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**Japan Chemical Industry Association Holds 21st General Assembly:
Mr. Kyohei Takahashi of Showa Denko K.K. Appointed as New JCIA Chairman**

Japan Chemical Industry Association

Japan Chemical Industry Association (JCIA) held its 21st General Assembly and 143rd Board of Directors meeting in Tokyo on Monday, May 28, 2012.

During the General Assembly, the proposed appointment of officers, business plans, and the budget for fiscal year 2012 were discussed and approved by the 217 JCIA members in attendance. At the Board of Directors meeting, which followed the General Assembly, a new chairman and vice chairmen of JCIA were selected, with JCIA's former Vice Chairman Kyohei Takahashi (Representative Director, Chairman of the Board of Showa Denko K.K.) being appointed as the new JCIA chairman, replacing past Chairman Kenji Fujiyoshi (Chairman of Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.).

Prior to the General Assembly, awards ceremonies for the "36th Annual JCIA Safety Award" and the "44th Annual JCIA Technology Award" were held.

For the Safety Award, Yokkaichi Plant of JSR Corporation was selected as the "Grand Prize" winner, and Yokohama Plant of Showa Denko K.K. and Minamata Factory of JNC Corporation were awarded as "First Prize" winners.

For the Technology Award, FUJIFILM Corporation was recognized as the "Grand Prize" winner for its efforts to expand business by developing Fujitac high-quality, high-efficient film formation technology of solution. The "Special Technology Prize" went to Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd. for its industrialization of a compound semiconductor epitaxial wafer through a metal organic chemical vapor deposition method. The "Environmental Technology Prize" went to the Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation, National Institute for Materials Science, and Tokyo University of Technology for their combined efforts to develop red phosphor for white LED.

Following is a list of JCIA's new officers, including the chairman, vice chairmen, directors, and auditors, and new chairmen of committees:

Board of Directors and Auditors

<i>Chairman</i>	Kyohei Takahashi	Representative Director, Chairman of the Board, Showa Denko K.K.
<i>Vice Chairmen</i>		
	Yoshimitsu Kobayashi	President & Chief Executive Officer, Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings Corporation
	Taketsugu Fujiwara	President & Representative Director, Presidential Executive Officer, Asahi Kasei Corporation
	Kenichi Udagawa	President, TOSOH CORPORATION
	Misao Fudaba	President and CEO, Daicel Corporation
<i>Directors</i>	Kazuhiko Ishimura	President & CEO, Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.
	Michio Takeshita	President & Representative Director, Ube Industries, Ltd.
	Motoki Ozaki	Representative Director, President and Chief Executive Officer, Kao Corporation
	Masakazu Tokura	President, Sumitomo Chemical Company, Limited
	Naofumi Negishi	President and Representative Director, Chief Executive Officer, SEKISUI CHEMICAL CO., LTD.
	Yoshiyuki Nakanishi	Representative Director, President & CEO, DIC Corporation
	Akira Mandai	President, Nippon Kayaku Co., Ltd.
	Masanori Ikeda	Member of the Board, President, NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD.
	Shigetaka Komori	President and Chief Executive Officer, FUJIFILM Corporation
	Toshikazu Tanaka	President & CEO, Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.
<i>Director General</i>		
	Tetsuo Nishide	
<i>Executive Directors</i>		
	Konomi Kodama	[General Manager of General Affairs Dept. and responsible for Public Relations Dept. and Chemical Products PL Consulting Center]
	Fumiaki Shono	[General Manager of International Affairs

	Yutaka Haruyama	Dept. and REACH Task Force and responsible for Chemicals Management Dept. and Laboratory Accreditation Center]
	Yoshihiko Matsumoto	[General Manager of Environment and Safety Dept. and responsible for Responsible Care Dept. and Dangerous Goods by Air Information Office]
<i>Auditors</i>	Masami Kishine	[General Manager of Labor Dept. and responsible for Dept. of Business/Economic Information and Technical Affairs Dept.]
	Mitsukuni Ayabe	Member of the Board, Managing Executive Officer, KANEKA CORPORATION
		Director, Managing Executive Officer, DENKI KAGAKU KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA

Chairman of Committees

<i>Public Relations Committee</i>	Hiroshi Sawayama, Lead Executive Officer, Asahi Kasei Corporation
<i>International Activities Committee</i>	Toshinori Yamamoto, Managing Director, TOSOH CORPORATION
<i>Economy and Tax System Committee</i>	Masumi Fukuda, Managing Executive Officer, Daicel Corporation
<i>Labor Committee</i>	Atsushi Yamamoto, Executive Officer, Ube Industries, Ltd.
<i>Technical Affairs Committee</i>	Gen Takemoto, Board Director, Managing Executive Officer, Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.
<i>Environment and Safety Committee</i>	Yasuhiro Kajiwara, Managing Executive Officer, Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation
<i>Chemicals Management Committee</i>	Osamu Maruyama, Executive Officer, Sumitomo Chemical Company, Limited
<i>Responsible Care Committee</i>	Katsuhisa Kato, Representative Director, Executive Vice President, Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.