

Mitsubishi Corporation announces major gift for the Boston Higashi School's New Library

NEW YORK (October 27, 2008) - Mitsubishi Corporation has donated approximately \$150,000 to the Boston Higashi School in the state of Massachusetts to support the construction of a new library on campus to be named in honor of Mitsubishi Corporation. The Boston Higashi School is a non-profit, international school for children and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Now in its 21st year in Massachusetts, the School's program originated in Tokyo, Japan in 1964 and was founded by the late Dr. Kiyo Kithara who developed an original methodology to evaluate children with Autism. She believed and practiced integrating children with Autism into regular education. Her methodology, Daily Life Therapy®, has received recognition both in Japan and internationally. In 1983 Dr. Kiyo Kithara opened the International Division at her school in Tokyo in response to admission requests from abroad. In 1987, with the support of local leaders, she opened the Boston Higashi School in Massachusetts for autistic students.

The School operates both Day and Residential Programs on its 55-acre campus in Randolph. At present the school has more than 130 students enrolled in its Day and Residential Programs. The ages of students range from 3 to 22 years old. The students not only come from Massachusetts, but from other states and other countries around the world. The library will be specially equipped to assist for autistic children in reading and literacy, as well as a resource for education in the field of autism.

Mr. Yasuhito Hirota, the general manager of Mitsubishi Corporation's General Administration Department, announced the gift at the school at the end of October. He stated that "Mitsubishi Corporation is an avid supporter of educational initiatives around the world. However, our new partnership with the Boston Higashi School represents one of the most significant educational contributions that we have given in the United States. I could not think of a better place. The Boston Higashi School has proven itself as a leader in helping children reach their full potential." Mr. Hirota went on to say that the school is a bridge between the U.S. and Japan, describing by citing some Japanese customs and festivals that the school has incorporated. He noted that his company believes in supporting intercultural dialogue based on the premise that increased understanding will lead to peace and prosperity.

Mr. Michael Kelly, the Executive Director of the Boston Higashi School, stated that "this is the largest gift the school has ever received. We are very honored and privileged to partner with Mitsubishi Corporation. The new library will include the latest technology for students with special needs, resources for teachers' research, as well as training and supplying resources to monitor the developments in Autism Spectrum Disorder." Kelly told the company representatives, "We thank you very much from the bottom of our hearts."