



April 30, 2009

Company Name: JAPAN TOBACCO INC.
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JT Announces the Transfer of Representative Directors

Japan Tobacco Inc. (JT) announced today, as follows, its planned representative director transfers. Please note that these transfers will be officially approved by the 24th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to be held on June 23, 2009, and the Board of Directors at a meeting scheduled immediately thereafter.

1. Reason for transfer

Strengthening of management structure

2. Nomination for representative directors

Name: Mitsuomi Koizumi
New Position: Representative Director, Executive Deputy President,
President, Tobacco Business
Current Position: Member of the Board, Executive Vice President,
Chief Marketing & Sales Officer, Tobacco Business
Brief Personal History: As per the attached documents

Name: Masakazu Shimizu
New Position: Representative Director, Executive Deputy President,
Chief Communications Officer and
Assistant to CEO in CSR and General Administration
Current Position: Executive Vice President, Chief Communications Officer
Brief Personal History: As per the attached documents

3. Resignation of representative directors

Name: Ichiro Kumakura

Current Position: Representative Director, Executive Deputy President,
President, Tobacco Business

Name: Ryoichi Yamada

Current Position: Representative Director, Executive Deputy President,
Assistant to CEO in Communications, General Administration and
Legal

4. Planned date of appointments

June 23, 2009 (planned)

Brief Personal History

Mitsuomi Koizumi

Born: April 15, 1957

Hometown: Kanagawa Prefecture

Academic background: Graduated from the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Economics in March 1981

Apr. 1981	Joined the Company (Japan Tobacco and Salt Public Corporation)
Jun. 2001	Head of Corporate Planning Group
Jun. 2003	Senior Vice President, Head of Personnel and Labor Relations Group
Jun. 2004	Senior Vice President, Head of Tobacco Business Planning Division, Tobacco Business
Jun. 2006	Executive Vice President, Head of Tobacco Business Planning Division, Tobacco Business
Jun. 2007	Member of the Board, Executive Vice President, Head of Tobacco Business Sales General Division, Tobacco Business
Jul. 2007	Member of the Board, Executive Vice President, Chief Marketing & Sales Officer, Tobacco Business (Current Position)

Brief Personal History

Masakazu Shimizu

Born: April 22, 1953

Hometown: Osaka Prefecture

Academic background: Graduated from Kyoto University, Faculty of Economics in March 1977

Apr. 1977	Joined the Company (Japan Tobacco and Salt Public Corporation)
Apr. 1998	Head of Domestic Leaf Tobacco Division, Tobacco Business
Sep. 1999	Head of Treasury Division
Jul. 2001	Head of Temporary Systems Task Force
Jul. 2004	Head of General Administration Division
Jun. 2005	Senior Vice President, Chief Communications Officer
Jun. 2007	Executive Vice President, Chief Communications Officer (Current Position)