

International Joint Research Program Receives Noguchi Memorial Award of Japan Petroleum Institute (JPI)

As part of JCCP's international research program, Phase II of the joint research project on Development of High-Severity Fluid Catalytic Cracking (HSFCC) Technology (demonstration study) was implemented with Nippon Oil Corporation (NOC), King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM), and Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Aramco), from 2000 to 2005. A 30 b/d pilot plant has been constructed in Saudi Arabia and test-operated, to verify and examine the effects of the technology.

The project was successfully completed, through the long-term test operation of the pilot plant. Having obtained good prospects for basic data acquisition, the project has provided huge impetus toward the construction of a commercial plant.

The project was awarded the FY2006 JPI Noguchi Memorial Award in recognition of its substantial contribution to promoting cooperation and friendship with oil-producing



Award recipients and relevant parties

countries through the development of oil refining technologies and other technical development efforts.

The award ceremony was held on May 17, following the JPI's annual general meeting. The award went to JCCP, NOC, KFUPM, and Aramco.

Representatives from Saudi Arabia who attended the ceremony included Dr. Sulaiman S. Al-Khattaf, Director of the Research Institute of KFUPM, Mr.

Sami M. Bukhari, Representative for Far East & Oceania Area of Aramco, and Dr. Stephane Kressman, Director of Research & Development of Aramco.

Further R&D results are expected, for practical application to the HS-FCC Scale-up Study, a JCCP technical cooperation project that is being implemented by Saudi Arabia and Japan since FY2005.

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JPI general meeting



*Recipients of the JPI Noguchi Memorial Award:
(from the right) Dr. Sulaiman S. Al-Khattaf, Director of the Research Institute of KFUPM; Mr. Sami M. Bukhari, Representative for Far East & Oceania Area of Aramco; Mr. Hiroji Adachi, General Manager of Technical Service Department of NOC; and Mr. Junichi Hatano, Managing Director of JCCP*