

# News Release

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## **Vantec Hitachi Transport System (Hong Kong) Ltd. Acquires CEIV Pharma at Hong Kong International Airport**

On January 5, 2023, one of our group companies, Vantec Hitachi Transport System (Hong Kong) Ltd. acquired CEIV Pharma\*, a quality certification program for international pharmaceutical transport by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) at Hong Kong International Airport.

One of the key measures of HTS mid-term management plan LOGISTEED2024 is the evolution of smart logistics. We are working on strengthen and enhance our warehouse functions, and also respond to increased demand and changes in the environment by promoting the acquisition of CEIV Pharma certification and establishing bases that comply with GDP in pharmaceutical logistics.

Furthermore, we are expanding our global pharmaceutical logistics business, including the acquisition of Cyber Freight International Holding B.V. of the Netherlands, which has strengths in pharmaceutical logistics. In the past, HTS Group company, VANTEC HTS FORWARDING, LTD. (VHF) obtained CEIV Pharma at Narita International Airport and Kansai International Airport in Japan. At this time, by acquiring this certification at Hong Kong International Airport, a major airport in Asia region, we believe we will further strengthen our safe and secure international pharmaceutical transportation and lead to efforts to build a high quality supply chain.

\* CEIV Pharma: Abbreviation for The Center of Excellence for Independent Validators in Pharmaceutical Logistics. It is an air transport quality certification program for pharmaceutical formulated by IATA. A standard to ensure the safety, compliance and efficiency of temperature-controlled air transport of pharmaceuticals that conforms to GDP (Good Distribution Practice) around the world.

Under the business concept "LOGISTEED," we aim to become the most preferred global supply chain solutions provider, and we strive to achieve new innovations by enhancing the core domain and expanding collaborative area across businesses and industries.

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