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METI holds meeting for standardization of recycled replacement parts

On July 15, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry held the fifth convening of the Study Meeting on Establishing Standards for Recycled Automotive Replacement Parts in Tokyo. At the July 15 meeting, members agreed to step forward to aim for common standards for such parts, as was discussed at the four previous meetings, as they confirmed the direction in each area to be resolved.

The study meeting was designed to set up easy-to-understand standards for product information from the viewpoint of consumers, thereby encouraging widespread use of recycled parts among the general public. Knowledgeable persons, industry leaders, persons from automotive recycling-related organizations and others take part as

regular members, while METI officials attend as observers.

At the fifth meeting, members discussed: "The scope of reuse and rebuilt parts", "How to secure reliability", "How to display such parts and make them recognizable from one another", and "How to provide information on such parts." In order to make sure recycled parts are reliable, members confirmed that they will consider the operational organization needed for standardization, as well as basic standard specifics.

Standardization issues include how to develop an information-retrieval system by which mechanics can precisely determine the recycled parts that meet the specifications and the year of manufacture of the vehicle to be repaired and how to make sure parts exported overseas are reliable.

With more-concrete discussions to be held on each topic starting from the next meeting, one participant stated: "Even today, we are doing business fully relying on the current levels of reliability of recycled parts." As such, discussions on the specifics are expected to proceed with care. (*Daily Automotive News, July 24 issue*)

JARA Group Chubu-Kansai block holds owners and staff joint seminar in Shirakawago, Gifu

On July 5, JARA Corp. held its JARA Group Chubu-Kansai Block

Owners and Staff Joint Seminar at a training facility in Shirakawa Village, Gifu Prefecture. The seminar featured a special lecture by Toyota Motor Corporation's Environmental Affair Division, and the automaker's Toyota Shirakawa-Go Eco-Institute served as the venue. A total of 30 people from 16 JARA member companies participated.

The Toyota lecture was titled "Market Forecasts of End-of-Life-Vehicles" and touched on such things as detailed calculation methods for estimating ELV volume and an ELV volume estimate for fiscal 2014. The lecturer said, "Collection of ELVs is unlikely to sharply increase in the future. On the other hand, we don't expect it to drop sharply, either. We forecast an annual ELV collection of around 3.4 million units."

Following the lecture, owners and staff attended separate meetings. At the owners' meeting, attendees reported on recent business environments and their companies' activities, and then exchanged ideas and opinions. (*Daily Automotive News, July 17 issue*)



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News from NPO JARA

IRT 2014 to take place in Kushiro, Hokkaido



Message from Satoshi Takahashi,
NPO JARA Vice Chairman

As a member of the automotive recycling industry, I am very happy that the 8th International Roundtable on Automotive Recycling (IRT) will take place in Kushiro City, Hokkaido. But, at the same time, I am feeling the pressure of holding such an international conference. As I think that IRT will help us create national standards for automotive recycling systems, I hope many people will join the Kushiro conference.

Looking back now, I realized that we had repeatedly visited the developed recycling businesses in the U.S. and Europe, and repeated trial and error that led the acceleration in developing Japanese automotive recycling systems. In the beginning, IRT was attended by several companies from one or two countries. But now it attracts, as an annual event, so many people from various countries. IRT provides a platform for presenting opinions and reports on automotive recycling from each participating country. Various ideas and case studies provided by professionals are seriously discussed there. I believe that IRT will further help participants if they can adopt suitable ideas from it for their own country, and repeat trial and error to contribute to the development of their own automotive recycling industry.

I hope that those helped build our recycling industry, as well as related associations and groups, will provide as much support as possible for a very successful conclusion to this year's IRT!

Satoshi Takahashi,
President of Takahashi Shokai Co.

- IRT 2014 OVERVIEW -

The 8th International Roundtable on Automotive Recycling 2014, Kushiro

Date: Oct. 1 (Wed.) – 4 (Sat.), 2014

Venue: Kushiro Prince Hotel, 7-1 Saiwaicho, Kushiro City, Hokkaido (Phone: 0154-31-1111)

Organizer: NPO Japan Automotive Recyclers Association (NPO JARA)

Scheduled program:

Oct. 1 (Wed.): Registration and IRT welcoming reception from 18:00~

Oct. 2 (Thur.): Recycler's yard tour and Kobelco multi-nibbler machine demonstration at Takahashi Shokai Co. Bus tour to Kushiro-shitsugen (Marshland) National Park. Dinner and evening ceremony hosted by NPO JARA.

Oct. 3 (Fri.): IRT meeting: Opening Speeches, Guest Speeches, Keynote Sessions, Country Reports, Roundtable Discussions Part 1, Networking Dinner

Oct. 4 (Sat.): IRT meeting: Roundtable Discussions Part 2, Ending Speeches. By 12:00

Optional sightseeing tours to scenic viewpoints are also available after IRT ends.

For details and registration,
please visit <http://irt2014.kushiro.jp>

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Since it was established in 2004, the Japan Automotive Recyclers Association, a non-profit organization of dismantlers, has been actively promoting, jointly with overseas partners, the proper process of automobile recycling from a global viewpoint, thereby contributing to global environmental conservation.



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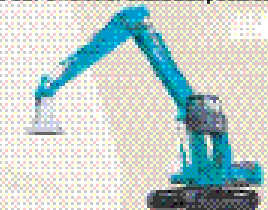
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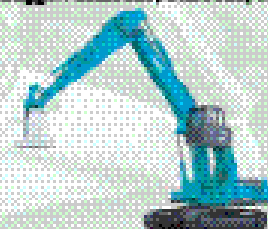
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