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Translation

Contribution of Para-transit Vehicles to Welfare Services

October 5, 2009 (Tokyo) - Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (hereafter "Chugai") (Head Office: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; President: Osamu Nagayama) announced today to donate "specially-equipped para-transit vehicles" to five organizations providing welfare services to senior citizens and disabled people throughout Japan.

Chugai has continued this donation since it was started as a part of Chugai's 60th anniversary in 1985, giving out vehicles that are used as a means of transport by elderly persons and physically disabled individuals who receive long-term nursing care at home. This is the 25th year, we have donated 178 vehicles including 5 for this year.

Donation recipients have been selected from all the prefectures in Japan, in cooperation with Japan National Council of Social Welfare and Central Community Chest of Japan.

With the onset of an aging society and the advancement of healthcare technology, the number of senior citizens and disabled people requiring nursing care at home has been increasing every year. For these people to lead self-reliant lives with peace of mind in a familiar environment, a variety of in-home welfare services, including day services and day care, are being provided at various facilities. The specially-equipped para-transit vehicles which we provide are used as a means of transportation between their homes and these facilities.

The vehicle donated by Chugai is a wagon-type van with a front seat capacity of three passengers (including the driver) and a rear seat capacity of up to four wheelchair passengers. Moreover, the vehicle is a type which allows loading of a stretcher with platform trucks, in addition to two wheelchairs. This facilitates loading and unloading of wheelchair passengers by a lift. In addition, the vehicle has two fixed seats and three foldable seats for caregivers' use.

Chugai is committed to actively promoting social contribution programs in the fields of healthcare and welfare through these activities, as well as providing innovative pharmaceuticals as a business related to life.

Organizations Receiving Para-Transit Vehicle Donations in 2009

Miyagi Prefecture	Rifu-cho Council of Social Welfare	Date: October 8 (Thu.) 11:00.a.m Venue: On site
	11-1, 2-chome, Chuo, Rifu-cho, Miyagi-gun, Miyagi Prefecture 981-0104 Tel: 022-356-9060	
Nagano Prefecture	Hara-mura Council of Social Welfare	Date: October 29 (Thu.) 1:30.p.m Venue: On site
	6649-3, Hara-mura, Suwa-gun, Nagano Prefecture 391-0104	
		Tel: 0266-79-7228
Aichi Prefecture	Chiryu City Council of Social Welfare	Date: October 15 (Thu.) 10:30.a.m Venue: On site
	43, Izumi, Yatsuda-cho, Chiryu-city, Aichi Prefecture 472-0012	
		Tel: 0566-82-8833
Wakayama Prefecture	Minabe-cho Council of Social Welfare	Date: October 28 (Wed.) 1:00.p.m Venue: On site
	447-2, Shiba, Minabe-cho, Hidaka-gun, Wakayama Prefecture 645-0002 Tel: 0739-72-5611	
Kagoshima Prefecture	Wadomari-cho Council of Social Welfare	Date: October 23 (Fri.) 2:30.p.m Venue: On site
	39-3, Aza-Ishikawadaira, Wadomari, Wadomari-cho, Oshima-gun, Kagoshima Prefecture 891-9112	
		Tel: 0997-92-2299

Company Profile

Representative: President & CEO Osamu Nagayama

Paid-in Capital: 72.9 Billion Yen (as of December 31, 2008)

Net Sales: 329.9 Billion Yen (as of December 31, 2008, consolidated)

Number of Employees: 6,383 (as of December 31, 2008, consolidated)

