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## **Hitachi Automotive Systems employee Yoshikatsu Eguchi recognized for his achievements including being a recipient of Medal with Yellow Ribbon**

**Tokyo, November 3, 2020** --- Hitachi Automotive Systems is proud to recognize the achievements of one of its employees, Yoshikatsu Eguchi. At the Autumn 2020 Conferment of Decorations Mr. Eguchi received a medal with yellow ribbon for his outstanding technical skills and achievements. Mr. Eguchi is a senior supervisor in the 1st Manufacturing Section, Global Tool & Equipment Department, ICE Production Unit, ICE Business Unit, Powertrain & Safety Systems Division.

The medal with yellow ribbon was established in 1955 and is awarded to individuals who, through their diligence and perseverance while engaging in their professional activities, became public role models. Since 1990, Mr. Eguchi has been engaged in the manufacturing operations of assembly, machining and testing equipment for automotive parts. He holds numerous qualifications and national technical skills certifications. He has also contributed to the improvement in both precision and reliability of equipment manufacturing by leveraging his advanced technical skills and broad expertise to propose and materialize ideas.

Mr. Eguchi has been active as a National Skills Test Assistant since 1996 and became a National Skills Test Committee Member since 2001. Furthermore, he has been engaged in in-company training since 2015 and has produced many successful candidates in the National Skills Test and prize winners in the WorldSkills Olympics. He has greatly contributed to training programs to foster a monozukuri spirit for new employees and the global rollout of such programs.

Mr. Eguchi received the Kanagawa Governor's Award both in 2015 and 2016 and received the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare's "Contemporary Master Craftsman" award in 2018 for his outstanding technical skills.

Hitachi Automotive Systems will continue to endeavor in the training of highly skilled engineers to develop and promote technologies to improve society.

Medal Recipient: Yoshikatsu Eguchi (59)

Short CV:

1980: Joins Ohnishi Netsugaku Co., Ltd.

1990: Joins Atsugi Unisia (currently known as Hitachi Astemo, Ltd.)

2002: Becomes team leader of 1st Tool & Equipment Section, Tool & Equipment

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2017: Becomes supervisor at 1st Manufacturing Section, Tool & Equipment Dept.

Comment from Mr. Eguchi

“I am extremely honored to receive this prestigious medal with yellow ribbon. I would like to express my gratitude to Hitachi Automotive Systems for providing a positive work environment, and to my superiors, colleagues and seniors who have given me guidance and encouragement. I would like to pass on the knowledge and skills that were passed onto me to the next generation and help them adapt to the changing times. I will continue to endeavor in acquiring new knowledge and skills to become a leading example for the next generation”.



Mr. Eguchi operating a manufactured jig



Mr. Eguchi assembling parts

### **About Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd.**

Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi, Ltd., headquartered in Tokyo, Japan. The company is engaged in the development, manufacture, sales and services of automotive components, transportation related components, industrial machines and systems, and offers a wide range of automotive systems including Powertrain Systems, Chassis Systems and Advanced Driver Assistance Systems. For more information, please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachi-automotive.co.jp/en/>.

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