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ICCA Board of Directors Gathers in Tokyo

Meeting signifies growing importance of Asia's chemicals sector to globalized industry

TOKYO, May 29, 2014 – Members of the Japan Chemical Industry Association (JCIA) welcomed chief executives of fifteen global chemical companies to Tokyo this morning, kicking off a bi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA), the worldwide voice of the chemical industry. The Council reported continued progress in working to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges, including rising global energy demand, climate change, and sound chemicals management, while at the same time improving the industry's own performance through initiatives like [Responsible Care®](#).

"This is the first time ICCA has met in Asia, signifying the rapid growth and importance of our chemicals sector to the region and to the world," said Yoshimitsu Kobayashi, CEO of Mitsubishi Chemical and newly appointed chairman of JCIA. "Many of our companies are turning to ICCA leadership for guidance on how to improve our own performance and capacity building efforts here in Asia."

At the top of the agenda, members submitted a progress report to the Board on the adoption of a newly revised Responsible Care® Global Charter, a voluntary industry performance initiative introduced in 2006 at the UN-led International Conference on Chemicals Management in Dubai. The updated Charter will continue to promote improvement in health, safety and environmental performance, while placing more weight on Responsible Care's contribution to sustainability. The Charter also integrates the [Global Product Strategy \(GPS\)](#), the industry's contribution to the United Nations Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM). The top 150 global chemical companies are expected to sign the Charter in early 2015.

The Board also highlighted ongoing ICCA capacity building efforts, a series of workshops designed to improve expertise in chemicals risk assessment in both emerging and developing economies. In 2013, ICCA hosted thirteen GPS-focused capacity building workshops in Asia, Eastern Europe and South America.

"GPS capacity building is a pillar of our outreach work and critical to developing a truly global, sound chemicals management program," said Kurt Bock, ICCA president and chairman of the board of executive directors of BASF SE. "More than 100 chemical companies and 40 associations globally have put GPS principles into practice, and the numbers keep growing." The Board also supports more systematic cooperation with technical service providers like [National Cleaner Production Centres](#) to promote best practices in chemical processes, Bock explained.

ICCA members also presented to the Board two new ICCA position papers on energy and climate change. The new "Energy Principles" takes into account regional positions on energy

and feedstock and will stand at the center of ICCA member dialogues with policymakers at the regional, national, and international level. The second paper responds to government proposals for the 2015 Global Climate Agreement, calling for an effective, efficient and transparent global climate framework.

Panel Discussion: The Chemical Industry as an Enabler for a Sustainable Economy in the 21st Century

At 3:50 p.m. JST, ICCA members will gather at the Palace Hotel Tokyo for short presentations and a high-level panel discussion regarding global industry trends, challenges and opportunities, and the industry's role in helping to achieve a sustainable economy in the 21st century.

Moderated by **Professor Hiroyuki Itami**, Tokyo University of Science, the discussion will feature short presentations by **Dr. Kurt Bock**, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors, BASF; **Mr. Andrew Liveris**, President, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Dow Chemical; and **Dr. Yoshimitsu Kobayashi**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings. Panel members include **Mr. Mohammed Al-Mady**, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Sabic; **Mr. Nikhil R. Meswani**, Executive Director, Reliance Industries; and **Dr. Pailin Chuchottaworn**, President and Chief Executive Officer, PTT.

About ICCA

The International Council of Chemical Association (ICCA) is the worldwide voice of the chemical industry, an industry with a 2012 turnover of more than 3000 billion of euros (including observers & Responsible Care members). More than 20 million people around the globe are employed directly or indirectly by the chemical industry. ICCA members account for more than 90 per cent of global chemical sales. ICCA focuses on key issues for the chemical industry such as the promotion and coordination of Responsible Care and other voluntary initiatives. Learn more about the ICCA at www.icca-chem.org.