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PRESS RELEASE

Crafton Biotechnology Co., Ltd. Announcement of New Representative Director and CEO

Nagoya, October 10, 2024:

Crafton Biotechnology Co., Ltd. (Crafton) announced appointment of **Hayato Watanabe** as new representative director president and CEO effective as of October 10, 2024. The board of directors unanimously appointed Mr. Watanabe and the current representative director president and CEO Hiroshi Abe will be stepping down and will continue to serve as director of Crafton.

Mr. Watanabe has a wealth of global life science investment, business development and entrepreneurship experience and will bring valuable insights into Crafton to solidify our PureCap[®] technology platform to further our mission of bringing mRNA medicines which address diseases that have historically posed significant treatment challenges.

“I am honored and thrilled to take Crafton to the next stage of innovation in bringing forward mRNA therapeutics to patients around the world,” comments Mr. Watanabe.

【Hayato Watanabe Biography】

Mr. Watanabe served as Chief Business Officer for Jadeite Medicines Inc. a rare disease biotech based in Japan. Prior to Jadeite Medicines, Mr. Watanabe has held various roles such as Head of Asia, Locust Walk, Venture Partner, Eight Roads Ventures Japan, Director, Innovation Network Corporation of Japan (Current INCJ, Ltd.) and Director, Merrill Lynch Global Private Equity.

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