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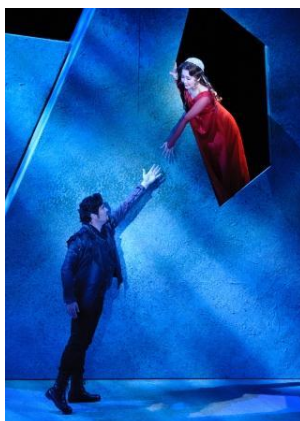
## **TonenGeneral Sekiyu Sakai Refinery Invites Newsletter Readers to Sakai City Opera Dress Rehearsal**

TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K. (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; president: Jun Mutoh) invited 50 readers of “Phoenix”, a newsletter issued by the company’s Sakai refinery (Sakai-shi, Osaka; manager: Toshiaki Ohtomo), to a dress rehearsal of a regularly scheduled performance by the Sakai City Opera on September 6.

The Sakai City Opera has contributed to the cultural development of the local community through regularly scheduled performances and concerts since its founding as the Sakai City Community Opera Association in 1986. The group is also highly regarded overseas and in 2006 became the first Japanese opera troupe invited to participate in the world-renowned Puccini Festival in Italy, where it received great acclaim for its performance of “Madame Butterfly”.

Sakai Refinery has supported regularly scheduled performances by the Sakai City Opera since 1994, and in 2005 began inviting Phoenix readers to dress rehearsals held one day prior to actual performances. The dress rehearsals have been well-received and give attendees the opportunity to experience the artistry of opera firsthand. Invitees to this year’s dress rehearsal were treated to a world-class performance of “Romeo and Juliet”. The producer of this year’s performance, as well as that of 2011, is Jun Aguni, recipient of the 41<sup>st</sup> ExxonMobil Music Award (currently TonenGeneral Music Award), Western Classical Music Promotion division.

The TonenGeneral Group believes that as a good corporate citizen, contributing to society while continuously working to maintain safety and health, protect the environment and respond to climate change issues is an important corporate responsibility. Supporting the Sakai City Opera and inviting local citizens to dress rehearsals are among the Group’s many social contribution activities.



(“Romeo and Juliet”, photos courtesy of Sakai City Opera)

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