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New Selection Committee Members Appointed for
2013 TonenGeneral Children's Culture Award and Music Awards

TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K. (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; president: Jun Mutoh) announces the appointment of the following Selection Committee members for the 2013 TonenGeneral Children's Culture Award and Music Awards.

TonenGeneral Children's Culture Award

(Retiring) KONDO Yasuhiro (Producer of children's TV programs)

(Newly appointed) NAKAI Koji (Professor, University of the Sacred Heart)

TonenGeneral Music Awards – Traditional Japanese Music

(Retiring) ENOMOTO Yukio (Critic of Japanese music)

(Newly appointed) TSUKAHARA Yasuko (Professor, Tokyo University of the Arts)

Reflecting the above changes, the 2013 Selection Committee will include the following members.

TonenGeneral Children's Culture Award

MATSUI Tadashi (Children's literature scholar)

NOGAMI Akira (Children's culture researcher)

NAKAI Koji (Professor, University of the Sacred Heart)

TonenGeneral Music Awards – Traditional Japanese Music

TOKUMARU Yosihiko (Musicologist)

YAMAKAWA Naoharu (Researcher of Japanese music)

TSUKAHARA Yasuko (Professor, Tokyo University of the Arts)

TonenGeneral Music Awards – Western Classical Music

SEKINE Reiko (Music critic)

NAKAMURA Takayoshi (Chairman of the Board, Osaka College of Music)

MOROISHI Sachio (Music critic)

In keeping with the philosophy that engaging in activities that benefit society is one of the most important responsibilities of any business, these awards were established as the Mobil Children's Culture Award in 1966 and the Mobil Music Awards in 1971. They became the ExxonMobil Children's Culture Award and Music Awards in 2001 and finally, with the transformation to the TonenGeneral Group in June 2012, the TonenGeneral Children's Culture Award and Music Awards.

With the selection of this year's awardees by the 2013 Selection Committee, we continue to place great importance on the significance of these awards, the purpose of which is to recognize, through a selection process unaffected by fleeting trends, outstanding individuals and groups that have contributed to the development and prosperity of children's culture and music culture in Japan, and that are expected to play key roles in the futures of their respective fields. Through these awards, we continue our social and cultural contributions, bringing inspiration and cheer to the people in our communities and leading to a bright future for their children.

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Attachment: Profiles of Newly Appointed Selection Committee Members

About the TonenGeneral Group

The TonenGeneral Group comprises TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K. and its related companies and subsidiaries including EMG Marketing Godo Kaisha and Tonen Chemical Corporation. Elements of the Group began operations in Japan in 1893. With an emphasis on safety and the environment, the Group's operations are involved in all aspects of the supply chain, from crude export, refining and production to distribution and sales. We will continue to provide a stable supply of energy as we strive to be an energy company that moves Japan into the future. TonenGeneral Sekiyu is listed on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. For more information, see our website at www.tonengeneral.co.jp.

Attachment

Profiles of Newly Appointed Selection Committee Members

Newly appointed Selection Committee member – Children’s Culture Award

NAKAI Koji

Professor, University of the Sacred Heart

Born in 1946. Graduated with a degree in philosophy from the Waseda University School of Literature I. Developed primarily educational and cultural programs for NHK. After serving as Managing Director for NHK affiliate NHK Educational, worked as a consultant for establishing educational TV in the Republic of Botswana. Has served as a judge at international competitions and as Secretary General for the Japan Prize International Contest for Educational Media. Became a full-time professor at University of the Sacred Heart in 2012.

Newly appointed Selection Committee member – Japanese Traditional Music

TSUKAHARA Yasuko

Professor, Faculty of Music, Tokyo University of the Arts

Born in 1957. Completed a doctoral program at the Tokyo University of the Arts Graduate School of Music (PhD). Currently a professor in the Faculty of Music at Tokyo University of the Arts. Specializing in the history of Japanese music with an emphasis on the modern period, her published works include *Jûkyû Seiki no Nihon ni Okeru Seiyô Ongaku no Juyô* ('Reception of Western Music in Nineteenth Century Japan') and *Meiji Kokka to Gagaku* ('The Meiji State and Gagaku'). Her co-authored works include *Hajimete no Ongakushi* ('A Primer of Music History') and *Nihon no Dentô Geinô Kôza -Ongaku-* ('A Course in Japanese Traditional Arts – Music').