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Press Release

Japan Analytical Instruments Manufacturers' Association (JAIMA)

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**Heritage Certification Program of Analytical and Scientific Instruments
Scheduled Again in Fiscal 2015:
Applications Accepted Beginning April 1**

The Japan Analytical Instruments Manufacturers' Association (JAIMA; 1-12-3 Kanda Nishikicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0054; phone: +81-3-3292-0642; chaired by Shigehiko Hattori, chairman of Shimadzu Corporation) and the Japan Scientific Instruments Association (JSIA; 3-8-5 Nihonbashi Honcho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103-0023; phone: +81-3-3661-5113; chaired by Hideto Yazawa, president of Dalton Co., Ltd.) are pleased to announce that the heritage certification program of analytical and scientific instruments is being implemented again this year.

This certification program conceives with the vision of passing on to future generations as cultural heritages precious analytical technologies and analytical and scientific instruments developed in Japan or recognized as making important contributions to the lifestyles, economy, education and culture of the Japanese people.

First implemented in fiscal 2012, this marks the fourth time that the certification program will be conducted. This year's plan is to honor around 10 heritage items with certification, with applications to be broadly accepted from various sources including those without JAIMA or JSIA membership.

The official application period is from April 1 through May 21. Current plans likewise call for offering financial grants of up to 100,000 yen for each certified heritage (upon request from owners for use in preservation of the honored items).

To gain program certification, candidate items must comply with either one of the following two standards. As a general rule, applications shall be for items that currently exist domestically in Japan.

(1) Heritage items recognized as underscoring important historical achievements in the development of analytical measurement and scientific technology and instruments, possessing vital significance in being passed on to future generations and satisfying the following three criteria

- Manifestation of important aspects and stages in the evolution of targeted analytical and scientific instruments

- Reflection of the unique aspects of analytical and scientific instruments from an international perspective

- Contributions to the creation of new analytical and scientific instruments

(2) Heritage items exerting conspicuous impact on shaping the lifestyles, industry, economy, society and culture of the Japanese people, while satisfying the following three criteria

- Prominent roles in supporting the development of the lifestyle modes of the Japanese people

- Conspicuous contributions to the progress and heightened global standing of Japanese industry and economic endeavor

- Illustrations of vital contributions in connection with society, culture and scientific technologies and instruments

Certification targets are generally grouped into the following two categories.

(1) Instruments either preserved, or collected and preserved after use

(2) Historically noteworthy documents, samples and other materials and items connected to technologies and instruments

Application qualifications are generally limited to the owners of heritage items targeted for certification. In cases when the owners and producers differ, the recommended approach is to work through deliberations between owners and producers to reach agreement on the specific application intent and process.

For further details, please access the JAIMA website: (<http://www.jaima.or.jp>).

A heritage item exhibition featuring actual items and panels and certification ceremony are scheduled for the 2015 Japan Analytical & Scientific Instruments Show (JASIS 2015), which will be held at Makuhari Messe from this September 2.

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