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Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.

## **Mitsui Chemicals Receives Runner-Up Award at Nikkei Annual Report Awards 2018**

Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (Tokyo: 4183; President & CEO: Tsutomu Tannowa) has placed runner-up for the Grand Prize at the Nikkei Annual Report Awards 2018, organized by Nikkei Inc. This achievement follows upon recent success here for Mitsui Chemicals in having won the Award for Excellence in 2016 and the Special Award in 2017.

Launched in 1998, the Nikkei Annual Report Awards is an annual initiative that aims to promote the widespread publication and use of annual reports issued by Japanese companies, and to further enhance the quality of financial disclosure. The awards are presented to deserving companies whose annual reports have been deemed especially outstanding. Award winners are selected by a panel of judges comprised primarily of currently active fund managers and analysts in accordance with strict screening criteria.

A total of 112 companies participated in the 21st Nikkei Annual Report Awards. In addition to the Grand Prize, runner-up prizes were presented to three companies, awards for excellence to 15 companies, and special awards to two companies.

Mitsui Chemicals was highly commended on the following for this year's award:

- The CEO's message is candid with clear main points and offers a summary of the report in general.
- The report carries compelling weight for its sharing of an enterprise value creation process across the three areas of the economy, society and the environment while employing original KPI that paints a clear picture.
- The group photo of all the board members smiling makes for a positive impression.

The report presents shareholders, investors and other stakeholders with information on initiatives to address social issues through the Mitsui Chemicals Group's business activities. These initiatives are measured according to their impact in the three areas of the economy, the environment and society. While deepening the reader's understanding of value creation over the medium and long-term, the report is intended as a platform for meaningful discussions.

Mitsui Chemicals will seek to win further understanding and trust from shareholders and investors by

proactively sharing information, emphasizing dialogue with stakeholders and augmenting its investor relations efforts.

Mitsui Chemicals Report 2018:

<https://www.mitsuichem.com/en/ir/library/ar/>

