

## **Dowa Signs Comprehensive Cooperation Agreement with China's Tsinghua University**

TOKYO, November 6, 2008 — Dowa Holdings Co., Ltd., signed an agreement today on comprehensive cooperation with China's Tsinghua University (Haidian District, Beijing; Gu Binglin, President) in the fields of environmental management, materials development, and resources.

Tsinghua University, established in 1911, is one of China's foremost national universities, with seven graduate schools and ten independent departments. It is particularly known as China's top science and technology institution, and every year it produces a number of very capable graduates who go on to play major roles in China and abroad, including, for instance, Chinese President Hu Jintao.

Dowa is developing into an advanced technology-oriented company, engaged in the recycling of resources and materials in a broad range of fields, including nonferrous metals, environmental management and recycling, electronic materials, metal processing, and heat treatment. The company's bases in China include Dowa Environmental Management Co., Ltd. (Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province), the first full-scale, Japan-capital environmental management & recycling business in China, and Dowa Advanced Materials (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., which is engaged in the processing of copper alloy products and plating. The company will be working to expand these businesses in the future.

This comprehensive cooperation agreement, under which Dowa and Tsinghua University will share resources and exchange personnel, is expected to bring about significant research results and business development in the areas of environmental management, materials development, and resources. This organized cooperation will involve technical discussions and information exchange, seconding of researchers, the hosting of internships, and joint use of facilities, while joint research in the three target fields will commence at an early date.

Dowa has already entered into comprehensive cooperation agreements with four prominent Japanese universities (Tohoku University, Kumamoto University, Okayama University, and Akita University), but this agreement with Tsinghua University is the company's first comprehensive agreement with an overseas university. As one element of Dowa's strategy for global development, the support of Tsinghua University for Dowa's various operations within China will strengthen these businesses and their expansion throughout China.

Through the industry-academic ties formed by this comprehensive cooperation agreement, Dowa and Tsinghua University will seek to develop next-generation technologies, advance the frontiers of academic research, and make social contributions. As a bridge between Japan and China, this agreement will promote reciprocal exchange and contribute to sustainable expansion.