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Kirin Holdings Wins Grand Prize For Corporate Governance of the Year^{®*1} 2020

Chosen from over 2,000 companies for distinctive corporate governance by the JACD

TOKYO, Thursday January 7, 2021 - Kirin Holdings Company, Limited (Kirin Holdings) was selected as the Grand Prize Company from among approximately 2,000 companies listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in the Corporate Governance of the Year 2020 sponsored by the [Japan Association of Corporate Directors](#) (JACD). The Japan Association of Corporate Directors (JACD) is the only association in Japan with a membership that includes top management, experts, academics, independent directors and institutional investors.

*1: Corporate Governance of the Year[®] is a registered trademark of the Japan Association of Corporate Directors.

The Corporate Governance of the Year[®] has been held since 2015 by the JACD with the support of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and other organizations in order to encourage companies that use corporate governance to achieve sound growth over the medium to long term.

Why Kirin Holdings was Chosen by the Board of Directors of Japan Comments from Mr. Atsushi Saito, Chairman of the Screening Committee

- “President Isozaki himself met with Professor Michael Porter and is leading the way in addressing the theme of CSV^{*2}, or the expansion of corporate growth and financial value through the practice of positive social contribution.”
- “Based on its core technology of fermentation biotechnology, Kirin Holdings has clarified its corporate objective of contributing to society by creating value that society demands, and in practicing this objective, it has invited highly diverse and skilled external personnel to manage the company and established a highly transparent governance system.”



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of The Year

* 2 : Creating Shared Value. Combined added value for consumers as well as for society at large.

Comment by Yoshinori Isozaki, President and CEO, Kirin Holdings

“I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the honor of receiving the Corporate Governance of the Year Award. Because of the uncertain and uncertain age, it is necessary to have a CSV management axis that balances social and economic values, and a strong governance system is indispensable for continuing to grow together with society.

In order to expand our business from Food & Beverages to Pharmaceuticals, we will build a system that can firmly manage and supervise the entire group, and enhance the effectiveness of corporate governance by repeating dialogues with stakeholders.”

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