

CEO Utaro Doi Awarded “Grande Ufficiale”, Order of Merit of the Italian Republic

Utarō Doi, CEO of CBC Co., Ltd., was recently awarded the “Grande Ufficiale”, the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic.

The Order of Merit of the Italian Republic was founded in 1951 to replace the medal system of the monarchy age, along with its transition to a republic by means of a referendum held in 1946. This medal system is the most authoritative in the Italian Republic led by its president. There are six grades in the order—1st Cavaliere di Gran Croce Decorato di Gran Cordone, 2nd Cavaliere di Gran Croce, 3rd Grande Ufficiale, 4th Commendatore, 5th Ufficiale, and 6th Cavaliere. They are awarded by the president of the nation to not only Italian citizens but also to anyone who has greatly contributed to the nation in fields such as science, art, literature, economics, social welfare, philanthropic activities, public service or military service.

As the first grade is given to the president or former president of the country, the second is virtually the highest grade order in Italy. With a few exceptions, the Grande Ufficiale is a very prestigious order for foreign citizens.

The award ceremony was held at the ambassador’s residence of the Italian Republic in Minato Ward, Tokyo on Friday, October 13. The order was presented by His Excellency Mr. Giorgio Starace, Ambassador of the Republic of Italy.

Utarō Doi was appointed as the CEO of our company at an early age of 30 when our previous president passed away in 1970. He promoted wide-ranged businesses beyond the bounds of a trading firm specializing in chemical goods-related import and export, from medicine and agricultural chemicals, food, packaging material, IT and automobile components, security equipment to environmental and nursing care businesses. He also actively engaged in the manufacturing business and contributed enormously in the economic development and job creation of the local regions.



Our business in Italy, which started out with four staff in 1988, has grown to two companies with four bases—a pharmaceutical company and a company selling environment-friendly biopesticides and IT equipment—with sales amounting to 140 million euros. There are a total of over 400 Italian staff and total investment reaching 125 million euros, including equipment investment. We are greatly honored that our investment in Italy and creation of job opportunities under the spirit, “co-existence and co-prosperity”, which is the concept of CBC and has helped our Japanese staff to support the Italian business management led by an Italian president and realize “corporate development and prosperity of employees and their families”, have been highly evaluated.

The CBC Group will continue to contribute to the growth and expansion of various countries and regions in the world through our global business activities and make efforts to implement sufficient consideration and maintenance of the global environment and realize a rich and comfortable society.

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CBC Co., Ltd.



*With the Ambassador of the Republic of Italy,

His Excellency Mr. Giorgio Starace.