

## **Nippon Flour Mills Chiba Mill Receives Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Commendation as an Enterprise Demonstrating Excellence in Measurement Control**

Tokyo, November 12, 2003 — Nippon Flour Mills Co., Ltd. has long engaged in initiatives to strengthen its product quality control systems. Today Nippon Flour Mills announced that its Chiba Mill has received a commendation from the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry as an enterprise demonstrating excellence in measurement control.

To enhance awareness of the importance of measurement, The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry has declared November Measurement Promotion Month and November 1st Measurement Day, and in November of each year holds a National Measurement Convention. At this year's National Measurement Convention, held on Tuesday, November 4, at the Kyoto International Conference Hall, twenty-six people who have rendered meritorious service in the field of measurement and five enterprises that have demonstrated superior correctness in measurement control received commendations from the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry. The purpose of the commendations is to contribute to the promotion of measurement control by selecting and commending enterprises that have achieved outstanding results through the implementation of measurement control.

In December 1978 Chiba prefecture designated the Company's Chiba Mill as an enterprise using measurement apparatus. Since then the mill has made assiduous efforts in product measurement control, the cornerstone of quality control. In addition to contributing to day-to-day correct control of measurement and product quality enhancement, these efforts have made it possible for the mill to obtain and maintain ISO9001 certification. The Chiba Mill received an award from the Chiba Prefectural Measurement Control Association as an Excellent Measurement Control Enterprise in 1980 and received the Governor's Commendation from the governor of Chiba Prefecture in 1984. The commendation from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry was conferred in recognition of these activities and accomplishments.

Nippon Flour Mills intends to continue to strengthen its quality control systems, to work to further improve product safety and quality, and to provide products that satisfy customers and win their confidence.

For more information, contact:

Masahiro Onishi

Public Relations Division

Nippon Flour Mills Co., Ltd.

Tel: 03-3350-3900