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Three Yokohama Rubber Plants in Japan and China Obtain OSHMS Certification

Tokyo - The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd., announced today that three of its plants in Japan and China obtained JISHA* Standards Certification for Occupational Health and Safety Management System (OSHMS) in January 2012. They are the Onomichi Plant (manufacturing tires for construction and industrial vehicles) in Japan, Hangzhou Yokohama Tire Co., Ltd. (manufacturing tires for passenger cars), and Suzhou Yokohama Tire Co., Ltd. (manufacturing tires for trucks and buses), both in China.

* JISHA: Japan Industrial Safety and Health Association

The Hiratsuka Factory (including the Hamatite and the Hiratsuka-East Plant) and the Mie, Nagano, Mishima, Ibaraki, Shinshiro and Shinshiro-Minami Plants had already obtained this certification. With the additional Onomichi plants, all domestic locations have done so. On Monday, March 26, an awards ceremony was held at the Women's Employment Support Center in Minato-ku, Tokyo, attended by Plant Manager Matsutaro Maeda of the Onomichi Plant, Manager Shen Yong of the safety section, Hangzhou Yokohama Tire Co., Ltd., Manager Wang Weifeng of the safety section Suzhou Yokohama Tire Co., Ltd., and others.

The Yokohama Rubber Group's concerted efforts in the realm of corporate social responsibility (CSR) are in accordance with seven key issues set forth in ISO26000, an international standard for social responsibility (SR). Yokohama Rubber deems creation of safe and healthy working environments to be a key issue and focuses on establishing safety systems at each of its production sites. OSHMS is the principle mechanism for Japanese companies to promote their safety and sanitation activities, facilitating improvements to working environments. On that basis, Yokohama Rubber has been working at each of its domestic and overseas production locations to obtain the certification.



Manager Shen Yong of the safety section, Hangzhou Yokohama Tire (front row, left), Plant Manager Matsutaro Maeda of the Onomichi Plant (front row, center) and Manager Wang Weifeng of the safety section, Suzhou Yokohama Tire Co. (front row, right), hold the certificates. Zhang Huan, staff of Safety & Health Management Dept. is at the left in the second row.