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The 9th “Responsible Care Award” Have Been Selected to Commend the Activities of Chemical Companies in the Environment and Safety Fields

Operation Training Center of Daicel Corporation Is Awarded “RC Grand Prix” for Skill Transfer/Education Training in Process Industry

The chemical industry has been promoting Responsible Care®, in which member chemical companies voluntarily secure environment, safety, and health as pertains to their operations, publicly announce the results of the activities, and communicate with society throughout the life cycles of chemicals from development to production, distribution, use, final consumption and disposal. Every year, Japan Chemical Industry Association commends outstanding achievements or contributions made by plant sites, departments, groups, and/or individuals of member companies to be shared among all the JCIA members toward further improvement and expansion of RC related activities in the chemical industry. From this year, Jury’s Special Award has been established to raise the willingness of conducting the RC activity.

RC Grand Prix Award (one awardee)

Operation Training Center, Daicel Corporation

Theme: “Skill Transfer, Education and Training in Process Industry”

Awardees: KunioFukunishi, Yoshiyuki Harano, Masahiro Kado, Atsushi Uchiyama, Hiroshi Watanabe, Shuichi Kuramata, and Yoshiaki Morimoto

Activity:By systemizing the knowhow and skills of veteran workers to enable everyone to use them, they have established and utilized “Operation Training Center” to establish itself and maintain “the Daicel way of production innovation” to aim at realizing the effects such as safe and stable operation and improvement in productivity and quality. In addition to the training courses for operators at every level to master the three requirements of “knowledge”, “experience”, and “action”, the center prepares various curricula for engineers, production-related managers, and even such outsiders as students and the total number of trainees has reached to approx. 4,000 since the opening of the center in 2002.

RC Jury's Special Award (newly established, two awardees)

RC Audit Group, Responsible Care Office, Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.

Theme: "The Turnaround in Responsible Care Audit of Sumitomo Chemical"

Awardees: Masakazu Aihara, Kuniyoshi Satoh, Jun Satoh, Naoyuki Sasaki, and Kazumi Nakano

Activity: They have tackled with turnaround of Responsible Care audit by utilizing cross-sectional information collected by the Responsible Care Audit Group and cross-categorical information on safety, security, environment, and quality collected on-site. With this turnaround, auditing has substantially changed from the traditional way as just checking of management system to that including discovery of potential risks, improvement after auditing, technical support toward solving issues, and also function of fostering human resources.

RC & Quality Assurance Div. Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.

Theme: "Development of Responsible Care Activity to Subsidiaries and Affiliated Companies"

Awardees: Norio Matsumoto, Tomoko Mihashi, Nobumasa Arashiba, Zhang Runbei, Akihiro Koide, Tsutomu Morimoto, Yoshiyuki Itoh, Akihiko Watanabe, Satoshi Ishikawa, Masahiko Hanzawa, Kenji Suzuki, and Seitaro Dohi

Activity: To realize the globalization of RC activities, they have established the framework to control the RC related activities of the entire group, then the sections responsible for the individual business fields have developed their own policies and goals to be pursued in their both domestic and overseas affiliates. Their activities are not limited to assessing the performance of the activities but include building support measures by business field toward continuous improvement. In addition, during the fiscal 2014, they have also promoted their president's commitment on the revised RC Global Charter among affiliated companies.

RC Outstanding Award (three awardees)

Kao Corporation

Theme: "Approach to Measures against Earthquake"

Awardees: Kiyoshi Aimoto, Yoshio Sasaki, Tomoaki Murai, Ihei So, Hirokazu Oka, and Kiyoshi Hirano

Activity: Since fiscal 2001, they have reinforced buildings against earthquake, prepared measures against liquefaction of high-pressure gas facilities and storage of dangerous substances (certain tanks), and established measures against leakage from dangerous substances and poison handling facilities, thereby contributing to realize safety of plants and stable production.

Human Resources Development Group, AGC Chemicals, Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.

Theme: “Deployment of Safety Culture around Asian Area”

Awardees: Toru Tamakawa, Kiyoshi Nakada, and Tadashi Hiraoka

Activity: After they had developed their original training courses on safety practices and introduced them in their major plants in Japan, they have refined and expanded the contents of the courses. Furthermore, as a result of their efforts in expanding this safety practice education to overseas affiliate companies, an original safety culture has rooted in an affiliate company in Indonesia, which has become a model in the region.

Mizushima Plant, Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation

Theme: “Unified Safety Activity with Construction Partner Companies”

Awardees: Takahiro Kameyama, Yasushi Yuki, and Isamu Ohmori

Activity: By closely sharing information between responsible persons of each partner company and managers of the plant and also by continuation of steady activity such as various education for down to the workers on the site, continuous days of zero injuries have surpassed 1,100 days. In fiscal 2013, they positioned once-four-year, large-scale regular turnaround as “KAITEKI turnaround”, and completed it without any injuries with concerted efforts between the company and partners and improvement of satisfaction of stakeholders as goals.

RC Award for Effort(five awardees)

JSR Optech Tsukuba Co., Ltd.

Theme: “Industrial Waste Reduction Campaign at JSR Optech Tsukuba Co., Ltd.”

Nanyo Complex, TOSOH CORPORATION

Theme: “Voluntary RC Activity by Young TOSOH Employees (TRY!)”

Saitama Plant, Nissan Chemical Industries, Ltd.

Theme: “Continuation of Local Community Exchange Meeting”

Sustainability Campaign Team, Du Pont Kabushiki Kaisha

Theme: “Sustainability Campaign”

NIPPON KAYAKU FUKUYAMA CO., LTD.

Theme: “Basis for the Safety: Efforts toward Firm Establishment of ‘Pointing and Calling’”

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