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Daifuku Co., Ltd.

Hitachi Plant Technologies, Ltd.

**Daifuku and Hitachi Plant Technologies to Begin Discussion of Daifuku's Acquisition of Hitachi Plant Technologies' Cleanroom Material Handling System After-Sales Service Businesses**

Daifuku Co., Ltd. (Daifuku) and Hitachi Plant Technologies, Ltd. (Hitachi Plant Technologies) announced today that they would begin discussing Daifuku's possible acquisition of Hitachi Plant Technologies' cleanroom material handling system after-sales service business for the electronics industry.

Daifuku has been seeking to strengthen its cleanroom material handling system business for the electronics sector, comprising semiconductor and flat-panel display manufacturers. Meanwhile, Hitachi Plant Technologies has been in need of a more effective operation by concentrating its management resources on the manufacturing equipment business for the electronics sector. Given these conditions, the two companies decided to begin discussing a possible acquisition.

Hitachi Plant Technologies has been operating its cleanroom material handling system business for a couple of decades, mainly in Japan. To refine its business focus, it has been downsizing the business since fiscal 2010, and now operates after-sales services only for equipment it has already delivered. Meanwhile, Daifuku's cleanroom factory automation business, which encompasses sales and servicing of cleanroom transport and storage systems, has a strong international presence. With this acquisition, Daifuku expects to expand its operations in Japan.

Daifuku and Hitachi Plant Technologies will hold the discussions with the aim of launching the newly organized business in April 2012. Daifuku will be aiming to bolster its cleanroom material handling system business as well as to maintain stable operations of the equipment Hitachi Plant Technologies has delivered.

## Company Profiles

### Daifuku Co., Ltd.

Headquarters	3-2-11 Mitejima, Nishiyodogawa-ku, Osaka, Japan
Representative	Masaki Hojo, President and Co-CEO
Established	1937
Paid-in capital	8,024 million yen (as of March 31, 2011)
Business	Comprehensive consultation services for material handling and logistics systems and total engineering including design, manufacturing, installation, and after-sales services
Consolidated sales	159,263 million yen (fiscal year ended March 31, 2011)
Consolidated employees	5,209 (as of March 31, 2011)

### Hitachi Plant Technologies, Ltd.

Headquarters	5-2, Higashi-Ikebukuro 4-chome, Toshima-ku, Tokyo, Japan
Representative	Toshiaki Higashihara, President and Representative Director
Established	1929
Paid-in capital	12,000 million yen (as of March 31, 2011)
Business	Development, design, manufacturing, sales, service and construction of social infrastructure systems, industrial systems, air conditioning systems and energy systems
Consolidated sales	300,728 million yen (fiscal year ended March 31, 2011)
Consolidated employees	6,500 (as of March 31, 2011)

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