

The Japan Investor Relations Association Announces its Sixteenth Annual IR Grand Prix

The Japan Investor Relations Association (JIRA, Chairman: Hajime Sawabe, TDK Corporation, Director and chairman of the Board), the only privately-run non-profit organization working for the proliferation and improvement of investor relations (IR) activities in Japan, has announced the recipients of the 2011 Annual IR Grand Prix Awards. The IR Grand Prix (Committee Chairman: Masanobu Kaizu, Chief Research Officer, Nomura Securities Co. Ltd., Financial and Economic Research Center,) is designed to recognize those companies which have achieved successful results and gained the support of the investment community for their strong understanding of and proactive efforts to promote investor relations. This year marks the 16th year that the IR Grand Prix has been held, and characteristics of the awards and their recipients are listed below.

Committee Chairman Masanobu Kaizu states that “companies were selected for their superior IR activities, which were above the levels seen in recent years, and awards were given to companies based on their disclosure of various information including the damages caused by and the recovery conditions in the wake of the earthquake disaster”.

Of the members of JIRA, 304 companies whose shares are publicly traded applied for screening in the 2011 IR Grand Prix. Of these companies, a total of 12 companies were selected for awards, including one for the IR Grand Prix Award, six for the Best IR Award, two for the IR Special Award, two for the Best IR Award for Small to Medium Sized Capitalization Companies, and one for the Special IR Award for Small to Medium Sized Capitalization Companies.

Recipient ,IR Grand Prix Award

FamilyMart Co., Ltd.

Recipients, Best IR Award

Capcom Co.,Ltd.

SYSMEX CORPORATION

Sumitomo Material Mining Co.,Ltd..

Tokyo Electron Limited

NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD.

HORIBA, Ltd.

Recipients, IR Special Award

ITOCHU Corporation

Oriental Land Co., Ltd.

Recipients, Best IR Award for Small to Medium Sized Capitalization Companies

MTI Ltd.

Simplex Holdings, Inc.

Recipient, IR Special Award for Small to Medium Sized Capitalization Companies

So-net Entertainment Corporation

Note: Companies above are listed in alphabetical order

About JIRA

The Japan Investor Relations Association (JIRA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1993. JIRA is comprised of 634 members (as of October 31,2011) and conducts educational activities, surveys, research, and provides opportunities for member companies to exchange information.

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