

Daihatsu to Exhibit its Latest Mini Welfare Vehicles at Barrier Free 2019

~The Daihatsu booth will also hold events introducing KOTODUKURI activities~

Daihatsu Motor Co., Ltd. (hereinafter “Daihatsu”) announced today that it will exhibit its mini welfare vehicles at Barrier Free 2019, the largest welfare exhibition in western Japan. Barrier Free 2019, which proposes comfortable lifestyles for the elderly and disabled, will be held from April 18 to 20 at INTEX OSAKA, in Osaka’s Suminoe Ward.

Daihatsu’s Friendship series of mini welfare vehicles is equipped with the Smart Assist III crash avoidance system; the series has garnered widespread acclaim for its expansive line-up—ranging from wheelchair accessible vehicles to passenger seat lift vehicles—which provides safety and peace of mind, and boasts the largest share of the mini welfare vehicle market in Japan¹.

Just as it did last year, at Barrier Free 2019 Daihatsu will hold demonstrations that show off the convenience of its Friendship series and the ease with which it allows assistance to be provided. In addition, physiotherapists will lead participatory events that enable visitors to experience first-hand the Healthy and Safety Driving Courses that the company is rolling out nationwide. Daihatsu will also conduct events related to RAKUPITA SOGEI, the customer pick-up and delivery support system for day care facilities that was launched last year, at Barrier Free for the first time. Besides its MONODUKURI activities, Daihatsu will also introduce unique initiatives centered on communities and the elderly from the perspective of KOTODUKURI.

Together with Toyota Motor Corporation, at this year’s welfare exhibitions Daihatsu is communicating the joint message of “bringing the joy of freedom to people and their lifestyles.” From mini vehicles to heavy vehicles, Daihatsu will introduce a rich line-up of welfare vehicles as part of the Toyota Group.

◆ Exhibition vehicles: six models (seven units) from the Friendship series

Vehicle name	Specifications	Units
Tanto Sloper	Wheelchair accessible	2
Atrai Sloper Rear Seat	Wheelchair accessible	1
Hijet Sloper with folding auxiliary seat	Wheelchair accessible	1
Tanto Welcome Seat	Passenger seat lift	1
Move Front Seat Lift	Passenger seat lift	1
Atrai Rear Seat Lift	Passenger seat lift	1

*1 Results for the first half of fiscal 2018, according to research by Daihatsu using data from the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA) and other sources.