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## Merger of Japan Chemical Fibers Association and the Japan Carbon Fiber Manufacturers Association

Japan Chemical Fibers Association (JCFA)

The Japan Carbon Fiber Manufacturers Association (JCMA)

Japan Chemical Fibers Association (President: Hitoshi Ochi, President of MITSUBISHI RAYON CO., LTD.) and the Japan Carbon Fiber Manufacturers Association (Chairman: Takashi Yoshino, President of Toho Tenax Co., Ltd.) were merged on July 1.

For the merger of the two associations, JCMA was dissolved on June 30 and member companies of JCMA such as KUREHA CORPORATION, Toho Tenax Co., Ltd., Osaka Gas Chemicals Co., Ltd., MITSUBISHI PLASTICS, INC. and Nippon Graphite Fiber Corporation entered JCFA on July 1. Operations and affairs of JCMA are taken over after the creation of a committee of carbon fiber in JCFA, and the name “the Japan Carbon Fiber Manufacturers Association” will be used as necessary for external parties.

Note:

Japan Chemical Fibers Association

The association is composed of 21 regular members of chemical fiber manufacturers and chemical fiber spinning companies including the five companies newly entered on July 1. It was established in 1948.

(Former) The Japan Carbon Fiber Manufacturers Association

The association is composed of three regular members of PAN-based carbon fiber manufacturers such as Toray Industries, Inc., MITSUBISHI RAYON CO., LTD. and Toho Tenax Co., Ltd. as well as four regular members of pitch-based carbon fiber manufacturers such as KUREHA CORPORATION, Osaka Gas Chemicals Co., Ltd., MITSUBISHI PLASTICS, INC. and Nippon Graphite Fiber Corporation. The Japan Carbon Fiber Discussion Group, the predecessor organization of JCMA was inaugurated in 1978 and changed its name to the Japan Carbon Fiber Manufacturers Association in 1988.