

European scientists to debate energy challenges during the 10th EU Hitachi Science and Technology Forum

9th May 2007 - Hitachi Europe Ltd. today announced Hitachi will host the 10th EU Hitachi Science and Technology Forum at Meridien Montparnasse Hotel in Paris from 11th until 13th May 2007, bringing together European scientists, Forum members, representatives from industry, NGOs and academia to debate the topic: **“Energy, Environment and Sustainable Society: Impact on European citizens.”**

Dr Junzo Kawakami, Executive Vice President & Executive Officer of Hitachi, Ltd., and Stephen Gomersall, Chief Executive of Hitachi in Europe will introduce the forum and welcome the participants.

Mr. Neil Hirst from the International Energy Agency, Mr Richard Lavergne, Secretary General of the French Energy Observatory, Mrs Kathryn Fuller, President of the Ford Foundation, and Prof. Ryoichi Yamamoto, from the Institute of Industrial Sciences, Tokyo University, will address the Forum alongside other experts, on three significant topics:

- Energy supply and innovation
- Energy consumption and the preservation of the environment
- Transport and sustainable development.

During those three days, delegates will be split into three working groups dealing with one of the topic presented by the speakers. Their conclusions will be published and distributed to the European Commission, members of European Parliament, authorities of member states of the European Union, journalists, universities and Hitachi’s partners in Europe.

Sir Stephen Gomersall, Chief Executive for Europe, states: *“The philosophy of Hitachi since its creation has been to develop products and technology for the benefit of society. Through its local industrial activities and through its initiatives to promote discussion between governments, civil society and industries on the impact of technology in daily life, Hitachi is demonstrating its commitment to European society. This forum which brings together important experts and participants from all sectors reflects these goals.”*

About the “EU Hitachi Science and Technology Forum”

The annual EU Hitachi Science and Technology Forum provides a platform where the impact of new technologies on European civil society can be discussed and assessed. The main objective is to influence policies to improve the daily life of European citizens. The synthesis of these debates is then compiled into an annual publication, widely distributed in Europe. This report is one of Hitachi’s key contributions to the European public policy debate. Previous forums have been hosted in Germany, Ireland, Belgium, Hungary, Sweden, France, Poland and Greece.

For more information on the 2007 programme: www.hitachiforum.eu

About Hitachi

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The official Forum welcome reception will be open to members of the press. For security reasons, please bring your accreditation pass for the duration of the event.

For more information and accreditation pass requests:

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