

Jun Kawakami Succeeds Toshiyuki Ikeda as Rigaku CEO

Jun Kawakami will take over as Rigaku CEO effective January 31. He brings extensive management experience and will guide them towards a successful IPO.

TOKYO, JAPAN, January 25, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Rigaku Corporation ("Rigaku"), Japan's leading manufacturer of X-ray analysis, measurement and testing instruments, announces today that Toshiyuki Ikeda will resign as President and CEO of Rigaku effective January 31, 2023, and that Jun Kawakami will be his successor. Rigaku Holdings Corporation, the holding company for the Rigaku Group companies, will also name Mr. Kawakami as President and Group CEO succeeding Mr. Ikeda.

Mr. Ikeda, former CEO of Hitachi High-Tech Science Corporation and later CTO and Managing Director of its parent company Hitachi High-Tech Corporation, joined Rigaku in April 2020 and became President and Group CEO in June 2021, shortly after Carlyle acquired majority stake in Rigaku. Mr. Ikeda, who has led the company in transforming its global organization for accelerated

Jun Kawakami who will become Rigaku CEO as of January 31.

business growth and towards its IPO goal, is stepping down to pursue his longtime interest in philanthropy.

Mr. Kawakami, former President & CEO of Arteria Networks Corporation, successfully led the provider of broadband connectivity and network solutions to an IPO in December 2018. He started his career at Booz, Allen and Hamilton Inc., and later joined General Electric to serve in business development roles for its group companies such as GE Aviation, GE Yokogawa Medical, and GE Healthcare. He was President & CEO of GE Healthcare-Japan before joining Arteria Networks. He is currently a Senior Advisor at Carlyle Japan and has been a board member of Rigaku since March 2021.

Mr. Kawakami commented: "Under the leadership of Mr. Ikeda, Rigaku had record earnings for

two consecutive years and strengthened its global organization. I will do my utmost to promote the longterm growth of Rigaku, building upon its successful history."

Hikaru Shimura, Chairman of Rigaku, commented: "I am delighted that Mr. Kawakami will bring his successful



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management experience into Rigaku as new Group CEO. I am confident that his leadership will help Rigaku fulfill its global growth ambitions and reach its goal of a successful IPO."

Takaomi Tomioka, Deputy Head of Carlyle Japan and a board member of Rigaku, commented:



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