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Sumitomo Chemical Donates 1,000 Used Computers to Tanzania

Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd. (head office: Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan; President: Hiromasa Yonekura; "Sumitomo Chemical" and "the Company" below) has announced that it will donate 1,000 used computers to the United Republic of Tanzania ("Tanzania" below) as part of its support for education in Africa. A presentation ceremony was held on February 23rd at Sumitomo Chemical's head office and was attended by His Excellency Mr. Elly Elikunda Elineema Mtango, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Japan, who accepted a catalogue of the computers to be donated.

In donating the computers, assistance was provided by NEC Corporation (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan; President: Kaoru Yano; "NEC" below) and Novell Inc. (head office: Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo, Japan; President Asia-Pacific: Maarten Koster; "Novell" below), who collaborated on the installation of new computer operating systems. These computers should prove useful in improving primary and middle school education in Tanzania.

Sumitomo Chemical enjoys a close relationship with Tanzania, where it operates a plant producing its Olyset Nets^{*1}, effective in the prevention of malaria, which has created employment for approximately 4,000 persons. Also, recognizing that the improvement of primary and secondary education is a prerequisite for eradicating poverty and achieving autonomous development in Africa in the future, Sumitomo Chemical has been devoting a portion of the revenues from sales of its Olyset Nets to the construction of primary and secondary schools in 5 African countries, including Tanzania, in cooperation with the NPO World Vision Japan. In addition, the Company is currently providing support for education in Africa by donating educational materials and providing assistance with school expenses. As a part of these initiatives, the Company has decided to donate its used computers to schools in Tanzania.

NEC and Novell both endorse the donation of computers and are applying their cumulative expertise in open source^{*2} software by providing, free of charge, openSUSE^{*3} operating system CD-ROMs for installation in the computers, which have had their hard drives erased to guard against any leaks of information.

Sumitomo Chemical, NEC and Novell intend to continue actively implementing such initiatives that capitalize on the unique character of each company in their CSR (corporate social responsibility) activities.

*1. Olyset Net is an anti-malarial mosquito net made from plastic in which the insecticide permethrin is incorporated. The insecticide migrates to the surface of the fibers gradually, making it very long-lasting and able to retain its efficacy for over 5 years, even with repeated washings, and has therefore been endorsed by the WHO.

*2. Open source software is software whose source code is accessible over the internet free of charge, allowing it to be improved and redistributed by anyone.

*3. openSUSE: Linux distribution through the openSUSE Project, an open source community sponsored by Novell.
(Linux is a trademark or registered trademark of Linus Torvalds in Japan and internationally.)

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