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**Japan TCGF Concludes an Agreement to Help the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Procure
Emergency Support Goods in the Event of Disasters**
**Building a Cooperation System for Emergency Support Goods in Preparation
against an Inland Earthquake in Tokyo**

Aeon has been participating in Japan TCGF for the solution of problems commonly faced by companies in Japan in the noncompetitive areas. Japan TCGF was established in August 2011 led by companies belonging to the consumer goods distribution industry. In the joint project implemented by this organization, participants including Aeon have been making use of the lessons learned through the experiences of the Great East Japan Earthquake, Niigata-Chuetsu Earthquake and other disasters to formulate anti-disaster measures, while discussing the methods to cooperate with each other in the manufacture, distribution and sales of goods to continue providing people with lifeline services even in the event of earthquakes.

On the other hand, the Tokyo metropolitan government has been examining the measures to establish a goods reserve and transportation system in preparation against disasters. Believing it essential to cooperate with companies in the private sector to establish a smooth support goods supply system, the government concluded an agreement on the support of the procurement of goods in the event of disasters with Japan TCGF on March 11, 2013, as detailed below.

1. Purpose of the agreement	The agreement was concluded for the following purpose: In the event that a large disaster, such as an earthquake (hereinafter “a disaster”) happens or is likely to happen in Tokyo, 27 companies belonging to Japan TCGF will cooperate together to help the Tokyo metropolitan government procure emergency support goods upon request from the government, thereby supporting the lives of victims and helping the government implement disaster response and recovery measures.
2. Important points of the agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The agreement is intended to help the Tokyo metropolitan government build up an emergency goods procurement system so that it can respond to various needs of victims in a prompt manner in the event of a disaster. Such a system will be established based on the national distribution networks of Japan TCGF member companies and on the disaster management system established by the Tokyo metropolitan government. (2) One of Japan TCGF member companies will be chosen as the representative of the organization, and this company will centrally and efficiently respond to the Tokyo metropolitan government’s requests for support to the procurement of goods in the event of a disaster. (3) To ensure the smooth supply of the goods, the Tokyo metropolitan government will implement the measures to support TCGF member companies in delivering goods upon request from the government, including providing the companies with information about the available transportation routes.
The scope of the agreement	Disasters in Tokyo

<p>Support goods to be delivered</p>	<p>Goods to be supplied immediately after the occurrence of a disaster (during initial three or four days)</p> <p>(1) Foods Rice balls, bread, cup noodles, drinking water, powder milk, and canned food (the cans should be easily opened)</p> <p>(2) Daily necessities Blankets, paper diapers, sanitary goods, nursing bottles, radios, dry batteries, flashlights, chopsticks, disposable tableware, wrapping paper, solid fuels, wet tissues, garbage bags, mosquito coils (in summer), and disposable body warmers (in winter)</p> <p>Goods to be supplied four or more days after the occurrence of the disaster</p> <p>(1) Foods Rice, instant noodles, bread, retort food, Japanese pickles, umeboshi, seasonings, confectionery, fruits and tea</p> <p>(2) Daily necessities Towels, underwear, footwear, work uniforms, cotton work gloves, pans, rice cookers, simple stoves, butane gas cartridges, soaps, toothbrushes, tissue paper, toilet paper, and waterproof sheets</p>
<p>3. Backgrounds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In August 2011, Japan TCGF launched the committee for a joint project to prepare against earthquakes. Participating companies examined how to supply support goods in a smooth manner in the event of a disaster by sharing the lessons learned from the Great East Japan Earthquake and other disasters. • In November 2011, the Tokyo metropolitan government formulated the guidelines on disaster responses to show the direction of its emergency goods distribution and reserve policies. • In June 2012, Japan TCGF received a request for the conclusion of a disaster support agreement from the Tokyo metropolitan government and began examinations toward the conclusion. • On March 11, 2013, the two parties concluded the agreement on the support to the procurement of goods in the event of disasters.
<p>4. Participating companies (27)</p>	<p>Asahi Group Holdings, Ltd., Ajinomoto Co., Inc., AEON CO., LTD., Izumiya Co., Ltd., ITO EN, Ltd., ITOCHU-SHOKUJIN Co., Ltd., Kao Corp., KATOSANGYO Co., Ltd., Kewpie Corp., Kirin Holdings Co., Ltd. (Kirin Co., Ltd.), Kokubu & Co., Ltd., Sapporo Holdings Ltd., Suntory Beverages & Food Ltd., Shiseido Co., Ltd., Seiyu GK, Nisshin Foods Holdings Co., Ltd., Nippon Access, Inc., Coca-Cola (Japan) Co., Ltd., Paltac Corp., Hikari Miso Co., Ltd., Meiji Co., Ltd., Mitsubishi Shokuhin Co., Ltd., Morinaga & Co., Ltd., Morinaga Milk Industry Co., Ltd., MEGMILK SNOW BRAND Co., Ltd., Lion Corp., and Lawson, Inc.</p>