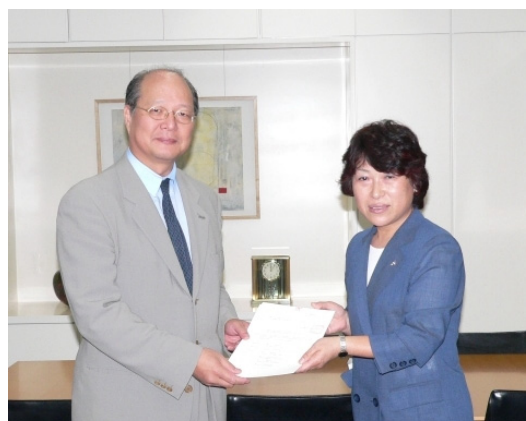


## Press Information

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### Akebono Brake Becomes First Saitama Manufacturer to Obtain Special Affiliate Certification (Group Applicable) at Presentation Ceremony on June 15

Following certification of Akebono Brake's wholly owned subsidiary, Akebono 123 Co., Ltd., as a specially recognized subsidiary under the Japanese law for employment promotion, etc., of the disabled, Akebono Brake received special affiliate certification (group applicable) on May 25 from the Gyouda Public Employment Security Office, and an official presentation ceremony was held on June 15.



Gyouda Public Employment Security Office  
Chief, Ms. Sachiko Imai (right)

Akebono 123 Co., Ltd., established on September 16, 2003, preferentially hires the mentally disabled, and has been engaged mainly in cleaning activities at Akebono Brake's Ai-City headquarters in Saitama Prefecture. The company received official approval on April 1, 2004, becoming the first such enterprise in Saitama Prefecture to be so certified, and has since been steadily expanding business and employment.

Under the new certification, Akebono group affiliates Akebono Brake Iwatsuki Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Akebono Brake Fukushima Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Akebono Brake Miharu Manufacturing Co., Ltd., and Akebono Brake Yamagata Manufacturing Co., Ltd., will each contribute capital to Akebono 123 Co., Ltd., thereby obtaining affiliate certifiable status.

The Akebono group will continue efforts to promote the employment of the disabled at each affiliated company, while at the same time making a positive contribution to society as a responsible corporate entity through its ties to such organizations as the Public Employment Security Office and the Prefectural Nursing College.

Outline of the Specially Recognized Subsidiary: As of April 15, 2005

Name:	Akebono 123 Co., Ltd.
Established:	September 16, 2003
Capital:	1,260 million JPY Akebono Brake Industry Co., Ltd. (79.36%); Akebono Brake Iwatsuki Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (5.16%); Akebono Brake Fukushima Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (5.16%); Akebono Brake Miharu Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (5.16%); Akebono Brake Yamagata Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (5.16%)
Employees:	11 (including two guidance managers)
Address:	5-4-71 Higashi, Hanyu-shi, Saitama, Japan
President & Representative	Koji Saito
Director :	
Business:	Building maintenance, security & cleaning Contract landscape gardening Mail room services Car washing

Outline of the Affiliates: As of March 31, 2005

Name:	Akebono Brake Iwatsuki Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
Capital:	2,000 million JPY
Employees:	612
Address:	1190 Oazakanamuro, Saitama-shi, Iwatsuki-ku, Saitama, Japan
President & Representative	Mitsuo Sato
Director :	

Name:	Akebono Brake Fukushima Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
Capital:	1,000 million JPY
Employees:	310
Address:	10 Azashinjuryuku, Oazanarita, Korimachi, Dategun, Fukushima, Japan
President & Representative	Kazumi Saito
Director :	

Name:	Akebono Brake Miharu Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
Capital:	1,000 million JPY
Employees:	289
Address:	1 Azaminamihara, Oazakumagami, Miharumachi, Tamuragun, Fkushima
President & Representative	Seiji Onoda
Director :	

Name:	Akebono Brake Yamagata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
Capital:	10,000 million JPY
Employees:	315
Address:	161-3 Chuo-Kogyodanchi, Sagae-shi, Yamagata, Japan
President & Representative	Yoshikazu Okawa
Director :	