

Speech by Guy Villax, CEO of Hovione,
on the occasion of the celebration of Hovione's 60th anniversary
event held at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo – 12th November 2019

Dear Mr. Ambassador,
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to our celebration, and thank you for coming.

Our 60 years' anniversary is an important date. We are now a family business in its 3rd generation, and we pride ourselves on establishing long relationships. The reason we exist is to help patients, and over these 60 years we have helped many millions and millions of people, all of them through our clients, you. This is a great privilege. Thank you.

50 years ago, Japan was our first important market. Japan remains a very important destination for our products. It was Japanese clients that helped Hovione grow into an international company. Thank you.

Today Hovione is present in all the important and highly regulated markets. Of the 150 new medicines (NDAs) that the FDA approved in the last 4 years, Hovione developed the process and produced the product for 15 of them for our clients.

In the last decade Hovione developed and produced 1 in every 2 tablets that provided the cure for hepatitis C at a global level. Hovione helped cure more than 3 million people. For these and so many other reasons we are proud of our work and we are grateful to our clients that give us the opportunity to contribute to the wellbeing of society.

Thank you for your collaboration and for being here.