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Preface

100 年の技術を未来へ

Inheriting technologies nurtured over a century for the future

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元号が改まった記念すべき 2019 年 6 月 1 日、当社は創業 100 周年の節目を迎えました。お客様や取引先様、株主、地域社会の皆様など、関係各位のご指導・ご厚情に厚く御礼申し上げますと共に、黒崎播磨グループの歴史を築き上げてこられた先人の方々への感謝を胸に抱き、役員・従業員および労働組合、協力会社の皆が一同に手を携えて、「次の 100 年へ」向けて新たな一歩を踏み出しました。

「技術の黒崎」として品質第一に歩みを進めてきた当社は、安川松本財閥の実業家である松本健次郎と、官営八幡製鐵所にて耐火物製造の技術開発に従事していた高良淳という二人の出会いによって生まれました。創業以来、品質第一に、日本のそして世界の近代鉄鋼業界を支え続け、更に弛まぬ技術開発によりその発展に大いに貢献して参りました。創業者の高良淳氏が 1936 年に創刊された本誌も、83 年間の耐火物の歴史を紐解くことができる国内最古の耐火物技術専門誌として読み継がれています。これも、これまでご寄稿いただきました産・学界の皆様、技術者の皆様、歴代の編集委員の皆様方のご努力の賜であり、ご厚情に深く感謝申し上げます。

当社は 1919 年の創業以来、「より良く、より早く、より安く」を創業社是として、鉄鋼業をはじめとする素材産業への耐火物の製造・販売を通じ、社会の礎となる日本のものづくりを支えてまいりました。また、高性能・省エネルギーな工業炉の設計・施工や、半導体・電子部品産業など最先端分野に欠かせないファインセラミックスの開発・製

At June 1st 2019, a memorable year when the name of the era changed to Reiwa, our company was embarking a new stage of the centennial anniversary of the founding. With appreciation to our customers, business acquaintances, stockholders, and supporting persons in the regional community for all their guidance and kindness, in addition to expressing gratitude to our predecessors who had created the history of the Krosaki Harima Group, we, all the concerned as the board members, employees, labor unions and corporate alliances set forth a new step forward hand in hand to the next 100 years.

Our company, making steady progress toward aiming “quality first” as “the technology-oriented Krosaki”, was born by an opportunity to meet two persons of Mr. Kenjiro Matsumoto who is a top businessman in the Yasukawa-Matsumoto financial conglomerate and Mr. Sunao Kora who was an engineer in charge of technical development of the refractories manufacturing in the government-managed Yahata Steelworks. Since foundation of the company, we have continued to support the modern steel industries in both Japan and world with the policy of “quality first”, and greatly contributed to them by our continuing efforts on the technical developments.

This journal, our company’s bulletin, “TAIKA ZAIRYOU (Refractory Materials)”, which was first issued in 1936 by Mr. Sunao Kora, a founder of the company, has been read by generation after generation of researchers for exploring 83 years history as the Japan’s earliest founded bulletin on the field of refractories. It owed largely to the efforts of all the guest contributors from industrial and academic fields all over the world, the in-company contributors and the successive members of an editorial committee

造を手がけるなど、当社がもつ「セラミックス」や「熱」に関する技術を活かし、様々な可能性に挑戦してまいりました。しかし、その歴史は日本の社会的・経済的な激動の時代とも重なり、幾度も困難に直面しました。その度に先人たちの努力と奮闘により危機を乗り越え、世界でも有数の総合耐火物メーカーとして 100 周年を迎えることができました。

私は、創業 101 年目に社長を拝命いたしました。世界の経済情勢が目まぐるしく変化する今日、耐火物業界や主要顧客である鉄鋼業界でも新時代に対応する経営改革が進展しています。このような状況下、「世界一の顧客価値の実現」を通じて持続的な成長を遂げるためには、企業にとって最も重要な財産である「人財」の育成を強化し、技術の高度化とグローバル化を更に追求していく所存です。まずは国内において耐火物事業・ファーンネス事業で培った技術とお客様との信頼関係を軸に、更に強固な競争力ある体制を構築し、産業に貢献してまいります。同時に、当社を更に発展させていくため、これまで以上に海外での事業展開を積極的に推進するとともに、今後拡大が見込まれる半導体・電子部品産業をターゲットにセラミックス事業を更に拡大してまいります。

「100 年の技術を未来へ」、黒崎播磨グループは日本のみならず グローバル社会で欠かせない企業となるべく、更なる成長・発展を遂げてまいりたい決意です。

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of the journal. We would like to express our sincere gratitude for all the persons concerned.

Since foundation in 1919, our company has continuously supported the manufacturing industries in Japan which is basis of the society through producing and selling the refractories for materials industry represented by the iron and steel manufacturing industry with our company policy of “providing our products with better quality, quicker delivery and lower cost”. Furthermore, we have explored various new possibilities by applying our ceramic- and heat-related technologies on the fields of design and construction of high performance, energy-saving industrial furnaces, and development and manufacturing of fine ceramics which are essential in advanced applications for the semiconductor and electronic components industries. However, our company in the past has faced to the difficulties again and again coinciding with times of social and economic upheavals in Japan. Since our company came through the crises by our predecessor’s hard fighting and strenuous efforts for each time, we could greet a hundred years anniversary as the world’s prominent integrated refractories manufacturer.

I was appointed to the president at the 101st years from foundation. The present world economic situation is changing bewilderingly, reformations of the management system compatible to new age have been pursued in not only our refractories industry but also in the steel industry as our major customer. Under such circumstances, we would like to intensify development of human resource as the most important property of the enterprise, and to pursue further advancement and globalization of technologies to achieve a sustainable growth through the mission “Provide No.1 Value to Customers Worldwide”. At first, in domestic market we will contribute industries by forming the further strong and competitive organization with the technologies and trust relationships with our customers nurtured in both refractories and furnace business segments as the core. At the same time, to develop further our company, we will promote the overseas business developments more progressively than before and expand further the ceramics business segment with targeting semiconductor and electronics components industries expecting the growth of the market in near future.

“Inheriting technologies nurtured over a century for the future”, we, Krosaki Harima Group have determined to grow and develop further to be an essential enterprise in not only Japan but the global society.

Finally, asking you a favor to support and guidance more than ever before, I would like to close preface greeting with extending my sincere gratitude.