

Investment in the enzyme development business through bioinformatics

~Aiming to create new value by practical use of enzyme development through bioinformatics~

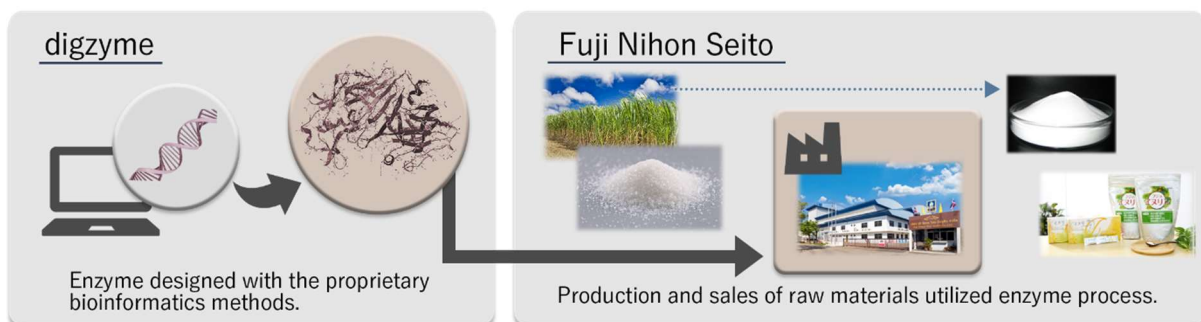
Fuji Nihon Seito Corporation ("Fuji Nihon" Head office: Chuo-ku, Tokyo, President: Hidetoshi Soga) entered into a business alliance agreement with digzyme Corporation ("digzyme") on the theme of "Development and practical use of new functional food materials from carbohydrates raw materials by enzymes technology" as announced in the "Fuji Nihon to form a Business Alliance Agreement with digzyme" on December 21, 2023, and has been starting joint development with digzyme related to enzymes for the production of inulin, a soluble dietary fiber, manufactured by Fuji Nihon.

Fuji Nihon is pleased to announce to underwrite capital increase through third-party allocation (Total amount: 30 million yen) and have made a capital participation into digzyme as a strategic partner in the enzyme development business through bioinformatics.

(Background)

Digzyme is a startup launched from Tokyo Institute of Technology whose core technology is enzyme development through bioinformatics. digzyme has a unique analysis platform that allows it to search and upgrade a wide variety of enzymes in a short time. The technology has been primarily applied to development of enzymes and bioprocesses in the chemical field, such as production substitute of natural materials and waste decomposition so far.

*Image of joint development with digzyme



※Bioinformatics is a field of research that views biology as informatics (information science) and uses computers to analyze life information about life (gene and protein sequences).

Fuji Nihon expects digzyme to accumulated know-how through joint development, and will

promote the practical use of digzyme's enzyme development technology as a strategic partner through capital participation, pushing forward with further enhancing the value of our existing materials and developing new products.



(digzyme Company Profile)

(1) Name	digzyme Inc.
(2) Headquarters Address	5th Floor, Shimbashi Yanagiya Building, 1-16-6 Shimbashi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0004, Japan
(3) Representative	Naoki Watarai, Co-founder, CEO
(4) Business Activities	Enzyme engineering through bioinformatics Development of bioprocesses for compound production and decomposition
(5) Capital	275 million yen
(6) Establishment	August 26, 2019
(7) Relationship between Fuji Nihon and digzyme	There are no capital, personal, or business relationships that should be noted and also not related parties.

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