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**GC International AG appoints Dr Kiyotaka Nakao as President and CEO**

*Top leadership succession announcement for GC*

GC International AG, based in Lucerne, Switzerland, has officially appointed Dr Kiyotaka Nakao as President and Chief Executive Officer. Dr Nakao’s new role follows from the recent retirement of Mr Makoto Nakao, who served in GC’s top leadership for 42 years.

Going forward, Mr Makoto Nakao will remain in his position as Chairman of the board of GC International AG. In addition, he will dedicate the majority of his time to the newly-established Foundation Nakao for World-wide Oral Health, which was funded by his generous donation of privately-owned GC shares. The Foundation promotes academic research and clinical studies on topics that affect oral health on a global scale.

The success of this family-owned business is based on solid principles: Its corporate philosophy, drawing from the Japanese wisdom of “Semui” and “GC No Kokoro”, calls for selfless and objective actions, always putting the common good before short-term growth objectives.

*About Dr Kiyotaka Nakao*

Dr Kiyotaka Nakao joined GC Corporation in Japan in 2006 and advanced his career in various functions such as R&D and international business. He assumed the position of Director in 2008, followed by Vice President in 2012. Since 2013, he has served as President of GC Corporation.

GC Corporation, headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is one of the world’s leading suppliers of dental products, with more than 3200 employees and numerous manufacturing sites in Japan, the United States, China, India and Europe. Established in 1921, GC has been devoted a century to the development and provision of dental materials, contributing to the worldwide oral health.

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