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Hideo Yamazaki appointed as new Managing Director of 3M Malaysia

3M Malaysia poised for strong growth in Asia-Pacific



Petaling Jaya – 3M Malaysia has appointed Mr. Hideo Yamazaki as its Managing Director effective 1 February 2014.

Mr. Yamazaki's appointment follows the departure of incumbent Mr. Michael Wu, who returns to his native country as Managing Director of 3M Taiwan. Under Mr. Wu's five years of stewardship, 3M Malaysia has grown from strength to strength. This growth has been in line with 3M's global performance which in 2013 allowed the company to provide the largest increase of its dividends since 1948.

Prior to his appointment as Managing Director of 3M Malaysia, Mr. Yamazaki served as the Executive Director of 3M's Industrial Business Group in Sumitomo 3M; overseeing the company's Automotive, Advanced Material and Purification Divisions which under his leadership saw impressive growth in all key performance areas of the business. He has won several noteworthy global 3M Awards and has several registered patents and published articles under his name.

"The Asia-Pacific region is of strategic importance for 3M and 3M Malaysia has been playing a key role in this area. I'm excited to work with my colleagues and business partners in Malaysia to further expand our contribution to local, regional and global customers; connecting customers' needs with 3M's innovative solutions and products." said Mr. Yamazaki.

In the fourth quarter of 2013, 3M grew 3.3% across the Asia-Pacific with great business developments and good future prospects. With the country's combination of a stable and business friendly market environment, positive Government-led development initiatives and strong base of talented human capital resources, 3M is eager to further re-invest into Malaysia as SEA region is a key growth market with both domestic and export opportunities.



The Malaysian government's focus towards developing R&D and adopting Green Technology alternatives has served as an impetus for the identification and implementation of more efficient and more sustainable technologies and practices by industry players. This in turn has catalysed the business eco-system towards paying greater attention to the opportunities created through both technological and process driven innovations, from increased productivity to upward movements along industry value chains.

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