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## Launch of Collaborative Research Division by Tokyo Institute of Technology and AGC

Tokyo Institute of Technology  
**AGC** Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.

Tokyo Institute of Technology (President: Mr. Kenichi Iga, hereinafter collectively referred to as Tokyo Tech) and AGC (Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.; Head Office: Tokyo; President & CEO: Kazuhiko Ishimura) have decided to launch “AGC Collaborative Research Division for Glass and Inorganic Materials” in the Materials and Structures Laboratory of Tokyo Tech on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. The research division aims to undertake basic research on glass and to develop new inorganic materials, while training researchers who will be responsible for research on next-generation materials.

Dr. Setsuro Ito (PhD in Engineering), a former fellow of AGC Research Center, will assume the position of professor of the division, and be responsible for basic glass research and development of new inorganic materials, supported by several assistant professors. The division will work not only to obtain results directly from collaborative research, but also, as a long-term goal, to provide an environment for attracting and training the next generation of researchers by enhancing basic research on materials, which universities currently tend to overlook as objects of research.

In addition, Professor Hideo Hosono (PhD in Engineering) of the Materials and Structures Laboratory of Tokyo Tech will concurrently take up the position of professor of the division, and will promote mainly the development of inorganic materials. The research division will also carry out glass-related basic research in cooperation with Professor Shuichi Shibata (PhD in Engineering) of the Department of Chemistry and Materials.

The division was established as the first task of a program for lectures on collaborative research and divisions established by Tokyo Tech in June 2009.

### [Outline of Collaborative Research Division]

Name: “AGC Collaborative Research Division for Glass and Inorganic Materials”  
Department name: Materials and Structures Laboratory, Tokyo Institute of Technology (Suzukakedai campus)  
Period: Tentatively for four years from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010  
Research objectives: Basic research on glass, Development of new inorganic materials  
Enhancement of basic research on materials,  
Training of materials researchers  
Research expenses: AGC will bear all research expenses.  
Professors in charge: Professor Setsuro Ito (former fellow of AGC Research Center)  
Professor Hideo Hosono (Materials and Structures Laboratory, Tokyo Institute of Technology)  
Supported by several assistant professors

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