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Japan Analytical Instrument Manufacturers' Association (JAIMA)
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Start of Certification of Legacy Analytical Instruments/Scientific Instruments

Suitably preserving and bequeathing to the next generation historically important analytical technologies/instruments and scientific instruments as cultural legacies

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Planning is underway to certify twenty items. Up to two items will be solicited from each of our member corporations. From next year, we plan to expand solicitations to the general public. We also plan to provide grants of up to 100,000 yen to those requesting it for preservation of certified legacy items.

Items meeting one of the following certification criteria may qualify as legacy items.

1. Items meeting the following criteria that both represent important achievement in the historical development of analytical measurement technologies/equipment and scientific technologies/equipment and possess important significance in being bequeathed to future generations:

- Represent important aspects and stages in the development of the said scientific technologies and equipment

- Represent from an international perspective the originality of Japan's scientific technologies and equipment development

- Contributed to the creation of new fields in scientific technology and equipment

2. Items meeting the following criteria that had notable impact on shaping the lifestyle, economy, and culture of Japan:

- Fulfilled a notable role in the development of the lives of the Japanese people and in the creation of new lifestyle

- Made notable contributions to defining a new age in the development of Japan's economy and to the enhancement of its international status

- Represented an important phenomenon with respect to interaction between society, culture, and scientific technologies and equipment

In general, classifications qualified for certification are as follows:

1. Preserved, collected equipment
2. Documents and samples/specimens relating to historically significant technologies and equipment

Selections made in accordance with these criteria by the selection committee, composed of members of industry, academia, and government, will be announced in mid-July.

Exhibition and an investiture ceremony will be conducted at JASIS 2012 (formerly Analytical Instruments/Scientific Instruments Exhibition), held at the Makuhari Messe International Convention Complex from September 5 to 7, 2012.

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