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**Release of the KANAWA Portal Site for the Medical Industry**  
**—New Service Infrastructure for Cross-sectional Sharing and Searching of**  
**Information on Products, Technologies, and Research**

Nagase & Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, President and CEO: Hiroyuki Ueshima) released the cloud portal site KANAWA for businesses and users in the medical industry on January 16. As part of the growth strategy in its Medium-Term Management Plan ACE 2.0, the NAGASE Group has specified the four quadrants of Foundation, Focus, Development, and Improvement, and is carrying out its businesses along the axes of the trading, manufacturing, and R&D functions. The development of this service is an initiative in a new business, part of the Development quadrant. In addition to providing information on technology, research, and seminars of interest to those in the medical field, Nagase & Co. also supports collaboration for commercialization through matching with medical manufacturers and supports bringing products to market for technologies and ideas from medical practices and medical manufacturers, including startups. Providing an environment to share and search all of this information on a single platform will lead to the creation of new value.

In the medical industry, the number of products and services has been growing and choices diversifying with the progress of technology and advancements in AI, and the difficulty of being able to access the necessary information rapidly and accurately has become an issue. In response to this issue, Nagase & Co. used the network and expertise it cultivated in the medical industry as a trading firm to develop KANAWA, a platform enabling searching for information on a wide variety of products and services regardless of the manufacturer.

Going forward, with the aim of providing solutions based on real needs in the medical industry, the platform will steadily include more information, more advanced search functions, expanded community functions, and shift to a cloud service.

Through this service, the NAGASE Group will contribute to solving issues in the medical industry and sustainable value creation.

#### **KANAWA's Functions**



- Product Search Function

Cross-sectional searches can be made on products related to diagnostic or research issues, or while evaluating information on technologies.

- Topics Function  
Promoting information sharing between users in the medical industry by sharing information on the latest technology and research press releases, seminars, and research papers.
- Lump Estimates  
Estimates can be requested for products from multiple manufacturers at once.
- Support for Collaboration with Overseas Manufacturers  
Support is provided for issues such as language and time differences to enable smooth communication.
- Support for Commercialization and Matching  
Support is provided for commercializing technologies and ideas from the medical industry, through collaborations with manufacturers.

[Origin of the Service's Name]

In Japanese, “kanawa” refers to circular metal rings or fixtures, which have long connected various necessities people use in their daily life and so improved people’s lives. Through this service, medical professionals, manufacturers, and researchers will be connected like kanawa, supporting the spread of expertise and knowledge.

#### KANAWA Service Overview

KANAWA Portal Site: <https://medical.nagase.com>

Operator: Nagase & Co., Ltd.

Service Fee: Free

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