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TOPICS IN FOCUS

Takahashi to take post of JARA chairman Domon to serve as honorary chairman

Recycled auto parts sales group JARA Corporation announced that Satoshi Takahashi, 69, president of Takahashi Shoukai Co. of Hokkaido, will assume the chairmanship of JARA Corp. Goro Domon, current chairman, will step down to assume the post of honorary chairman. Shosho Kitajima will continue as president. By reshuffling its top management, JARA aims to survive in an auto recycling industry that is now facing ever harder times.

The appointments were approved at the general meeting of shareholders on March 10. JARA Corp. was formed through a merger between the former SPN Corp. and the former EcoLine Co. in April 2014 and now has a total of 190 member companies, the largest in the industry. With new Chairman Takahashi, JARA aims to expand its recycled parts business amid the worsening business environment, which was triggered by declining ELVs and a slump in steel scrap prices.

The new executive team consists of Chairman Satoshi Takahashi, President Soshu Kitajima, Senior Managing Director Takayuki Moriya, Executive Director Yoichi Tabuchi, directors Hiroyuki Kurihara, Hideki Kondo (Toyota Tsusho Corp.), Masami Iwase (Toyota Tsusho Corp.), Tadashi Yatsuzuka and Goichi Hida, and auditors Satoshi Suzuki (Toyota Tsusho Corp.) and Yukiyoshi Domon

(Daily Automotive News, March 24 issue)



Profile of JARA Chairman Satoshi Takahashi

Representative director and president of Takahashi Shoukai Co.

Vice chairman of non-profit organization Japan Automotive Recyclers Association (NPO-JARA)

Date of birth: March 2, 1947

JARA group aims to increase sales 20% in this fiscal year, expanding domestic business

JARA Group has established its business plans for this fiscal year and aims to increase transactions of recycled auto parts inside the group by 20 percent compared with the previous year. The plan centers on increasing parts sales in Japan and the group plans to be actively involved in the development of close relationships among members, thereby raising the group's organizational power enough to achieve its goals.

The group has chosen as this year's slogan: "Seiksho Idai," which means "the accumulation of continuous small efforts brings great success". Group Chairman Yuji Imai talked about his ambition, by saying, "We should make small efforts step by step to see a great outcome."

The group also set as a goal the reinforcement of organizational power in addition to scaling up the transaction of recycled parts within the group. Specifically, through joint workshops among member companies, it will activate human resources development and communication. The aim is to expand membership.

JARA Group will widen the scope of challenges in each business division. It will hold study sessions on how to achieve its recycled parts distribution goals in the block management division, and workshops on using scanning tools in the quality

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management division, thereby improving its parts production capability. The group also plans to explore possible collaboration with automakers aiming for deepening knowledge and information sharing regarding advanced technologies. In the educational division, it will develop human resources according to experience or job skills by providing a wide range of training.

JARA holds general shareholders meeting in Tokyo
Awards ceremony held for excellence in quality management

JARA Group held its second general meeting of JARA shareholders in Tokyo. A report



JARA Group aims to increase sales of recycled parts by 20%

on the previous year's activities and business results was provided and the business plan and the budget for the new fiscal year were deliberated and unanimously approved.

During the meeting, presentations on basic policy and plans for the new fiscal year were given by representatives of each regional block. On a block basis, further efforts will be made to meet the "goal of raising parts transactions by 20% compared to the previous year."

A ceremony was held to hand out "Factory of Excellent Quality Management" awards, which are

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(based on Super-Line System)

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3,288 tons of CO2 emissions
in February 2016

The reference figure represents the difference of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions at the vehicle repair using genuine (new) parts and recycled parts.*

*: Based on "Green Point System", which was jointly developed by the Japan Automotive Parts Recyclers Association and Waseda University Environmental Research Institute using a life cycle assessment (LCA) technique.

presented to member companies that record a low rate of claims incidences. The top-ranked companies were announced, including Ehime Auto Recycle Co. of Kaneshiro Sangyo Co. of Matsuyama City, Ehime Prefecture, which has won first place for two years in a row. *(Daily Automotive News, March 24 issue)*

Honorary Consul-General of the Republic of Fiji, Sendai, Japan



Tropical Cyclone Winston, a record-devastating storm in the Southern Hemisphere, hit the Viti Levu Island of Fiji and ravaged the island nation on the Feb. 20-21, 2016, leaving serious damage on both the mainland and remote islands of the country. Detailed information on the damage, which was nationwide, has yet to be made available.

As of now, the death toll stands at 44. People suffering from the disaster reportedly total 350,000 and the number of destroyed homes are expected to reach 24,000. About 54,000 people have been forced to stay in 960 shelters.

Although relief assistance activities have already begun in the country, people are still suffering from shortage of water, food, and daily necessities. Local industries and educational facilities are believed to be seriously damaged, as well. There is a need from now for long-term assistance.

The Fiji Embassy in Tokyo (FET) has launched an appeal for the Cyclone Winston Relief Fund to provide assistance to the victims of the disaster. The Honorary Consul-General of Fiji, Sendai, jointly with FET, will be engaged in the assistance activities. As such, much more assistance from the Tohoku region would be highly appreciated.

The collected fund will be sent to the Fijian Government's Cyclone Winston Relief Fund, via FET.

Relief goods will also be accepted and shipped to local communities, also via FET. The relief fund and goods will be used for assistance and

reconstruction from the disaster.

We will also announce the results of this appeal on another occasion.

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How to support the relief fund and/or send relief goods

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