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Otsuka Holdings' Chairman and Representative Director Akihiko Otsuka receives
the "Legion d'honneur" from France

Tokyo, Japan, November 19, 2014 – Otsuka Holdings Co., Ltd. (Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan; President and Representative Director, CEO: Tatsuo Higuchi, "Otsuka Holdings") announced that Otsuka Holdings' Chairman and representative Director Akihiko Otsuka has received the "Legion d'honneur", which is the highest decoration by the French Government. The award was bestowed by Mr. Charles-Henri BROSSEAU, Consulate-General of France in Kyoto, during a ceremony on November 18, 16:00 p.m. JST, at RIHGA Royal Hotel Osaka.

The Otsuka Group, as a "total healthcare" company, engages in a variety of wellness-related business areas worldwide, including in Europe. Otsuka Group has made its largest investment in France among European countries and its French operation is an important business platform in the group. Akihiko Otsuka has played important roles in promoting global businesses.

The award is bestowed upon Akihiko Otsuka in recognition of his contribution to promote relationship between Japan and France through business development activities over the years. We very appreciate for this prestigious award and hope that the two countries' ties will be further strengthened in the future, and we would like to contribute to both people's health. We wish to thank the Invest in France Agency as well as the Embassy of France in Japan for their ongoing support.

The "Legion d'honneur" (The National Order of Legion of Honor)

It is a French order established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802. The order is the highest decoration awarded by the French government to individuals who have given outstanding public service in the military, culture and arts, science, industry and commercial sector.

Otsuka Group's business expansion in France

2004: Established Otsuka Pharmaceutical France SAS.

2008: Acquired stake in Alma S.A., French leading mineral water company.

2008: Acquired Nutrition & Sante Group, the European market leader in functional dietetic foods.

2009: Otsuka Holdings received the 2009 Investor in France Award, conceived to recognize companies that contribute to economic development through direct foreign investment in France.

2011: Acquired KiSCO Group, a medical device company whose R&D is based in France.

Company Profile

Otsuka Holdings Co., Ltd.

Established: July 8, 2008
Capital: 81,690 million yen
President: Tatsuo Higuchi, President and Representative Director, CEO
Head Office: 2-9, Kanda-Tsukasamachi, Chiyoda-ku, 101-0048 Tokyo, Japan
Employees: 75 (as of March 31, 2014)
Business: Holding company
Description: