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**COMING SOON – AGORA Fukuoka Hilltop Hotel & Spa
Celebrating its grand opening on September 1, 2013.**

AGORA Hotel Management Fukuoka is proud to present the latest addition to the AGORA Hotel Alliance.

FUKUOKA, JAPAN, 26 June 2013 – AGORA FUKUOKA HILLTOP HOTEL & SPA, a 48-guest-room premium resort hotel managed by AGORA Hospitalities Co. Ltd., will mark its grand opening on **Sunday, September 1, 2013**.

EXCITEMENT & TRANQUILITY. AGORA Fukuoka Hilltop Hotel & Spa will be an urban oasis, promising serenity in an elegant environment blessed with natural beauty. Guests are sure to enjoy an unforgettable stay at this urban resort, which blends the “excitement” of lively, bustling Fukuoka with the “tranquility” the hotel provides through its impeccable hospitality.

UNBEATABLE AMENITIES. The hotel offers gourmet dining at it's Japanese cuisine, **Koyomi** (on the lobby floor) or the open-air **Garden Restaurant K**. In addition to the above, there is a well-stocked library and a hotel shop. Guests can luxuriate in natural hot-spring baths on the third floor, which also features a fitness room and the **Hilltop Spa**. In the **Hilltop Suite**, they can experience the finest natural healing by world-class spa staff on an open-air sun deck. Much more awaits in the multi-purpose **The Marcus Square** complex, including wedding facilities, banquet halls, and a range of eateries and bars.

SUPREMEYLY STYLISH SURROUNDINGS. The architectural concept is post-modernism, with design and refurbishments supervised by Hideki Hamakawa, representative director of the acclaimed Tokyo design office **Ontoh Inc.** The firm's prior work includes the AGORA properties **ONCRI** (a hot-spring resort) and **AGORA PLACE ASAKUSA** in the heart of Tokyo.

LOCATION. While conveniently situated in downtown Fukuoka only **30 minutes from Fukuoka International Airport**, the hotel is situated on a verdant hilltop well shielded from urban maelstrom, with a panoramic view of the city available nowhere else. No other accommodations in Japan are this close to an international airport while at the same time offering **traditional ryokan (Japanese inn) style hospitality**, including Japanese-style tatami-mat rooms and natural hot spring bathing to soothe body and soul.

SETTING SIGHTS ON THE WORLD. AGORA Fukuoka Hilltop Hotel & Spa aims **travelers from overseas** utilizing Fukuoka International Airport. The hotel is confident that travelers will recognize and avail themselves to this entirely new way of enjoying Fukuoka.

PREVIEW AVAILABLE. In advance of the grand opening, AGORA Fukuoka Hilltop Hotel & Spa has opened a website (www.agorafukuoka-hilltop.com) offering the hotel and spa's vision of hospitality and leisure.

THE LATEST IN A DRAMATICALLY EXPANDING ALLIANCE. AGORA Fukuoka Hilltop Hotel & Spa is the eighth facility in the **AGORA Hotel Alliance**, which has been dramatically growing and reinforcing its lineup since last year. It is the fourth AGORA brand hotel, following the hotel AGORA Regency Sakai (Sakai, Osaka Prefecture), hotel AGORA osaka • moriguchi (Moriguchi, Osaka Prefecture), and AGORA PLACE ASAKUSA (Taito Ward, Tokyo). In line with the AGORA corporate vision of a hotel alliance offering "**A Collection of Beautiful Japan**", AGORA Fukuoka Hilltop Hotel & Spa aims to provide customers with the greatest possible enjoyment of its unbeatable location, contribute maximum value to the alliance and be a valued pillar of the local community.

WORLD-CLASS SPA MANAGER. The Hilltop Spa is managed by **Kazuko Sendo**, a seasoned professional who has worked extensively overseas, including as Spa Trainer at the renowned Six Senses Resort & Spas. Holistic therapy treatments are done completely by hand.

