

Hitachi High-Technologies Director Hidehito Obayashi Appointed Chairman of Semiconductor Equipment Association of Japan

On May 19, 2011, the Semiconductor Equipment Association of Japan (SEAJ) announced at its general meeting the selection and immediate appointment of Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation (TOKYO:8036, Hitachi High-Tech) Director Hidehito Obayashi as the association's chairman.

SEAJ was established in March 1985 by major manufacturers of semiconductor production equipment in Japan. The organization's membership today consists mainly of manufacturers of equipment used in the production of semiconductors and flat-panel displays (FPDs). SEAJ is involved in a wider range of activities designed to promote the sound development of the industry.

For Hitachi High-Tech, the selection of Dr. Obayashi as chairman is an acknowledgement of its contribution to the industry and expectations for further contributions in the future. Hitachi High-Tech would like to express its gratitude to everyone involved for this accolade, and is committed to contributing to the further development of SEAJ going forward.

<Personal History>

1. Name: Hidehito Obayashi

2. Date of Birth: April 22, 1944

3. Place of Birth: Fukui, Japan

4. Education:

March 1969 Master in Science, Major in Applied Chemistry,
School of Science and Engineering, Waseda University

February 1980 Ph.D. (Doctor of Engineering), Waseda University

5. Business Experience:

April 1969 Joined Hitachi, Ltd.

August 1988 General Manager for 4th Div., CRL, Hitachi, Ltd.

June 1995 General Manager, Science Systems Div., Instruments Group, Hitachi, Ltd.

April 1999 General Manager, Instruments Group

April 2001 General Manager, Naka Div., Instruments Group, Hitachi, Ltd.

October 2001 Director, Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation

June 2003 Vice President and Executive Officer

April 2004 General Manager of Nanotechnology Products Business Group and CTO

April 2006 Representative Executive Officer, Senior Vice President and Executive Officer,
General Manager Life Science Business Group and CRO and CPO

June 2006 Director

April 2007 President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

April 2011 Director

June 2011 Chairman of the Board (schedule)

6. Brief History of Dr. Obayashi's Posts at SEAJ:

May 2008 Executive Director

May 2009 Vice Chairman

May 2011 Chairman



Dr. Hidehito Obayashi

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