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**AGC determines the research themes for “the fifth AGC Research Collaboration Program  
(Publicly-solicited Industry-Academia Joint Study Program)”**

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AGC (Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.; Head Office: Tokyo; President & COO: Kazuhiko Ishimura) introduced in 2004 a joint study program (AGC Research Collaboration Program) to collaborate with bodies such as universities or public research institutions, which are solicited publicly based on the Company’s own needs and seeds. In 2008, the Company made public solicitation with 14 topics related to the environment, glass and fluorine chemical fields and selected 2 among 13 entries as joint research themes related to “development of environment-related basic technology” for the Fifth AGC Research Collaboration Program. In addition, we chose four themes as research support themes from among those which were not selected as joint research themes.

1. Joint Research Themes

(1) “Development of glass composition conversion technology” by Mr. Naoki Hiroyoshi, Associate Professor of Graduate School of Engineering of Hokkaido University and Mr. Hiroyuki Inano, Senior Research Associate of Hokkaido Industrial Research Institute

(2) “Development of functional fluoropolymer decomposition system which uses hydrothermal reactions” by Mr. Hisao Hori, Group Leader of Research Institute of Environmental Management Technology, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology

To support the above-mentioned joint research themes, we will provide the relevant researchers with research materials, as well as research funding of about 20 million yen annually for up to three years.

2. Research Support Themes

In addition to the above, we selected research support themes among those which were not chosen as joint research themes. The details of research support and the names of organizations, which the relevant applicants belong to, are as follows:

- Provision of research fund (500,000 to 1,000,000 yen per project as scholarship endowment; research materials may be provided separately)

National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, Osaka City University

- Provision of research materials

Kyushu University, Osaka University

AGC will proactively utilize the results obtained through joint research internally and create new businesses and products on an ongoing basis. We will continue to implement this program in 2009 in order to extensively promote the creation of values through collaboration between industry and academia in the future.

Reference

- For the guidelines for application for the AGC Research Collaboration Program for 2008, please access [http://www.agc.co.jp/collaboration/index\\_2007.html](http://www.agc.co.jp/collaboration/index_2007.html)
- Guidelines for application for the AGC Research Collaboration Program for 2009 will be released after May 2009.

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