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Daihatsu to Set Up Technical Development Base in Kyushu

Daihatsu Motor Co., Ltd. (“Daihatsu”) announced today that it will build the Kurume R&D Center as a development base with a focus on engines for mini-vehicles. The Center will be built adjacent to the Kurume Plant of Daihatsu Motor Kyushu Co., Ltd. (“Daihatsu Motor Kyushu”), a subsidiary of Daihatsu, and will open in March 2014.

Amid growth in production volumes of mini-vehicles, engines and transmissions at Daihatsu Motor Kyushu, a facility equipped with a function to evaluate their performance will be opened at a nearby location to establish a new development structure that integrates production and development.

In March 2014, a building for experimentation in engines, transmissions and other parts will be launched, followed by the opening of an experiment building and a test course for evaluating the performance of parts mounted on vehicles in December 2014.

Daihatsu will aim to build a technical development structure that features collaboration between development and production, encompassing Daihatsu Motor Kyushu and other companies in the Group.

Outline of the Kurume R&D Center

Location	1 Yoshimoto, Tanushimaru-machi, Kurume, Fukuoka Prefecture
Activities	Performance evaluation relating to engines, transmissions and other parts
No. of employees	Approx. 100 (as of December 2014)
Start of construction	Around summer 2013
Site area	Approx. 74,600 square meters
Capital investment	Approx. 14 billion yen (in total of buildings, infrastructure, machinery and equipment)