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**Four Senior High School Students Selected to Represent Japan
at International Chemistry Olympiad Contest in Moscow**

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At the annual International Chemistry Olympiad contest senior high school students from around the world gather and compete on their ability in chemistry. The final selection of the students who will represent Japan at the 39th International Chemistry Olympiad to be held in July 2007 in Moscow, Russia, was determined by their performance on competitive examinations. The following four students have been selected:

Mr. Naru Tanaka, Kaisei Senior High School

Mr. Shotaro Tsunoda, University of Tsukuba Komaba Senior High School

Mr. Takashi Hiroi, University of Tsukuba Komaba Senior High School

Mr. Kazuki Yamaguchi, Shizuoka Prefectural Shimizu Higashi Senior High School

To make the final selection, nine top-ranking students were designated as “candidates for Japan representatives” from among those first-year and second-year senior high school students (as of 2006) who had achieved outstanding records at the “National Senior High School Chemistry Contest 2006” during the previous summer vacation. They received advice from teachers and professors in charge of training for the Council of Chemical Education and the Chemical Society of Japan and studied to participate in the Olympiad. From March 29 through 31 of this year, they all attended a training camp and took a 5-hour written examination like an actual Olympiad. Based on the results of this examination, the above students were selected as Japan’s representatives. Mr. Tanaka will participate in the Olympiad for the second time after representing Japan at last year’s Olympiad held in Gyeongsan, Korea.

The 39th International Chemistry Olympiad will be held from Sunday July 15 to Tuesday July 24 at Moscow State University (MGU). At the contest, some 240 outstanding students from about 60 countries will compete on their ability in chemistry demonstrated

by both a written, theoretical examination and an examination based on practical experiments. In addition, they have an opportunity to deepen their international understanding through various recreational activities. It is planned that the four Japan representatives will continue their own training and on Saturday April 28 and Sunday April 29 they will participate in an “experiments training camp” at Kaisei Senior High School in Tokyo preparing for the actual experiments examination in Moscow.

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