ Detection Method we are now on the move to provide distinct solutions in Molecular Diagnostics and related applied markets. A comprehensive overview can be found at <http://www.dnaform.jp>

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