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SEA PREMIER 3000 PLUS awarded Nikkei Business Daily Awards for Excellence

CHUGOKU MARINE PAINTS, LTD. (Tokyo, Japan) has received Nikkei Business Daily Awards for Excellence of 2019 Nikkei Superior Products and Services Awards sponsored by Nikkei Inc. for the product, *SEA PREMIER 3000 PLUS*.

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■Nikkei Superior Products and Services Awards■

The Nikkei is the largest financial newspaper in Japan. The Nikkei Superior Products and Services Award recognizes, once a year, especially outstanding new products and services. Since its inception in 1982, this is the 38th times. The nomination is not public invitations, but Nikkei Inc. independently selects the products and services as candidates, and the final review committee decides about 40 award-winning products and services which are announced in the newspaper in early January of the following year.

【Award –winning product】 Antifouling coating, ‘SEA PREMIER 3000 PLUS’

SEA PREMIER 3000 PLUS is an antifouling coating positioned in fuel saving type for coastal vessels. The product contributes to a reduction of fuel costs by forming a smooth surface even with normal application. To maintain hull smoothness in the service, the product additionally contains a new antifouling agent ‘selektope®’. It has been developed taking a pharmaceutical approach based on the academic research at Swedish university. It is known that the antifouling agent works against tentacles of barnacle larvae to prevent adhesion and it makes barnacles swim away from ship bottom.

In recent years, the operating environment of coastal vessels has been changed and fouling environment is becoming more serious than before due to rises in seawater temperature.



SEA PREMIER 3000 PLUS was launched in April 2019 to meet the recent marine environment and has been expected a sustainability of reducing bottom fouling in a long operation period. We are confident that this award was given for our new product and solution for environmental issues in the future. Taking advantage of receiving this award, we will contribute to the further development of the maritime industry by raising its recognition and the further increase of the application records.

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