

Press Release

**Business and academic leaders, policy-makers from 40 nations convene in Lyon, France for World Entrepreneurship Forum**

## **Kyocera Founder Kazuo Inamori receives “Entrepreneur for the World” Award**

**Kyoto/Neuss, November 24, 2009 — Kyocera Corporation founder and chairman emeritus Kazuo Inamori received the “Entrepreneur for the World” Award, Entrepreneur category, during the ceremony of the World Entrepreneurship Forum, November 19, 2009 in Lyon, France.**

Patrick Molle, President of EMLYON Business School, and Jean-Luc Decornoy, Chairman of KPMG SA, presented Dr. Inamori with the award for his “achievements as an entrepreneur, notably founding Kyocera and KDDI, his commitment to society through several foundations and the messages he conveys in public spheres, making him a role model, legitimate to carry the voice of entrepreneurship on the global scale.”

Dr. Inamori founded Kyocera Corporation in Kyoto, Japan in 1959 at the age of 27. The company has been a pioneer in the development of advanced ceramics, which play a vital role in many fields, including IT, semiconductors, solar energy and high-tech manufacturing. Dr. Inamori developed and implemented a unique company philosophy and management system, which uses the concept, “Do what is right as a human being,” as the basis for decision making. Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, Kyocera has grown to become a global leader in multiple fields with net sales of approximately 1.13 trillion yen (USD11.5 billion) and nearly 60,000 employees in FY2009.

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In 1984, Dr. Inamori established the non-profit Inamori Foundation and created the Kyoto Prize, a prestigious international award now in its 25th year. He also serves as president of *Seiwajyuku*, a business leadership association dedicated to nurturing business owners and entrepreneurs.

### **About the “Entrepreneur for the World” Award**

The World Entrepreneurship Forum was established by EMLYON Business School, the leading European business school in entrepreneurship, and KPMG, the leading tax, audit and advisory services company. The Forum is founded on the conviction that the entrepreneur is a creator of wealth and social justice. It gathers 100 selected international members of 40 nationalities for three days each year, under the high patronage of Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy, President of France. The members convene to propose recommendations aimed at fostering the development of entrepreneurship and social justice on the global scale.

### **About Kyocera**

Headquartered in Kyoto, Japan, the Kyocera Corporation is one of the world's leading manufacturers of fine ceramic components for the technology industry. The strategically important divisions in the Kyocera Group, which comprises more than 200 subsidiaries (April 1st, 2009), are information and communications technologies, products to increase the quality of life, and environmentally friendly products. The technology group is also one of the largest producers of solar energy systems worldwide.

With a workforce of about 60.000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €8.68 billion in fiscal year 2008/2009. The products marketed by the company in Europe include laser printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, finceramic products and complete solar systems. The corporation has two independent companies in the Federal Republic of Germany: the Kyocera Finceramics GmbH in Neuss and Esslingen and the Kyocera Mita Deutschland GmbH in Meerbusch.

The company also takes a lively interest in cultural affairs. The Kyoto Prize, one of the most prominent international awards, is presented each year by the Inamori Foundation, once established by Kyocera founder Dr. Kazuo Inamori, to individuals and groups worldwide for their outstanding human achievement (converted at present €370,000 per prize category).

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