

December 19, 2018

## Notice of Change in Representative Director

Tokyo, December 3, 2018 -- Kyowa Medex Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; “Kyowa Medex”) hereby announces that the Board of Directors at its meeting on November 14 appointed a new Representative Director candidate as outlined below.

The appointment is subject to final approval at the Board of Directors meeting to be held on March 14, 2019, following approval at the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for the same day.

### 1. Reason for Change

On January 4, 2018, Kyowa Medex became a consolidated subsidiary of Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd. Since that time, the work of merging operations has been proceeding steadily, toward becoming a core company in the Hitachi Chemical Group’s in vitro diagnostics business. In addition, April 2019 will mark the start of the Kyowa Medex 2021 Medium-term Management Plan. The aim in bringing in a new Representative Director with the start of the Medium-term Management Plan is to renew the management structure and accelerate overseas expansion and new business creation, toward significantly raising corporate value.

### 2. Candidate for New Representative Director

Scheduled appointment date: The day of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders (scheduled for March 14, 2019)

Name	New position	Current position
Makoto Yanagida	Executive Director of the Board, President and Chief Operating Officer	Executive Officer, Director of Corporate Planning Department

### 3. Retiring Representative Director

Scheduled retirement date: The day of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders (scheduled for March 14, 2019)

Name	New position	Current position
Toshihiro Onodera		Executive Director of the Board, President and Chief Operating Officer

#### 4. Curriculum Vitae of Candidate for New Representative Director

Makoto Yanagida

Date of birth

July 13, 1960

Place of birth

Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan

Education

March 1986 Completed the master's program in the Department of Veterinary Medical Sciences, Graduate School of Agriculture and Life Sciences, The University of Tokyo

Business Experience

April 2018 Executive Officer, Director of Corporate Planning Department, Kyowa Medex Co., Ltd.

July 2017 Director, Corporate Planning Department, Kyowa Medex Co., Ltd.

January 2017 Senior Manager, Corporate Planning Department, Kyowa Medex Co., Ltd.

January 2012 Deputy Director for overseas Business Planning, Overseas Business Department, Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd.

October 2008 General Manager, Strategic Product Planning Department, Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd.

November 2003 Senior Manager for Product Planning, Planning Department, Pharmaceutical Company, Kirin Brewery Co., Ltd.

July 2003 Director, Cell Processing Center, Production Division, Pharmaceutical Company, Kirin Brewery Co., Ltd.

August 1999 Senior Manager for Cell Therapy, Research Department, Pharmaceutical Division, Kirin Brewery Co., Ltd.

April 1998 Senior Scientist, Pharmaceutical Research Laboratory, Pharmaceutical Division, Kirin Brewery

April 1986 Joined Kirin Brewery Co., Ltd.