After becoming interested in the relationship between nature and the body and taking a course in natural beauty therapy in Australia in 1998, Ms. Sendo became a beauty therapist at Clarins Gold Salon in Double Bay near Sydney. In 2000 she traveled to England to build her skills and career, obtaining International Therapy Examination Council (ITEC) certification and further experience and being appointed Spa Manager at London's myhotel Chelsea. In 2005 Ms. Sendo was hired at the world-famous Six Senses Resorts & Spas. In Hua Hin, Thailand, summer resort of Thai royalty, she treated global celebrities and media professionals as a holistic consultant. She went on to serve as an area trainer, cultivating spa professionals in the Maldives, Sri Lanka, and the Middle East. After returning to Japan in June 2008 and working in the Japanese spa industry, she launched Sakura Beauty Labo, a by-reservation-only private salon, making the expertise she has accumulated around the world available to women in Japan. In addition to running Sakura Beauty Labo, Ms. Sendo will act as Spa Manager at AGORA Fukuoka Hilltop Hotel & Spa starting in 2013.

Kazuko Sendo
Holistic Beauty Therapist



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[Image of facilities]



Reception area



Hotel shop



Hilltop Suite



Koyomi (Japanese cuisine)



Garden Restaurant K

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TEL: +81-92-771-2131
Open: September 1, 2013 (Grand Opening)
Stories: 3 stories above ground / 3 stories under ground
Guest rooms: 48 rooms
Facilities operated: Spa "Hilltop Spa", Japanese cuisine "Koyomi", open-air "Garden Restaurant K", library, hotel shop, gym, natural hot-spring baths, multi-purpose complex "The Marcus Square" (wedding facilities, banquet halls, and restaurant & bar)
Other Facilities: Parking lot
URL: www.agorafukuoka-hilltop.com

【AGORA Hospitalities】

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Business: Management: Repositioning, and development of hotels and Japanese-style inns
Affiliated companies:

AGORA Hotel Management Nojiriko Co. Ltd.
AGORA Hotel Management Izu Co. Ltd.
AGORA Hotel Management Saga Co. Ltd.
AGORA Hotel Management Sakai Co. Ltd.
AGORA Hotel Management Osaka Co. Ltd.
AGORA Hotel Management Tokyo Co. Ltd.
AGORA Hotel Management Fukuoka Co. Ltd.

Hotels managed:

Total no. of hotels: 8 including those under development
Total no. of guest rooms: 783

Nojiriko Hotel EL BOSCO <http://www.nojirikohotel-elbosco.com/>

(Location: Nojiri, Shinano-machi, Kamiminochi district, Nagano prefecture; No. of guest rooms: 50)

Imaiso <http://www.imaizo.jp/>

(Location: Midaka Kawazu-cho, Kamo-gun, Shizuoka prefecture; No. of guest rooms: 53)

Nanzanso <http://www.nanzanso.jp/>

(Location: Nagaoka, Izunokuni City, Shizuoka prefecture; No. of guest rooms: 33)

Furuyu Onsen ONCRI <http://www.oncri.com/>

(Location: Furuyu, Fujicho, Saga-shi, Saga prefecture; No. of guest rooms: 38)

hotel AGORA Regency Sakai <http://www.agoraregency-sakai.com/>

(Location: Ebisujima-cho, Sakai-ku, Sakai, Osaka; No. of guest rooms: 241)

hotel AGORA osaka moriguchi <http://www.hotelagora-moriguchi.com/>

(Location: Kawahara-cho, Moriguchi-shi, Osaka; No. of guest rooms: 175)

AGORA PLACE ASAKUSA <http://www.agoraplace-asakusa.com/>

(Location: Kotobuki, Taito-ku, Tokyo; No. of guest rooms: 145)

AGORA Fukuoka Hilltop Hotel & Spa from September. 1

(Location: Terukuni, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka, Fukuoka; No. of guest rooms: 48)

URL: www.agorahospitalities.com