

October 12, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

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## Notice regarding the passing of the founder of our company

It is with profound sadness that we announce that our founder and honorary chairman, Masateru Kimura, ended his 60 years founder life and passed away on September 29, 2020 at the age of 90.

We would like to express our deep gratitude for your kindness which you gave him past.

Respecting the deceased and his families' will, his funeral has already been held with his family and relatives.

We respectfully decline any condolence visits, incense, offerings, flowers and etc. under COVID-19 situation. We would highly appreciate your understanding.

Besides, we are planning a gathering in memory of the deceased in Tokyo area and Awaji area within this year. The detail will be informed in due course.

### <Biography>

September 1954 Established Japan Acetylene Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. (currently Toyo Gosei Co., Ltd.)  
Representative Director and President of the Company at the age of 25

January 1963 Completion of Ichikawa Plant

October 1971 Opened Takahama chemical tank terminal, Moved Head Quarter to Ichikawa Plant

July 1981 Started manufacturing photosensitive materials business

September 1982 Opened Photosensitive Materials Research center

November 1989 Completion of Chiba Plant

December 1996 New R&D facility completed, Photosensitive Materials Research Center relocated

March 2000 IPO at the Japan Securities Dealers Association (currently JASDAQ)

April 2011 Moved Head Quarter to Nihonbashi Tokyo

May 2012 Completion of Aroma Chemical Plant

June 2012 Representative Director and Chairman of the Company

April 2013 Completion of Awaji Plant

June 2017 Honorary Chairman and Adviser of the Company

June 2020 Selected as one of the Global Niche Top Companies Selection 100 by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry in 2020

October 2020 Plan to complete the 4th Photosensitive Materials Plant at Chiba Plant at the age of 90

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