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Niigata University, AGC, NTT East and Mitsui Chemicals Jointly Established a Consortium on the Safety Culture Assessment

Tokyo, July 1, 2024 - Niigata University (President: Tatsuo Ushiki), AGC Inc. (President: Yoshinori Hirai), Nippon Telegraph and Telephone East Corporation (President: Naoki Shibutani) and Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (President & CEO: Osamu Hashimoto) jointly established a Consortium on the Safety Culture Assessment on July 1, 2024.

■ About the Safety Culture Assessment

This diagnostic method* allows you to assess and visualize the safety culture of plants with large-scale facilities, primarily in the petroleum and chemical industries. Questionnaires based on an 8-axis model of safety culture are surveyed to on-site employees at manufacturing sites, while protecting the anonymity of respondents. Based on the results of the feedback, companies can compare their safety culture to industry averages, understand the actual safety culture at each manufacturing site, and work to improve their safety culture.

*This method was developed by a team led by Professor Kenichi Takano, Graduate School of System Design and Management, Keio University (currently, Research Advisor, System Design and Management Research Institute, Keio University) and Dr. Akira Tose, Faculty of Engineering, Niigata University since 2009.

■ Purpose of the Consortium

The aim of the consortium is to contribute to the prevention of accidents and disasters by improving the safety culture of the participating companies. The Consortium also aims for the evolution and development of the safety culture assessment, with a view to adapting it to diverse industries and building an educational system for sustainable diagnosis and research.

Name of Participating Organization (as of July 2024, in Japanese alphabetical order)	AGC Inc., Niigata University, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone East Corporation, Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.
Representative	Inoue Shigekuni, Executive Fellow, AGC Inc.

Executive office	Research laboratory of Dr. Akira Tose, Faculty of Engineering, Niigata University
Date of Establishment	July 1, 2024
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilization of safety culture assessment among participating companies. • Sharing information on various issues related to safety management. • Development of methods and techniques to be worked on jointly by companies and universities. • Identification and development of human resources to support the safety culture assessment in companies and universities. • Joint development and delivery of various types of training and content related to safety management. • Coordination between companies for smooth implementation of the safety culture assessment.

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