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**Hitachi Revises System for Visiting the Hitachi Group Pavilion
The 2005 World Exposition, Aichi, Japan
-Most Visitors Will Use Same-Day Reserved Tickets Starting July 21-**

Aichi, July 8, 2005 --- Hitachi Group Pavilion at The 2005 World Exposition, Aichi, Japan, today announced that it will begin using primarily same-day reserved tickets on July 21 (Thursday) as the primary means of managing the number of visitors. This method will shorten waiting times and allow people to enjoy the pavilion in more comfort.

In addition, a number of same-day tickets will be newly set aside at the Hitachi Group Pavilion's reservation terminals for visitors with special needs. This includes visitors using wheelchairs with up to two companions, people 65 or older holding a senior admission ticket with one companion, and visitors with disabilities and one companion.

Hitachi will continue to accept advance reservation requests through the official EXPO 2005 website.

Ticketing system beginning on July 21 (Thursday)

1. Methods for visiting the Hitachi Group Pavilion

(a) No tickets (wait in line with no ticket)

A fixed number of visitors will be allowed to enter the pavilion with no tickets on a first-come, first-served basis.

(b) Same-day reserved ticket

Once the no-ticket line has reached the pre-determined limit, same-day reserved tickets will be distributed four times each day as described below. Visitors who receive a ticket return to the waiting area at the appointed time with their tickets and EXPO 2005 admission tickets until they can enter the pavilion.

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	Time and Place		
Start of ticket distribution (tentative)		Time (tentative)	Pavilion entry time
	First	09:10*	10:00 to 16:00
	Second	12:00	16:00 to 17:30
	Third	15:00	17:30 to 19:00
	Fourth	18:00	19:00 to 20:30
	*The first individuals to arrive will form a line for entry. Ticket distribution will begin once the line reaches the pre-determined number.		
Location	In front of the Hitachi Group Pavilion, which is in Corporate Pavilion Zone B of the Nagakute Site.		
Other items	<p>The line to receive tickets will be stopped when the maximum number is reached, even if the distribution of tickets has not started.</p> <p>Ticket distribution times may be altered without prior notice.</p> <p>One ticket will be given to each visitor; tickets are valid only on the day of issue.</p> <p>The Hitachi Group Pavilion will determine the times that visitors may enter. Visitors may not make reservations for specific times.</p> <p>Tickets may not be bought or sold.</p>		

(c) Advance Internet reservation (same as current method)

Individuals may make reservations using the “reservation systems” page of the official EXPO 2005 website. Visitors should bring their EXPO 2005 admission tickets to the Hitachi Group Pavilion at the appointed time. Reservations are accepted from 09:00 one month in advance until midnight two days prior to the visitation date.

2. Wheelchair visitors, visitors with disabilities and seniors

A number of same-day tickets will be set aside for visitors with special needs. This includes visitors using wheelchairs with up to two companions, people 65 or older holding a senior ticket with one companion, and visitors with disabilities and one companion. These visitors may enter a reservation using the ticket terminals near the Hitachi Group Pavilion entrance, returning at the appointed time.

Information contained in this news release is current as of the date of the press announcement, but may be subject to change without prior notice.
