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Press Release



Japan Analytical Instruments Manufacturers' Association (JAIMA)
Japan Scientific Instruments Association (JSIA)

**Acceptance of Analytical and Scientific Instrument 2014 Heritage Certification
Applications from April 1**

The Japan Analytical Instruments Manufacturers' Association (1-12-3 Kanda Nishiki-cho, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo, 101-0054; president: Shigehiko Hattori, chairman of Shimadzu Corporation) and the Japan Scientific Instruments Association (3-8-5 Nihonbashi-Honcho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, 103-0023; president: Hideto Yazawa, CEO of Dalton Co., Ltd.) are pleased to announce that applications for the 2014 cultural heritage certification of analytical and scientific instruments will be accepted from this April 1 through May 21.

Implemented since 2012, this certification initiative is a program tasked with the purpose of passing on to future generations, as cultural heritage, exceptional analytical and scientific instruments and the technologies supporting such instruments recognized as making important and enduring contributions to the improvement of the lifestyles, economy, education, and culture of the Japanese people.

In 2012 and 2013 (the first and second year), 20 and 15 heritage items were chosen for certification, respectively. While the first year of certification limited applications to JAIMA member companies, from 2013 the target was expanded to companies in general. Current plans also call for grants to preserve the certified items. Grants of up to ¥100,000 will be provided upon request.

■ Certification criteria:

As a general rule, applications shall be for items that currently exist domestically in Japan. Candidate items must meet either one of the following two standards.

(1) Heritage items underscoring important historical achievements in the development of analytical and scientific instruments and the technologies supporting such instruments, possessing vital significance in being passed on to future generations

- Manifestation of important aspects or stages in the evolution of targeted instruments or technologies
- Reflection of the originality in the development process of targeted instruments or technologies from a global standpoint
- Contributions to the creation of new fields involving scientific technology and instruments

(2) Heritage items exerting obvious impact on the lifestyles, economy, society, and culture of the Japanese people

- Significant contributions to the improvement of the lives of the Japanese people or the creation of new lifestyle modes
- Celebrated contributions to the growth of the Japanese economy or to increasing the global standing of Japan
- Illustrations of important changes in the interaction between society & culture and scientific technologies & instruments

■ Categories of heritage items:

Applications will be accepted in the following two categories.

(1) Instruments

(2) Documents and samples connected to technologies or instruments

■ **Application qualifications:**

The applicants must be the owners of the heritage items in question. In cases where owners and producers differ, the applicants need to reach agreement prior to application. When this qualification cannot be met, the applicants are advised to inquire with the secretariat.

■ **Application period:**

April 1 to May 21, 2014

For further details, please access JAIMA's analytical and scientific instruments heritage web page at: <http://www.jaima.or.jp/jp/heritage/>.

A heritage exhibition (featuring actual items and panels) and a certification ceremony are scheduled for JASIS 2014 (the former Analytical Instruments & Scientific Instruments Exhibition), which will be held at Makuhari Messe (Nippon Convention Center) from this September 3.

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