Announcement of Voting Results to Select Recipients of Disaster-Resistant Glass Donation in Japan - Glass Power Campaign – Thinking of Tomorrow for the Earth and for Children -

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Under the Glass Power Campaign, a corporate disaster-prevention activity, AGC (Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.; Head Office: Tokyo; President & COO: Kazuhiko Ishimura) has been donating disaster-resistant glass as part of cooperative efforts for disaster prevention in local areas, and this donation program has been conducted based on online voting results. We would like to announce that this time the following three institutions have been selected as the eighteenth through twentieth donation recipients since the inception of this program: Gose City, Wakigami Elementary School (Nara Prefecture); Odawara City, Simohunaka Elementary School (Kanagawa Prefecture); and Hino Town, Hino Junior High School (Tottori Prefecture). Past activities under the Glass Power Campaign have been internationally recognized and were introduced as advanced disaster-prevention activity by a private company in a preliminary meeting for the Third Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

In recent natural disasters such as earthquakes and typhoons, people were often injured by broken glass and evacuation centers were rendered unusable because of broken windowpanes. To help prevent such injuries and damage, AGC has been carrying out a program to donate disaster-resistant glass since October 2005. This program aims at promoting the use of laminated glass and raising public awareness of its disaster resistance properties: laminated glass is shatter-proof, and does not shatter into small pieces even if it breaks. In 2008 we will donate disaster-resistant glass to a total of five designated shelters from among ten candidate sites, based on final results of online voting by people who support the Glass Power Campaign. The voting results for the second period of 2008 are as follows:

Voting Results to Select Recipients of Disaster-Resistant Glass Donation for Second Period of 2008

Voting period: Nov. 4 through Dec. 5, 2008

Total votes: 6,022 clicks

Voting results:

First (donation determined) Gose City, Wakigami Elementary School (Nara Prefecture) 1,611 clicks

Second (donation determined) Odawara City, Simohunaka Elementary School (Kanagawa Prefecture) 1,405 clicks

Third (donation determined) Hino Town, Hino Junior High School (Tottori Prefecture) 1,327 clicks

Our activity under the Glass Power Campaign to promote the use of laminated glass has been highly recognized as we have been conducting this activity from the perspectives of strengthening disaster reduction countermeasures in local areas and ensuring that designated shelters function as intended. We had an opportunity to introduce this program at a preliminary meeting for the Third Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction that was held in Malaysia on December 1. Furthermore, this activity was introduced as one of the "Good Practices and Lessons Learned in Public Private Partnerships for Disaster Risk Reduction" in a publication (Good Practices and Lessons Learned on Public Private Partnerships for Disaster Risk Reduction) issued by the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR) on December 2.

As a good corporate citizen, AGC will contribute to creating a safer and more secure society through the Glass Power Campaign and other activities.



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