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## CYBERDYNE and IWA JAPAN form a business alliance ~ utilizing "Neuro HALFIT" to improve the performance of athletes ~

CYBERDYNE, INC. [Tsukuba, Ibaraki, CEO: Yoshiyuki Sankai, the "Company"] announced to form a business alliance with the General Incorporated Association IWA JAPAN [Chiyoda, Tokyo, Representative Director: Yasutaka Uchida, "IWA JAPAN<sup>\*1</sup>"] towards the use of "Neuro HALFIT<sup>\*2</sup>", a program that utilizes Wearable Cyborg HAL, to improve the performance of athletes .

The Company and its group companies (collectively referred to as the "Group") together with General Incorporated Association Japan Wheelchair Sports Association are currently offering Neuro HALFIT program to visitors with disability or weakened physical function from aging at Yotsuya Robocare Center, aiming to improve the function of the brain-nerves-musculoskeletal systems. Yotsuya Robocare Center began its operation on October 2019 and it is located inside IWA ACADEMY operated by IWA JAPAN. This business alliance between the Company and IWA JAPAN were formed towards research and development of new products for athletes and development of new Neuro HALFIT program that will help athletes to improve their performances, recover faster from injuries and collect/analyze various data for athletes.

The Company will continue to offer Neuro HALFIT to visitors with disability or with weakened physical function due to aging at Yotsuya Robocare Center with the support of IWA ACADEMY. Simultaneously the Company will coordinate with IWA JAPAN to research and develop products and projects suited for various sports and aim to spread Cybernics Technology in the field of sports.



(Left) General Incorporated Association IWA JAPAN Representative Director: Yasutaka Uchida, (Right) CYBERDYNE, INC. President and CEO Yoshiyuki Sankai

## \*1 [General Incorporation Association IWA JAPAN]

The association utilizes the techniques, training method and care maintenance perfected by the Top Athlete Hisashi Iwakuma [professional baseball player (pitcher) who currently plays for Yomiuri Giants]. It operates an full-membership integrated sporting space, providing coaching to children to athletes. In order to realize high quality sports training, the association established the cycle of do, recover and reinforce. Furthermore, the associate proposes total coordination of body make life style through its full time staffs which includes acupuncturists, judo reduction teacher, nutritionist and various other professionals with national license.

## \*2 [Neuro HALFIT]

Neuro HALFIT is a program that aims to induce functional improvement of brain-nerves-musculoskeletal systems using the feature of the world's first Cyborg- Type Robot HAL. The program is designed for people who have difficulty standing, sitting or walking on their own.