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JCIA Announces 7th Annual Responsible Care Award Winners
JCIA Commends Individuals and Groups for
Their Environmental/Safety Activity

Japan Chemical Industry Association

The Japan Chemical Industry Association (JCIA, Chairman: Kyohei Takahashi, Chairman of Showa Denko K.K.) recently announced its 7th annual Responsible Care Award winners.

JCIA established the JCIA Responsible Care Committee to preserve environment, safety, and health in all chemical processes, including development, production, distribution, use, final consumption, and disposal of chemicals. JCIA works to communicate and promote the achievements of the program to the public.

As a part of such activities, the Responsible Care Award is given to individuals and groups from the JCIA member companies who have contributed to improved awareness among employees on the importance of environment, safety, and health in all processes. This year marks the seventh year of the RC Awards.

This year's award winners are: JSR Corporation, Chiba Plant ; Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. ; Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation, Yokkaichi Plant ; and Sanyo Chemical Industries, Ltd.. They are as follows:

- **JSR Corporation, Chiba Plant**

Theme: **“Activity to reduce CO₂ emissions at Chiba Plant of JSR Corp.”**

Winners: Koichi Morita, Yoshio Igarashi, Masahiko Kato, and Tomohiro Yamaguchi

Reasons: While the production volume increased by 25% over that in 1990, CO₂ emissions were reduced by 16.6% by continued energy-saving activity.

- **Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.**

Theme: **“Continued improvement of activity for mental health of its employees at Mitsui Chemicals”**

Winners: Seitaro Dohi, Hiroshi Ide, Akitoshi Murata, Hiroko Okazaki, Ayako Shazuki, Daisuke Ito, and Tadayuki Yokota

Reasons: They developed a plan to improve the mental health of employees at the entire company. They conduct activities not only to respond to those who are mentally depressed to prevent reoccurrence on an individual basis, but also conduct activities to prevent mental depression of the newly employed, improve communications at the workplace by utilizing a “Survey on Stress Level at Workplace,” and continue these activities to continuously improve the workplace climate companywide.

- **Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation, Yokkaichi Plant**

Theme: **“Zero-emission wastes”**

Winners: Toshinori Ichikawa, Eiji Tokunaga, Koji Mizutani, and Kanako Hori

Reasons: They established zero-emission of waste as the company policy to “achieve less than 1% occurrence of wastes to be buried by fiscal 2010.” At Yokkaichi Plant, they aggressively pushed to recycle waste instead of bury it at landfill, and have achieved zero-emission of waste in fiscal year 2011.

- **Sanyo Chemical Industries, Ltd.**

Theme: **“Challenge to reduce wastes”**

Winners: Takashi Tsubouchi, Naoki Murasaki, and Ryoichi Fujita

Reasons: They reduced the volume of wastes by 30% from the actual volume in fiscal year 2008 by (1) reducing volume, (2) effectively utilizing waste as materials and fuel, (3) selling excess wastes for cash, (4) treating wastewaters, (5) reducing the emission volume by improving processes and improving product yield, and have maintained this situation through fiscal year 2011.

The winners will receive their awards on May 29 and will make presentations on their activities at the JCIA Symposium 2013 on May 30.

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