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**JT will appoint new President and CEO**  
*Hiroshi Kimura will be Chairman of the Board*  
*Mitsuomi Koizumi will be President and CEO*

Japan Tobacco Inc. (JT) (TSE: 2914) has announced the planned appointments of Hiroshi Kimura to the Company's Chairman of the Board, and Mitsuomi Koizumi to the Company's President and CEO.

At present, Mr. Kimura is the Company's President and CEO and Representative Director, while Mr. Koizumi is Executive Deputy President and Representative Director of the Company.

"I am pleased to appoint Mr. Koizumi as the next President and CEO of Japan Tobacco. Under Mr. Koizumi's management, both the Japanese domestic and the international tobacco businesses have grown robustly," said Hiroshi Kimura. "Given his successful track record and strong leadership, I am confident Mr. Koizumi will achieve sustainable growth globally and take our business to the next stage."

Mr. Kimura continued, "In my six year-tenure as President and CEO, I have been focusing on building solid business foundations through business investments both domestically and internationally for sustainable future growth, including the acquisition and integration of Gallaher in 2007."

"In spite of the challenges we have been facing over the years including global economic crisis and the earthquake, we have most certainly achieved the JT-11 mid-term management plan targets. The subsequent management plan has now been developed. Considering these accomplishments, I believe it is a good time to hand the baton over to Mr. Koizumi."

The appointments are subject to resolutions at the Company's Board of Directors meeting on April 26, 2012, the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for June 2012 and another Board of Directors meeting thereafter.

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*Japan Tobacco Inc. is a leading international tobacco product company. Its products are sold in over 120 countries and its internationally recognized cigarette brands include Winston, Camel, Mild Seven and Benson & Hedges. With diversified operations, JT is also actively present in pharmaceuticals and foods. The company's adjusted net sales(\*) were ¥1.946 trillion (US\$23,415 million(\*\*)) in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2011.*

*\* Adjusted net sales on a consolidated basis do not include excise tax and revenue from the imported tobacco, domestic duty free, the China Division and other peripheral businesses in the Japanese domestic tobacco business. Nor does it include excise tax and revenue from distribution, contract manufacturing and other peripheral businesses in the international tobacco business.*

*\*\*Translated at the rate of ¥83.15 per \$1, as of March 31, 2011*

## **BIOGRAPHY**

**NAME :** Hiroshi KIMURA

**DATE OF BIRTH :** April 23, 1953

**NATIONALITY:** Japanese

**BIRTH PLACE :** Yamaguchi, Japan

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE :**

June 2006 to present	Representative Director President and CEO, Japan Tobacco Inc.
June 2005 to June 2006	Member of the Board, Japan Tobacco Inc. Executive Vice President and Deputy CEO JT International SA, Geneva
June 2001 to June 2005	Executive Vice President and Deputy CEO JT International SA, Geneva
June 1999 to June 2001	Member of the Board, Japan Tobacco Inc. Executive Vice President and Deputy CEO JT International SA, Geneva
May 1999 to June 1999	Executive Vice President and Deputy CEO JT International SA, Geneva
January 1999 to April 1999	Vice President, Corporate Strategy Division Japan Tobacco Inc.
April 1976	Joined Japan Tobacco and Salt Public Corporation

### **EDUCATION BACKGROUND :**

1976	Bachelor, Faculty of Law Kyoto University Kyoto, Japan
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## **BIOGRAPHY**

**NAME :** Mitsuomi KOIZUMI

**DATE OF BIRTH :** April 15, 1957

**NATIONALITY:** Japanese

**BIRTH PLACE :** Kanagawa, Japan

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE :**

June 2009 to present	Representative Director, Executive Deputy President President, Tobacco Business Japan Tobacco Inc.
July 2007 to June 2009	Member of the Board, Executive Vice President Chief Marketing & Sales Officer, Tobacco Business Japan Tobacco Inc.
June 2007	Member of the Board, Executive Vice President Head of Sales General Division, Tobacco Business Japan Tobacco Inc.
June 2006 to June 2007	Executive Vice President Head of Tobacco Business Planning Division, Tobacco Business Japan Tobacco Inc.
June 2004 to June 2006	Senior Vice President Head of Tobacco Business Planning Division, Tobacco Business Japan Tobacco Inc.
June 2003 to June 2004	Senior Vice President Head of Human Resources & Labor Relations Division Japan Tobacco Inc.
June 2001 to June 2003	Vice President, Corporate Strategy Division Japan Tobacco Inc.
April 1981	Joined Japan Tobacco and Salt Public Corporation

### **EDUCATION BACKGROUND :**

1981	Bachelor, Faculty of Economics The University of Tokyo Tokyo, Japan
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