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The Affiliate's Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing Facilities Seminar was held on June 18-19 at Tower Hall Funabori, in Edogawa Ward, Tokyo. Jeff Odum, the Principal of NCBioSource, a strategic consulting resource to the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry and the North American Education Advisor for ISPE, was invited by the Affiliate to be the lecturer.

The total of 55 participants at the two-day event from not only engineering companies and vendors to the industry, but also from many pharmaceutical companies manufacturing potent biologics, exceeded expectations and gave clear evidence of the heightened interest in this topic area in Japan.

The Seminar was simultaneously interpreted between the English and Japanese languages and even included experiments (based on common materials) organized by the lecturer to illustrate his point. Participants were divided into working groups, and each group allocated a leader in advance by the Seminar's organizing committee.

Participants contributed actively during the Q&A session, exhibiting a good understanding of the scientific background of manufacturing process and design concepts of biopharmaceutical manufacturing facilitates, as well as the enthusiasm to learn more from the Seminar.

The Seminar included a networking reception in the evening of the first day, enabling the Seminar registrants an ideal setting for further information exchange with Jeff Odum and their Japanese industry peers.

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