

# Suzuken's New Top Management Structure



*Yoshiki Bessho  
Chairman and Executive Officer*

*Hiroshi Ota  
President and Chief Executive Officer*

Suzuken Co., Ltd. instituted a new top management structure in April 2007. Former president and chief executive officer Yoshiki Bessho was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors, with Hiroshi Ota taking over as president and chief executive officer.

Suzuken Co., Ltd. operates in the “health creation” business domain. One of the Company’s goals has long been to extend its presence in Japan nationwide in the pharmaceutical distribution business, its core operation. This goal was achieved in October 2006, when the Company made Shoyaku Co., Ltd., which operates in the Kyushu area, a wholly owned subsidiary. Having achieved nationwide coverage, the Company decided to make a change in top management. Suzuken believes that this change will help it respond more swiftly to rapid changes in the industry environment and further strengthen its pharmaceutical distribution business, as well as bolster its presence in the medical services field.

Going forward, president and CEO, Hiroshi Ota will concentrate on decision-making and policy execution regarding the parent company’s businesses and affairs, while chairman, Yoshiki Bessho will focus on activities aimed at boosting synergies for the Suzuken Group as a whole. Under the leadership of the new president “Innovation” and “Speed” will be Suzuken’s watchwords as it drives its businesses forward.