

Change of Representative Directors at Kyowa Hakko Bio

Tokyo, Japan, January 30, 2015 --- Kyowa Hakko Bio Co., Ltd. (“Kyowa Hakko Bio”) today announced that its Board of Directors appointed on January 26, 2015, the representative director candidate as follows. The Appointment is subject to the further approval of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled on March 17, 2015.

1. The reason for the change

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

2. New Representative Director

New Position	Name	Current Position
Executive Director of the Board President and Chief Executive Officer	Chikakuni Kotani	Director of the Board

3. Retiring Representative Director

Name	Current Position
Shuichi Ishino	Executive Director of the Board President and Chief Executive Officer

4. The date to be appointed

March 17, 2015

5. Curriculum Vitae

President candidate

Chikakuni Kotani

Date of birth:	February 3, 1960
Citizenship:	Japan
Education:	
March 1983	Graduated from Department of Literature, Keio University
Business Experience:	
Mar 2012-present	Director of the Board General Manager, Fine Chemicals Department Kyowa Hakko Bio Co., Ltd.
Jan 2010	General Manager , Fine Chemicals Department Kyowa Hakko Bio Co., Ltd.
Apr 2005	President, and Chief Executive Officer Kyowa Hakko U.S.A., Inc.
Apr 2005	Manager, Fine Chemicals Department Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co., Ltd.
Jun 2000	Manager, Bio Chemicals Sales 1 st Department Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co., Ltd.
Mar 1998	Manager, Bio Chemicals Global Sales Department (Beijing Representative Office) Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co., Ltd.
Apr 1997	Manager, KYOWA HAKKO (H.K.) Co., Ltd.
Apr 1983	Joined Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co., Ltd.