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"Gensentoshi" Has Received Morningstar's "Fund of the Year 2015" "Best Fund Award"

Splendid achievement of winning the best fund award 2 years in a row by a fund in the Domestic Stock Fund category

Tokyo (January 28, 2016) – SPARX Group Co., Ltd. is honored to announce that the Fund cited as below, launched and managed by SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd. (President and CEO: Shuhei Abe), a subsidiary of the Company, has won the Best Fund Award in the Domestic Large-cap Stock Fund Division of the Morningstar Award "Fund of the Year 2015" selected by Morningstar Japan K.K. Furthermore, winning the best fund award 2 years in a row by one fund is a splendid achievement for the first time in the Domestic Stock Fund category.

The Fund invests mainly in Japanese companies with high-level technology and brand power that are expected to be active on a global scale in the future, based on the thorough bottom-up research that has been SPARX's mainstay and forte since its foundation. In addition, the Fund makes highly selective investments in approximately 20 stocks without setting any benchmarks and, in principle, without trading in shares in short intervals and intends to hold them for a long period.

This award is great encouragement for us at SPARX to offer high quality services that will satisfy customers as well as to continue to improve product development capabilities and to enhance investment management capabilities. SPARX will actively push forward its corporate branding to more exposure to people.

Reference:



Best Fund of the Year 2015
Domestic Large-cap Stock Fund Division
(total: 604 funds)

SPARX Shin Kokusai Yuryo Japanese Equity Fund ("Gensentoshi"("Highly Selective Investment"))

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Taking every factor into consideration, Morningstar Japan K.K. has selected funds for Morningstar Award “Fund of the Year 2015” in each divisions from open-end mutual fund based upon its unique quantitative and qualitative analysis. Awarded funds in the Domestic Large-cap Stock Fund Division have been selected from 604 funds at the end of December 2015.

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