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Company: SPARX Group Co., Ltd
(JASDAQ Code: 8739)

SPARX tops the Asia Hedge Fund 25 ranking for a fourth straight year

Tokyo (July 13, 2009) – For the fourth consecutive year, the SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (SPARX) tops Alpha magazine’s Asia 25 ranking of the biggest Asia-based single-manager hedge fund firms. The ranking is based on an annual survey Institutional Investor’s Alpha, a New York–based monthly periodical focusing on the hedge fund industry.

Despite the difficult environment, SPARX has quickly responded to the new market conditions and changing needs of its clients. Remaining committed to providing its investment intelligence to its global client base, SPARX continues to take the necessary steps to become the most trusted and respected investment company in the world.

(Note)

2009 Alpha’s Asia Hedge Fund 25 ranking:

SPARX’s Assets under management are as of March 31, 2009, converted from yen using the exchange rate on that date.

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