

Kyowa Hakko Kirin Announces Change of Representative Directors

Tokyo, Japan, January 31, 2012 --- Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd. ("Kyowa Hakko Kirin") today announced that its Board of Directors appointed today the representative director candidates as follows. Appointments are subject to the further approval of the Board of Directors meeting to be held on March 22, 2012, following the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for the same day.

1. The reason for the change

The change is decided to move on to the next step of achievement of global specialty pharmaceutical company.

2. New Representative Directors

New Position	Name	Current Position
Executive Director of the Board President and Chief Executive Officer (*1)	Nobuo Hanai	Director of the Board Senior Executive Managing Officer
Executive Director of the Board Executive Vice President	Yoshiharu Furumoto	Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer Representative Director of Kirin Holdings Company, Limited

*1: concurrently serve as Managing Officer

3. Retiring Representative Directors

Name	Current Position
Yuzuru Matsuda (*2)	Executive Director of the Board President and Chief Executive Officer (*3)
Ken Yamazumi	Executive Director of the Board Executive Vice President

*2: will become an adviser

*3: concurrently serve as Managing Officer

4. The date to be appointed: March 22, 2012

5. Curriculum Vitae

(1) President and CEO candidate

Nobuo Hanai

Date of birth:	April 30, 1953
Citizenship:	Japan
Education:	
March 1976	Graduated from Department of Pharmacy, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, The University of Tokyo
Degree:	
July 1985	Obtained Ph.D. from Yamaguchi University School of Medicine
Business Experience:	
Mar 2010-present	Director of the Board, Senior Executive Managing Officer Vice President, Head, Development Div., Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd.
June 2009	Director of the Board, Executive Managing Officer Vice President, Head, Development Div., Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd.
October 2008	Managing Officer Vice President, Head, Development Div., Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd.
April 2007	Managing Officer Vice President, Head, Pharmaceutical Research and Development Div., Pharmaceuticals Business Unit, Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co., Ltd.
June 2006	Managing Officer, Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co., Ltd.
February 2003	President and Chief Executive Officer, BioWa, Inc.
June 2002	Director of Pharmaceutical Strategic Planning Dept., Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co., Ltd.
April 2000	Associate Director of Tokyo Research Laboratories, Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co., Ltd.
April 1990	Principal Researcher of Tokyo Research Laboratories, Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co., Ltd.
April 1976	Joined Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co., Ltd.

(2) Executive Vice President candidate

Yoshiharu Furumoto

Date of Birth: January 30, 1950

Citizenship: Japan

Education:

March 1973 Graduated from Faculty of Commerce and Management,
Hitotsubashi University

Business Experience:

March 2010-present Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer,
Representative Director, Kirin Holdings Company Limited

March 2008 Managing Director, Kirin Holdings Company Limited

March 2007 Managing Executive Officer and General Manager of Strategic
Planning Dept., Kirin Brewery Company Limited

March 2006 Executive Officer and General Manager of Group Strategy Dept.,
Kirin Brewery Company Limited

March 2004 Executive Officer and General Manager of Corporate Planning
Dept., Kirin Brewery Company Limited

September 2003 Assistant to General Manager of Sales and Marketing Div.,
Kirin Brewery Company Limited

April 2002 General Manager of Spirits and wine Dept. of Sales and
Marketing Div., Kirin Brewery Company Limited

April 1973 Joined Kirin Brewery Company Limited