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Press Release

LSI Medience Corporation

LSI Medience Launches Testing for Novel Coronavirus Starts February 17

LSI Medience Corporation (head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Haruo Watanabe), a subsidiary of PHC Holdings Corporation (headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO: Michael Kloss) announced today the start of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) testing in response to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare's request.

Testing employing real-time RT-PCR is conducted in a biosafety level 3 laboratory incorporating advanced containment measures. This is in compliance with the method outlined in the "Pathogen Detection Manual 2019-nCoV" (National Institute of Infectious Diseases) that makes use of commercially-available reagents.

LSI Medience will only be conducting specimen tests as required by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. Testing requests from general medical institutions are not accepted.

LSI Medience hopes for the early recovery of all afflicted patients and an early resolution to this public health emergency resulting from the novel coronavirus.

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