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Commencement of Academia–Industry Collaboration by the Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Tokyo and Nippon Oil Corporation

– Reinforcement of the collaboration in energy development fields using biomass –

Nippon Oil Corporation (President: Shinji Nishio, hereinafter, Nippon Oil) is pleased to announce that the Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Tokyo (chief of research course: Shinichi Syogenji, hereinafter Agricultural and Life Sciences) has entered into a basic agreement with Nippon Oil in the “new energy development using biomass resources” technical development field and has started organizational coordination activities.

With this collaboration, Agricultural and Life Sciences, a leading research education base on biomass resources and Nippon Oil shall combine their respective scientific knowledge and human resources, and aim for the development of human resources, the excavation, promotion and realization of innovative fundamental technology, and the dissemination of technology in society. The feature of this collaboration is to allow researchers to participate in trial consulting and discussion activities through the collaboration and to consequently create full–fledged joint research.

Agricultural and Life Sciences and Nippon Oil have already been working on the development of cellulosic bioethanol technology jointly with other research institutes through research that is funded and subsidized by New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO). With the conclusion of this organizational coordination we shall enter into a further advanced collaboration activities in the field concerned.

Agricultural and Life Sciences and Nippon Oil shall aim to contribute to a sustainable society in which energy and the environment are harmonized through people–to–people exchange and research activities based on this collaboration.

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Attachment:  [Schematic diagram of collaboration](#)

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