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Announcement: Hamamatsu Mayor Visits CoolLaser Development and Manufacturing Facility

TOYOKOH Inc. (Head Office: Fuji City, Shizuoka Prefecture; hereinafter “TOYOKOH”), a company developing infrastructure maintenance technologies for aging bridges, factories, and other infrastructure, is pleased to announce that Yusuke Nakano, Mayor of Hamamatsu City, visited the development and manufacturing facility for CoolLaser®, located in Hamamatsu City, Shizuoka Prefecture. During the visit, Mayor Nakano also experienced the actual application of CoolLaser firsthand.

The visit was also attended by Daisuke Inaba, Member of the House of Representatives, elected from Shizuoka Prefecture’s 8th electoral district, which includes part of Hamamatsu City’s Chuo Ward, as well as a public secretary from the office of Minoru Kiuchi, Member of the House of Representatives, elected from Shizuoka Prefecture’s 7th electoral district, which includes Hamana Ward of Hamamatsu City and other areas and where the CoolLaser development and manufacturing facility is located.

Background to the Visit

Hamamatsu City, Shizuoka Prefecture, is a government-designated city with the largest land area of any designated city in Japan, and it has the second-largest number of bridges under municipal management in the country.* The proportion of bridges in Hamamatsu City that have exceeded 50 years since construction, which is generally regarded as the design service life of a bridge, is expected to increase from approximately 45% in 2023 to approximately 70% in 2033 and approximately 90% in 2043.* To avoid bridge replacement, which incurs the highest life-cycle costs, as much as possible, Hamamatsu City has emphasized the importance of preventive maintenance measures, including bridge repainting and other preservation work.

Against this backdrop, CoolLaser, which uses a world-leading 5.4 kW high-power laser to remove rust from bridge structures while also vaporizing and removing salts that act as corrosive factors during the rust-removal process, is attracting attention as a new preventive maintenance technology that can simultaneously reduce environmental impact and the burden on workers. With its large number of bridges and thriving photonics industry, Hamamatsu is an ideal location for the development and manufacturing of CoolLaser. CoolLaser, originating in Hamamatsu, is a technology that can help address one of the city’s key infrastructure challenges. This was the background to the organization of the present visit.

*Source: Hamamatsu City Civil Engineering Department, “Basic Policy for the Management of Hamamatsu City Road Facilities” (March 2024)

CoolLaser in Japan’s “Basic Policy 2026”

In addition to being important from the perspective of strengthening Japan’s national resilience, preventive maintenance is also becoming increasingly important in fields such as shipbuilding and the maintenance of defense equipment. With its world-leading high-power laser technology capable of performing treatment instantaneously, CoolLaser is expected to provide a pathway toward solving maintenance challenges across these fields. In this respect, CoolLaser can be regarded as a technology that is aligned with the policy priorities of Japan set out in the “Basic Policy on Economic and Fiscal Management and Reform 2026” (Basic Policy 2026).

Since establishing its first independent research institute in 2014, TOYOKOH has consistently maintained its CoolLaser development and manufacturing base within Shizuoka Prefecture’s 7th electoral district. During this



period, Minoru Kienai, Member of the House of Representatives, who has been continuously re-elected from the district, has also served as Japan's Minister of State for Economic and Fiscal Policy. In this capacity, he was responsible for compiling the **Basic Policy 2026**, which represents a historic shift in Japan's policies toward investment in crisis management, economic growth, and domestic investment.

TOYOKOH will continue to develop CoolLaser as a technology that addresses social challenges in Hamamatsu, throughout Japan, and around the world, thereby contributing to economic growth.

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