News Release

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Nippon Electric Glass Co., Ltd.

Agreement with the University of Shiga Prefecture to Extend the Period of the Comprehensive Agreement on Promotion of Industry-Academia Collaboration and to Continue the Endowed Chair

Nippon Electric Glass Co., Ltd. (President: Akira Kishimoto) and the University of Shiga Prefecture (President: Shinji Ide) today held a signing ceremony for the eighth term comprehensive agreement on the promotion industry-academia collaboration.

Since conclusion of the first agreement in 2007, both parties have been engaged in a wide range of collaborative projects, including management of an endowed chair for glass engineering research, joint research, and technology exchanges. With the conclusion of this agreement, it was agreed that this partnership will continue until 2031, further extending the 18-year cooperative relationship.

Glass is an important material that supports our daily lives and advanced industries such as semiconductors, displays, automobiles, and medical care. However, in order to further advance glass, basic research and human resource development require continuous support and the establishment of a rich research environment. The University of Shiga Prefecture is highly regarded both in Japan and overseas as one of the leading academic institutions in glass research. As a company based in Shiga Prefecture that conducts a wide range of business, we have deepened our collaboration with the university based on a common understanding of these issues.

We will continue to contribute to the development of glass engineering and the development of the next generation of human resources based on this agreement.

[Outline of the Agreement]

Collaborative business

- Implementation of joint research and technical exchange on technological development and new technologies in the field of glass engineering
- Establishment of endowed chair on glass manufacturing process engineering
- Presentation of results and information exchange based on collaborative projects
- Mutual cooperation in human resource development for students and employees who will lead the next generation

Endowed Chair: "Glass Manufacturing Process Engineering"

① **Purpose**

To nurture glass researchers and engineers by further developing fundamental technologies related to glass manufacturing in a comprehensive manner through the accumulation and systematization of high precision basic data on glass in various states, from melted to solid.

② **Research theme**

Comprehensive research on basic technologies for glass engineering

③ **Research system**

While managing the endowed chair in the Center for Glass Science and Technology established in the School of Engineering, the University of Shiga Prefecture, we develop a comprehensive research framework related to glass engineering to advance collaboration with on-campus researchers.

④ **Endowment**

Nippon Electric Glass endows 100 million yen every three years

* With this agreement, the cumulative amount of endowment from 2007 to 2031 will be 800 million yen.



[Company Profile]

Nippon Electric Glass Co., Ltd. is a world-class specialty glass manufacturer headquartered in Otsu City, Shiga Prefecture. Special glass that creates novel functionality is transformed into a variety of products, such as sheets, tubes, fibers, and powder, and is used in a wide range of fields, including semiconductors, displays, automobiles, electronic devices, medical care, and energy. The special glass developed using the technology and track record that we have honed over our 70-year history is highly regarded in a wide range of fields, from everyday life to cutting-edge industry.

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