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**-- JCIA Presents 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety Award --  
Yokkaichi Plant of JSR Corporation Honored**

Japan Chemical Industry Association

The Japan Chemical Industry Association (JCIA) reviewed a number of chemical facilities candidates for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety Awards and selected Yokkaichi Plant of JSR Corporation as the winner of the Grand Prize.

JCIA's Safety Award Grand Prize and First Prizes are awarded to those chemical facilities carrying out exceptional safety activities exceeding the industry's standards. The awards are presented as part of the chemical industry's promotion of voluntary conservation, health and safety efforts. This year, 19 facilities, including two research centers, were recommended for the Association's awards. As reviewed and 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 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety Award Grand Prize Winner:**

**Yokkaichi Plant of JSR Corporation**

- **Facility Location:** 100 Kawajiri-cho, Yokkaichi City, Mie Prefecture
- **Founded:** 1960
- **Production:** Manufacturer of SBR, NBR, S-SBR, latex, photoresists for semiconductors, materials for displays, etc.
- **Amount of Dangerous Substances Handled:** About 51,000 times the designated amount
- **Amount of High-Pressure Gas Handled:** About 44.5 million Nm<sup>3</sup>/day
- **Number of Employees:** 1,695
- **Safety Record:** 18 million labor hours without recorded accident
- **Years Without Recorded Accident:** 5 years
- **Major Awards:** JCIA/JRCC Safety Award (May 1982) and Award of the Director of Labor Standards Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, No Recorded Accident in Type 3 (Jan. 2010)
- **Reasons for Selection:** With "Steadily, Honestly, and Thoroughly" as a motto, the plant has established its basic policy for safety and health to

“make safety the first priority” and “coexist with local the community” by respecting those communities based on “corporate philosophy, overall management policy, and a management policy on safety, environment, quality, and product safety.” Based on these safety activities, the plant (1) carries out assessment and verification procedures regarding the safety environment for new construction/expansion/change of facilities, operation conditions, and physical and human changes by reinforcing administration and continued monitoring of these changes, (2) thoroughly conducts identification of the sources of danger and activity to reduce such sources, and (3) reduces human errors by zero-injury and zero-danger procedures and promotes measures to foresee potential dangers. In addition, the plant also conducts safety education and training through a number of its programs and courses.

**JCIA 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety Award First Prize Winners (two facilities):**

**Yokohama Plant of Showa Denko K.K.** (Ebisu-cho, Kanagawa-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture), and

**Minamata Factory of JNC Corporation** (Noguchi-cho, Minamata City, Kumamoto Prefecture)

The award ceremony is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 28 at the 21<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the Japan Chemical Industry Association in Tokyo.

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