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**Oshidori International Development and Nagasaki Bus Tourism Development Promotion Fund  
launch joint initiative "Nagasaki Mirai Project", starting by inviting V-Varen trainees  
for a two-day Nagasaki Rediscovery Tour**

Nagasaki, Japan – 28 July 2021: Oshidori International Development Godogaisha ("Oshidori"), a Japanese company established for the purpose of developing an integrated resort ("IR") in Nagasaki, announced the launch of a joint initiative between Kyushu Oshidori Children's Foundation and Nagasaki Bus Tourism Development Promotion Fund called "Nagasaki Mirai Project", with the objective to educate and raise the children of Nagasaki to become representatives of their hometown through rediscovery of Nagasaki. As the first step of the project, 17 trainees of V-Varen Nagasaki, who Oshidori serves as an official partner, were invited to a two-day tour on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> to visit historical sites and sightseeing spots in Nagasaki.



"Nagasaki Mirai Project" was launched in cooperation with the Nagasaki Bus Tourism Development Promotion Fund as one of the initiatives aimed at developing an IR that can contribute to solving the local issues and creating an ideal city beyond that. Despite the fact that Nagasaki is the birthplace of all kinds of culture, trainees in the prefecture have few opportunities to intentionally learn about history and culture. In order for children to rediscover the charm of Nagasaki, Oshidori conducted the first "Nagasaki Rediscovery Tour" which consists of three parts: "Seeing" (delivering special plans that cannot be seen in regular sightseeing), "Experiencing" (holding cultural workshops that make you proud to be a Nagasaki-local), and "Presenting" (sharing about Nagasaki where you live). 17 trainees from V-Varen Nagasaki, of which Oshidori is an official partner, were invited to visit major historical sites and facilities in the prefecture such as Dejima, Museum of History and Culture, and Mt. Inasa on the first day, and on the second day, they had group discussions and presentations on "Ideals for Nagasaki" during the workshop.

While the number of extracurricular activities for children has been drastically reduced due to the new coronavirus infection, this project was launched with the hope that children who will leave Nagasaki in the future to go to university or find a job will be able to fully describe the charm of Nagasaki while envisioning "the ideal

for Nagasaki 10 years from now". This project will continue to expand the circle of similar educational activities while paying careful attention to safety.

Keigo Nakatani, COO of Oshidori commented, "I am happy to have been able to provide the children, who are the future of Nagasaki, with the time to learn more about the area where they live. I am convinced that the opportunity to foster a sense of familiarity and attachment to their hometown and to talk about the future of Nagasaki with their peers will surely lead to a better future for the children and for Nagasaki. We are also grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with the Nagasaki Bus Tourism Development Promotion Fund, which has long been involved in social contribution activities in Nagasaki, to make our activities more locally rooted. We will continue to work together for a better Nagasaki in the future.

Mr. Shimazaki, the president of Nagasaki Bus Tourism Development Promotion Fund commented, "Children who should be able to grow up in a free and relaxed environment continue to be restricted in their activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Under such circumstances, I am truly happy to have been able to provide opportunities for real experiences and impressions through the "Nagasaki Mirai Project. Surrounded by green mountains and the blue sea at its end, Nagasaki is blessed with rich nature and historical heritage. We hope that through this project, the children who will support the region in the future will rediscover the charm of Nagasaki, and that this fund will help them to do so."

Eiji Mizushima, the director of Nagasaki Museum of History and Culture who cooperated in the project commented, "Nagasaki has a lot of characteristics that make it unique, however if you try to describe it in a few words, it is not easy for either adults or children to answer. This is proof that Nagasaki is filled with such a variety of cultures. "Nagasaki in the world, the world in Nagasaki". The Nagasaki Museum of History and Culture is a place where you can experience both of these at the same time. We hope that by reexamining Nagasaki, you will rediscover it. There are many things to see in the museum's exhibits as well as the reconstructed magistrate's office. We hope you will take a trip to Nagasaki for a "tour of learning!"

#### **About Oshidori International Development Godogaisha (GK)**

Oshidori International Development GK is a Japanese company established for the purpose of developing an integrated resort in Sasebo City of Nagasaki Prefecture. Oshidori is in the business of building, designing and operating IRs. Its parent company is Oshidori International Holdings Limited (listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange SEHK: 0622).

The mission of Oshidori International Development GK is to create a spectacular resort that will contribute to the enhancement of the Kyushu tourism strategy, create new job opportunities, improve the quality of life in the community, and provide opportunities for the children of Kyushu. As a responsible member of the community, Oshidori will collaborate with local governments, businesses, universities, and other organizations and work together with local residents to continuously work on regional development with Nagasaki IR as the major catalyst.

### **About Kyushu Oshidori Children's Foundation**

In 2019, Oshidori established the Kyushu Oshidori Children's Foundation in support of children and youth of all ages, from pre-school to graduate school in the Kyushu region. The Foundation owns approximately 18.8% of the share capital of Oshidori International Holdings Limited. The Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the lives of children and youth in Kyushu, unleashing their potential to maximize their opportunities at school and work, and inspiring them to live their life to the fullest. The goal of the Foundation is to bring improvements from the primary level that can drive meaningful changes to rejuvenate Nagasaki.

The Foundation aims to foster future global citizens by:

- Providing financial aid to children and youth from disadvantaged and vulnerable families, and single-parent households.
- Working with related organizations in improving school facilities and teaching qualities to help students (especially those from low-income and rural communities) to better prepare for college and career placement.
- Facilitating local high-school and college students to study abroad.

In July 2020, the Foundation donated 20,000,000 JPY to Akai Hane (Nagasaki Community Chest Association & Social Welfare Corporation) to support flood relief efforts in Nagasaki Prefecture.

### **About Nagasaki Bus Tourism Development Promotion Fund**

The foundation was established on May 12, 1986 by Nagasaki Motor Bus Co., Ltd. on the belief that "promoting the development of tourism in Nagasaki is a major task for those who wish to develop their hometowns and revitalize their regions," with the aim of contributing to the creation of a prosperous hometown and the development of human resources by providing subsidies for projects that meet the needs of the times, including the promotion of society, economy, education, culture, science and technology through tourism. In 2016, the Foundation became a public interest incorporated foundation in order to enhance public interest, transparency, and to promote the interests of the local community, and has been conducting a wide range of grant activities.