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Nitto Denko's Hiroshi Iwahori receives 2009 IDA Fellowship Award.

Oceanside, CA... Hydranautics, a Nitto Denko Company is proud to announce that the International Desalination Association (IDA) has awarded its 2009 Fellowship Award to Hiroshi Iwahori, P.E.Jpn, IntPE(Jp), Senior Consultant in the Membrane Division of Nitto Denko Corporation. Mr. Iwahori shares the award with Kourosh Mohammad, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Environmental Engineering at the Water Engineering Research Institute, Tarbiat Modares University in Tehran. The 2009 Fellowship Award was bestowed upon Messrs. Iwahori and Mohammed during GWI's "*Blue, Green & Gold: The Future of Water, Finance & the Environment*" conference in Zurich (April 2009).

The IDA Fellowship Award was established in 2008 to facilitate the global advancement of desalination and water reuse technology through open intellectual exchange. Fellowship Award recipients receive both a monetary honorarium and a residence opportunity to spend time with a technology host - a high-profile public utility or well-respected research organization - working alongside learned peers in the desalination industry for a multi-cultural, multi-discipline exchange of ideas.

Both 2009 IDA Fellows will undergo an attachment of 6-8 weeks with host agency Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC) in Saudi Arabia. Lisa Henthorne, President of IDA, said, "SWCC's global prominence in the field of desalination and its commitment to the advancement of desalination technology will provide an exceptional opportunity for the 2009 IDA Fellows. We deeply appreciate SWCC's collaboration as host agency as well as Nitto Denko Corporation's generous support of this year's program."

Mr. Iwahori has worked for more than 35 years in the field of membrane separation technology, serving in senior positions with Nitto Denko Corporation on projects all over the world. He has been involved with the Water Reuse Promotion Center Japan and the Membrane Society of Japan, and has served as a Director of the Japan Desalination Association since 2003 and was Acting President of the Association of Membrane Separation Technology of Japan (AMST) from 2005-2008. He has also been a member of the Board of Directors of the Membrane Society of Japan since 2007. An authority on membrane separation technology, Mr. Iwahori has presented technical papers on RO and UF membrane separation at every IDA World Congress for the past 16 years.

Nitto Denko Corporation and Hydranautics together form the industry leader for membrane development with a focus on unique surface coatings. The resulting membrane technology provides solutions for customer's most demanding water treatment needs. For more information about Nitto Denko-Hydranautics please call 1-800-CPA-PURE, visit us online at www.membranes.com or send an e-mail to info@hydranautics.com.

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