

News Release

Daifuku to Establish a New Affiliate in Mexico

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Osaka, Japan – Daifuku Co., Ltd. announced today that it will establish Daifuku de México S.A. de C.V. (Daifuku Mexico) as a wholly owned subsidiary to address the country's demands of the booming automobile industry. Daifuku Mexico will commence its operations, ranging from sales and installations to after-sale services for automobile production line systems, in January 2013.

Since 1992, Daifuku operated its Mexico Branch to accommodate the construction of new plants and the enhancement of production capacities of major Japanese and U.S. automakers. In recent years, automakers have further advanced into Mexico, recognizing the country as an important automobile production hub in addition to China and ASEAN countries, and have built new plants in succession. Moreover, projects to increase capacities at existing plants as well as plans for building new plants in Mexico by other automakers are anticipated.

With the establishment of the new subsidiary, Daifuku will proactively push its business forward in Mexico as a part of its global strategy. Furthermore, Daifuku Mexico will aim to become a provider of a variety of material handling systems, including storage, transport, sorting and picking systems, mainly to North and Central American manufacturers.

Profile of Daifuku de México S.A. de C.V.

Paid-in capital: 17 million pesos (about 100 million yen)

Representative: Hideyuki Nishioka, President

Head office: Querétaro, Mexico

About Daifuku Co., Ltd.

Daifuku Co., Ltd. is the world's top manufacturer and supplier of automated material handling systems and software to the automotive, semiconductor and LCD equipment, and general industry markets. Daifuku is headquartered in Osaka, Japan, with sales and service offices throughout the world. The Company was founded in 1937.

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