



**Press Release**

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**With CYBERDYNE's HAL®, AIG Japan Offers Support Program in Kanagawa to Improve Mobility of Children and Students Under 18 with Spinal Cord Injuries**

**TOKYO, October 11, 2017** – AIG Japan Holdings KK (AIG Japan) today announced that the company is offering a free program that will help improve the mobility of fifty children and students under 18 with spinal cord injuries who live in or commute to elementary, junior high, or high schools in Kanagawa Prefecture. The program will use CYBERDYNE, INC.'s Robot Suit HAL® to reinforce the participants' walking ability and is part of the business collaboration agreement signed by AIG Japan and CYBERDYNE in November 2016.

HAL uses its sensors to pick up very faint bio-electrical signals transmitted by the wearer's brain and allows the wearer to realize movements in accordance with their neurological commands. Repetition of voluntary movement and walking activities using HAL's unique motion principle can help improve physical function. This special AIG sponsored program in Kanagawa aims to provide a new opportunity for children with spinal cord injuries to overcome their physical challenges.

AIG Japan's ACTIVE CARE concept and Kanagawa Prefecture's own initiatives ("Improvement toward pre-illness ability" and "The pursuit of cutting-edge medical and newest technology") have similar objectives and, with Shonan Robocare Center, a subsidiary of CYBERDYNE, INC. located in Kanagawa Prefecture (in Tsujido, Fujisawa), the prefecture was an obvious choice for the establishment of this joint AIG Japan and CYBERDYNE program.

The entry period for the program is from October 11, 2017 to March 2018. The program will offer a maximum of 10 free walking and fitness training sessions to the first fifty children between six and eighteen years old to apply. To take part in the program, the children must have functional disabilities of the lower body from traumatic spinal-cord injuries (incomplete paralysis). Children must meet the specific requirement of living in Kanagawa Prefecture, or commuting to elementary, junior high, or high school in the prefecture. Please refer to the application requirements in the separate sheet for further details.



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In Japan, AIG companies such as AIU Insurance Company Ltd, Fuji Fire and Marine Insurance Co., Ltd., American Home Assurance Company Ltd., JI Accident & Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., AIG Fuji Insurance Services KK and Techmark Japan KK are providing their services.

For additional information, please visit our website at [www.AIG.com](http://www.AIG.com)

#### About "ACTIVE CARE"

ACTIVE CARE is AIG Japan Group's unique and unified business strategy concept.

ACTIVE CARE is centered on 3 key elements:

- 1) Simple and Easy to Understand - a transparent relationship with customers and a simple and easy to understand approach from the customer's perspective
- 2) Preventive Risk Information – proactive support not only during emergencies, but also with risk identification and prevention.
- 3) AIG Innovation - leading technologies and globally accumulated know-how, combined with our deep knowledge of the Japanese market means continuous innovation as we strive to become our clients' most valued insurer.

#### About CYBERDYNE:

Since CYBERDYNE, Inc. was established as a venture company from the University of Tsukuba in 2004, the company has promoted the comprehensive development of various Cybernic systems (Cybernic devices, Cybernic interfaces, etc.) that utilize Cybernic technology from research and development to social implementation, aiming to tackle the various issues facing society. The company has developed business in the fields of medicine, welfare and daily living (including the work environment), and its main product robot suit HAL® is widely distributed not only in the medical and welfare fields but also in care support and labor support fields. In addition, new products such as Transport Robots and Cleaning Robots equipped with artificial intelligence and environment recognition functions, HAL (Lumbar Type) that reduces the load and stress on the lower back, smaller-sized HAL (Single-Joint Type), vital sensors for detecting arteriosclerosis and arrhythmia measurements, etc. are continuously being developed.

For more details, please visit: [www.cyberdyne.jp/english/](http://www.cyberdyne.jp/english/)

#### About Cybernics technology

A new academic field that combines and fuses cybernetics, mechatronics, informatics, brain and neuroscience, IT (information technology), robotics engineering, psychology, law, ethics, business management, etc., championed by Prof. Yoshiyuki Sankai of the University of Tsukuba (President and CEO of CYBERDYNE, Inc.).