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**-- JCIA Presents 35th Grand Prix Safety Award --
Omuta Works of Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. Honored**

Japan Chemical Industry Association

After reviewing a number of chemical facilities candidates, the Japan Chemical Industry Association (JCIA) has selected Omuta Works of Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. as the winner of its 35th Grand Prix Safety Award.

JCIA's "Grand Prix Safety", "Special Safety" and "Safety" Award are presented to facilities with superior performance, serving as leaders within the chemical industry by promoting voluntary conservation, health and safety efforts. This year, eleven facilities, including one research center, were recommended for the Association's awards.

As selected by JCIA's Safety Awards Council, chaired by Dr. Shozo Tamura, Professor Emeritus of Tokyo University, the following have been selected as award-winning facilities:

JCIA 35th Grand Prix Safety Award Winner:

Omuta Works of Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.

- **Founded:** 1912
- **Facility Location:** 30 Asamutamachi, Omuta City, Fukuoka Prefecture
- **Production:** Manufacturer of urethane raw materials (TDI, MDI), functional chemicals (monomer for high refractive index plastic lens for glasses), and agro-medicine (pesticide intermediates)
- **Amount of Dangerous Substances Handled:** About 125,000 times the designated amount
- **Amount of High-Pressure Gas Handled:** About 5.8 million Nm³/day
- **Number of Employees:** 695
- **Safety Record:** 6 million labor hours without a recorded accident
- **Years Without Recorded Accident:** 3.5 years
- **Major Awards:** Green Cross Award of Japan Industrial Safety & Health Association (Aug. 2010) and Fukuoka Prefecture Governor's Award for Workers (Nov. 2010)

- **Reasons for Selection:** Working to promote “a highly functional products manufacturing factory with the world’s highest level of safety and cost competitiveness, less burden on the environment, and coexistence with the community,” **Omuta Works of Mitsui Chemicals** aims at tackling labor, safety and health issues to create a stable and functional operation. The factory works to reach its target labor, safety and health goals established in its annual plan, and continuously works to improve its management system through voluntary activities, such as administration development and training, as well as an internal audit. To maintain the highest level of safety, the factory focuses its attention on (1) prevention of the leakage of high-risk substances, (2) reinforcement of hazard-prediction activity, and the (3) implementation of measures to prevent potential hazardous liquid spills and other associated risks. The factory has additionally made progress in digitizing its management documents for sharing purposes and has offered an online education program on safety.

JCIA Special Safety Award Winners:

Showa Titanium Co., Ltd. (Nishimiyamachi, Toyama City, Toyama Prefecture), and
Tanaka-Kiko Co., Ltd. (Sakaimachi, Sarusima-gun, Ibaraki Prefecture)

JCIA Safety Award Winner:

Toagosei Co., Ltd. Sakaide Plant (Showacho, Sakaide City, Kagawa Prefecture)

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