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New Chairman of JRAIA

As of 24 June 2020, The Japan Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Industry Association has appointed new chairman;



FUTOSHI NISHIZAKI

(Director, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Thermal Systems, Ltd.)

Global economy faces unpredictable crisis due to COVID-19 outbreak. It affects not only the economy but also our lifestyle, working styles, and our society in the future, forcing us to make changes.

In this situation, JRAIA will consider the role of the HVACR industry in the new lifestyle of "coexistence with COVID-19", also continue to work for the industry's major themes of "appropriate response to global environmental problems".

In Japan, there is concern that the supply of HFC refrigerants to the market will decrease due to the revision of the law following the Kigali Amendment. There is also a strong demand for the achievement of common goals such as the promotion of energy conservation.

To meet these demands, JRAIA actively promotes conversion to low GWP refrigerants such as slightly flammable refrigerants and natural refrigerants. We also conduct risk assessments that take energy-saving performance, reliability, safety, etc., establish standards and guidelines, and deregulate necessary regulations.

To further strengthen the management of CFC use, we will work on corresponding to the revised CFC Emission Control Law, enforced in Japan April 2020, and reviewing the evaluation method of each equipment related to the next target value of Japan's original "Top Runner System" which promotes the improvement of energy saving performance of residential air conditioners etc. We believe that these efforts will contribute to the solution of environmental issues not only in Japan but also around the world.

JARIA would like to continue working with people all over the world who are working on the same issue.

Futoshi Nishizaki



Chairman of the board,

The Japan Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Industry Association (JRAIA), Japan