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Zeon Corporation (Zeon) (President: Kimiaki Tanaka) has reached an agreement with the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) (President: Ryoji Chubachi) and Sunarrow Ltd. (Sunarrow) (President: Yuji Tokimune) to jointly establish the "Zeon Sunarrow AIST CNT*1 Composite Material Research Center" for the purpose of carrying out research and development on CNT composite materials.

This research center will create new composite materials using CNTs and explore novel applications, which take advantage of CNT-specific properties. Additionally, it will develop manufacturing processes for masterbatches and composites while also promoting sales of the technology through a joint effort between the three parties, with the aim of launching commercial CNT composite materials for sale within the next three years.

This will be the first open platform joint research project under the CNT Alliance Consortium*2 spearheaded by AIST.

Zeon will continue to strive toward opening up new applications for CNTs.

*1 Carbon nanotube

*2 This consortium aims to generate innovation. AIST and participating entities sign a joint research agreement and take concerted action based on common terms of operation and terms for handling intellectual property rights.

Note:

World's First Super-Growth Carbon Nanotube Mass Production Plant Opens

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