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Sompo Japan Insurance Inc.

**Sompo Japan is the first ever Japanese insurance company to be selected for the 2009 World's Most Ethical Companies list**

Sompo Japan Insurance Inc. (hereafter "Sompo Japan; President and Chief Executive Officer: Masatoshi Sato) on April 13 became the first ever Japanese insurance company to be selected for the 2009 World's Most Ethical Companies list. Moreover, Sompo Japan is the only example of a Japanese financial institution out of the top 99 companies announced.

1. About the World's Most Ethical Companies list

The Ethisphere Institute, a US think-tank specializing in company ethics and corporate social responsibility (CSR) has undertaken a survey and announced its results every year since FY2007; the top 99 companies for this fiscal year have now been selected. The survey evaluates the ethics of companies in 35 industries from over 100 countries all over the world according to the following seven evaluation categories.

- (1) Corporate Citizenship and Responsibility (activities which are the responsibility of the company, civic activities)
- (2) Corporate Governance
- (3) Innovation that Contributes to the Public Well Being
- (4) Industry Leadership
- (5) Executive Leadership and Tone from the Top
- (6) Legal, Regulatory and Reputation Track Record
- (7) Internal Systems and Ethics/Compliance Program

2. Sompo Japan's Initiatives

With its endeavors to date having received high evaluations across all seven of these categories, Sompo Japan has been selected for the 2009 World's Most Ethical Companies.

Sompo Japan set up the Environmental Risk Management Office and commenced its efforts to resolve global environmental issues in 1990. Since then, each and every member of our company has been putting their efforts into endeavors based on the

philosophy in which all partake, and have been at the vanguard of the CSR domain in the finance industry in bringing forth results. With regard to corporate governance and internal controls, Sompo Japan is aiming at corporate governance with controls, and is realizing sound and appropriate internal controls in the company, based on the Corporate Governance Policy resolved by the Board of Directors in 2006.

Going forward, through its advanced strategies and proactive actions, Sompo Japan will continue to put its efforts into endeavors to resolve issues related to the environment and society through our core value, and will go on maintaining the high level of presence befitting a company which represents Japan.

\* Reference: 2009 World's Most Ethical Companies

Website: <http://ethisphere.com/wme2009/>

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